

don't gudt nopody arettf, und I delled Katrina du kling dem shilders du, und den I mage dem horses fi oop hill un dhown und britty soon ve ged't dare. I die up horses aretty, den Shake und me dopped. Shake is sigsteen und moshtd ash pig ash his fadder aretty; ve shopped by abpells und britty soon dot dree pegins a grack-in und I gall oudt, "Run, run, everypoddy run," und Katrina und dem shilders hide der selfs dot haysell prush omong, und presents dot dree gomes down mit a loudt grash, und dote adt Shake und me aretty. Ve runned mit all our mightd und stug our headts in some oadts shooks dot stoodt haudty neer py und vaited dill dose pees seddle down aretty.

Afder avile ve beeps gautiously oudt, und ven ve see dot all vas guiet ve gomes oop und pegins sawin; den Katrina und dem schilders begin to stig oudt deir hedts und britty soon dey all gom oudt un I gadder round Shake und me. Dem schilders run oop und down, pack und fort, on de logt und hadt lods of fun aretty, und I say to mineself dose pees is shust too gude for enyting. Afder a gute vile ve gome ter dot honeys all so vite und nice, und I gudt ond't a pig biece und gif to evry shild, und tolt dem to eadt all they good holdt. Dey vas all a sedd n in a row on dot pig logt a eatin ava laffin und talking, dey veel so habby, ven all adt vonst dose pees seem to ged't madt. Dey fi atdem shilders und stun dem all ober; und dem shilder dumble oft dat log und run fer dat haysell prush light dey vas all a gettin kilt aretta. Katrina get stingtd too und she run a screechindt ligke a vild cat.

I Sthood und laff. I laugh till I gried, den all at vonce dem bees gomed at me, shiminy grashus how dem hurt. Dere vas I tink fifty tousand mad pees roarin rount mi headt und stingin me all adt vonce, mit out any vaitig for durns. I vas egsited. I ruu for dose oadts shook und buride mine hed't dere. I gall Katrina, she zonn'd a long way off, den dose pees all lighted on my shins vere mine bants done guite reach mine shoe tops und mine shins veel like dey vas all done up in redt hodt ashes aretty. Den I rmember de spring und I make traks for dot, get in und splasht about till dem bees go ava. Den I go up on dop de hell und gall out, "Katrina, Shake, vere be ye?" Adt last dey here me, und I tell dem I vas goin home aretty, und dey might all do as dey please. I valked ava budt birty soon I veel sig und deaf und blin, I say now I lay me down do sleep den ungonsciousness comes ofer me, ven I gomes to I vas at home in mine bedt und Katrina vas bendin ofer me. I ags her vats de madder mit me? She say, "Oh noddins budt dose bee stingt you some." "Stingt me some?" said I

"dey stingt me to deat. I feld mineself die down dere on de hill all erlone." Den to chang der subjectd I asked is dey gotd dot honeys. "Oh, yas," said she, ve gudt evrydings vull und Chake hove gone pack fur de rest und he vill pring home de pees too. Shake is a gute poy und I say, "yah, Shake is a birty goop poy, aretty."

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QUERIES AND REPLIES.

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear Questions which have been asked, and replied to, by prominent and practical bee-keepers—also by the Editor. Only questions of importance should be asked in this Department, and such questions are requested from everyone. As these questions have to be put into type, sent out for answers, and the replies all awaited for, it will take some time in each case to have the answers appear.

Strengthening Weak Colonies to Avoid Doubling Up.

QUERY No. 164.—How do you build up weak colonies in August so as to have none to double up in the fall?

G. M. DOOLITTLE.—Double up in August.

S. CORNEIL.—Give them combs of sealed brood from strong stocks.

PROF. A. J. COOK.—Either by feeding or giving them brood from stronger colonies.

O. O. POPPLETON.—I don't do it, except by uniting, at least not as far north as Northern Iowa.

A. PRINGLE.—Give them hatching brood from those strong colonies which have a surplus to spare.

J. F. DUNN.—By stimulative feeding and adding worker comb as fast as needed, or adding young bees from other colonies.

HENRY COUSE.—By taking frames of brood from stronger colonies that can spare it and giving these to the weaker ones.

DR. C. C. MILLER.—By uniting other weak colonies with them in August, unless in a region where they will build up of themselves.

M. EMIGH.—I never bother much with weak colonies. If kept warm and fed a little thin honey or syrup each night I think they would be in fair shape. If fed after 10th Sept., feed should be thick.

JAS. HEDDON.—We have no weak colonies in August except one here and there that has become queenless and been overlooked or something of that kind. These we take up.