

Foul Brood.

All those who have foul-brood in their apiaries now, should stamp it out at once, and not allow it to be carried over winter, to commence next season with a foul-broody apiary. It is only necessary to take the matter in hand with a determination to stamp it out and in two weeks your apiary may be clean. This may be done in various ways, but there is one way in which it can be done quite easily, and if your apiary is all diseased, it will not be necessary to exercise the same care as if you have some clean colonies. Where the apiary is all diseased, and there are no bees in the immediate neighborhood to get a taste of honey, a tent need not be used, but you may simply shake the bees out in their own hive, taking the combs and melting them into wax, after the honey has been extracted out of them. A piece of perforated metal queen excluder must be put across the entrance to prevent the queen from flying out in case she wishes to do so, although from past experience, we find there is a probability of not more than one in five that would swarm out. Then if the bees swarm out of the hive, the queen will be kept there, and they will return to her again. After they have been in say four or five days, they may be shaken out of the hive into a clean one, and put on starters of comb foundation. If the colonies are weak, it is perhaps better to move two colonies together gradually, as they will be excited when they have no combs, you can work the hives close together more rapidly than you could otherwise, and in four or five days, the hives may be all set in groups where you wish to double the bees up. In the meantime while this is going on, you have melted up your combs into wax, made them into foundation, put the foundation in the frames and into clean hives, and where you intend doubling them up, the two colonies may be shaken into one the night before you intend to put them into the clean hive. The other hive may be scalded so that you will double your bees up to about half the number after fasting them. This will enable them to draw out the foundation more rapidly, strengthen them for winter, and enable them to store and seal

the food in better shape, and will give you better results in the spring. This is the best way to manage where the apiary is diseased, but when only part of the apiary is diseased, the operations must be carried on after the bees quit flying at night, or during cold days, and also under a tent, so that no honey will be got by the clean bees. Bees consume the honey in their abdomens more quickly if allowed to fly out, than they do otherwise. Where there is no honey coming in from any source, and they seem to be almost starving, a little care should be exercised in watching them, to see that they do not idle for want of food, but our past experience is that bees will get apple juice or something that seems to keep them from starving, even though there is no honey in the flowers, if they are allowed to fly out. Should the bees build any comb, when confined as above to the empty hive, care should be taken that no honey is in that comb, lest the bees should suck and carry it to the new hive. It would be better perhaps, to place a few empty frames in the hive, after the combs are taken out. In this way the bees if they build any comb, will build on the frames, then, as you open the hive carefully and look down, you will easily see if there is any comb built, and if so, the bees should be shaken from these combs quickly so that they would have no time to eat any honey. We have sometimes done it in this way, just crowd the combs apart gently, so that you can get the centre comb, which is most likely to have the honey in, shake the bees from that one, and then the one on either side. If there is any honey coming in, it is perhaps better to do this on the fourth day and give them a couple of frames with a little comb, that they may store any honey that they make, and leave them in that way for one or two days, then treat as above. We shall be pleased to give any further information that they may desire in this matter. Recollect, the object in view, is to get the honey in their abdomens consumed, never allow them to store any, or use it for brood rearing. Any system that will do this will work a cure.

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