

the bee yard who understood just what to do and how to do it will go over a dozen of them in about two hours and do to each one all that it requires. Come with me now, my good reader friend, and we will go over one in imagination. The old colony which has just swarmed is setting immediately behind the new swarm facing in the opposite direction and imprisoned. We lift off the cover, take the case or cases of sections off if it has any on, also out of the brood chamber if there are any there and transfer them to the new hive. We then lift out the frames rapidly one after another to see that no young queen is yet hatched. Then shake the old bees and many of the young ones from every frame in front of the new hive at the same time cutting out all the queen cells except two or three of the best. Now carry the old colony to whatever stand you wish it to occupy, and your work is done and you can in forty-nine cases out of fifty rest easy as to an after swarm. You have so reduced the old colony that it cannot swarm soon, and by the time it does get strong enough to swarm it can't if it would, for the larvæ are all capped and the young queen—no doubt the best one of two or three—is master or rather mistress of the situation. Another great advantage of the examination plan is that you thus get the whole of your working bees into one hive, the new one, instead of having them divided. You don't expect much from the old colony anyway for a while, and the new one with the whole force of workers will do such a big business as will astonish you. You need not be afraid to almost depopulate the old colony. Put an extra quilt on it to keep it warm, contract the entrance to one bee space and all will be right. Of course the common sense of the manipulator will tell him, if there should be a frame or two with a great deal of uncapped brood, to remove it and give it to the new swarm for the obvious reason that there might not be bees enough left in the old hive to take care of it.

A still further advantage of the examination plan is this: You will occasionally come upon a lot of very fine cells in a fine colony with a good record, and these you might wish to save. The examination gives you a chance to do so. On the other hand should the queen be an undesirable one all of the cells may be destroyed and a queen or cell introduced. Or should the cells be incipient they can be destroyed and a young queen or cell introduced, as such would not be properly developed and matured by a weak colony. The young unsophisticated bees will accept a young queen, a matured cell, or almost anything in their innocence. They suddenly find themselves possessed of a great big house with lots of room and great responsibilities, and they

hardly know what to make out of it, and before they recover their equilibrium or get their heads steadied her royal highness is installed.

When a second swarm does come out with a young queen I proceed as follows: With a little wire cage in hand I go to the cluster and watch for the young queen will generally be seen moving over the outside of the cluster. In about five minutes, not often exceeding ten, I have her caged. I then go to the parent colony to ascertain whether more than one young queen is out and to appropriate all the cells or young queens remaining in the hive. I then place the caged queen in on top of the frames and leave the swarm outside to come back when it gets ready. Unless increase is the main object I can see no profit in letting second swarms set up for themselves.

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Selby, Lennox County.

THE DETROIT CONVENTION.

NORTH AMERICAN BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

ALL arrangements for the meeting of the North American Bee-keepers' Association are now complete. We have secured greatly reduced rates at the "Antisdell House" on Michigan Avenue, near the city Hall.

The place of meeting will be at "Red Men's Hall" directly opposite the Antisdell House. It is a good Hall, nicely carpeted, &c.

We were very fortunate in getting such good accommodation at the Hotel and Hall, as it is in the heart of the city and can be reached by several car and 'bus lines. Reduced rates on all railroads in Michigan were secured, also on tickets sold at Buffalo and Chicago. As soon as the railroad arrangements are perfected will let your readers know through your JOURNAL.

We are expecting a large attendance from Canada. Any person attending the Convention and wishing to secure the benefit of reduced railroad rates can obtain a certificate by writing to W. Z. Hutchinson, Rogerville, Mich., said certificate properly filled out by the agent at the place where you procure your ticket, will entitle you to a return ticket at one-third regular fare. Secretary Hutchinson is at work on program which will contain some very valuable papers contributed by some of the leading apiarists of the country.

It is hoped and expected that every bee-keeper will try and be present and contribute with his experience and council to make this a meeting long to be remembered, as all meetings of this kind are productive of much good. It