

absolutely cannot resist visiting his bees at least two or three times a day. Generally there is nothing for him to do; but he is there, near them; that is sufficient.

If he returns from a journey or from some prolonged necessary absence, be sure that his first visit after his return will be to his dear bees. Happy man, if while embracing his family he does not permit his impatience to visit his pets to be seen.

Two neighboring apiculturist, are not as might be believed necessarily jealous. If they are not yet friends, be sure they will not long delay in becoming so, for each will seek the occasion and burn with impatience to meet the other. An apiculturist requires to pour out his heart, to communicate his impressions, his thoughts, his joys, his hopes, his good fortune, the experiments he has made, those he proposes to make, in brief those thousand and smiling projects, those sweet dreams of the future and of prosperity which are found in the mind of the enthusiastic apiculturist.

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DEAR SIR.

Enclosed, please find one dollar for Queen and paper. Your No. 2, Vol. 1, of PRACTICAL BEE-KEEPER, has accidentally fallen into my hands; and I am greatly satisfied with the articles that I read in it. I would like to receive the first issue; as I have the second on hand, and you can date my subscription from the start of paper. Please send circular and price list. This is a good place for bee keeping; and if the queen is splendid I believe that you will get a few subscribers here.

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Yours truly,

HERMAS A. RIOPELLE.

An exchange says, in making purchases of bees many are apt to select the light and bright-colored Italians. With these we have never had as good success as with the darker strains. The best comb honey producers that we have found have been the hybrids or half-bloods. The only drawback attending these is there vindictiveness. They are more vicious and will not bear the handling that the full-bloods will bear.—American Farmer.

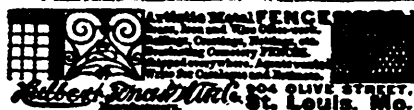
Some one has asked if he should put in a starter to make the combs straight. It is always well to use one of some kind, for without the bees will be likely to build the wrong way. Stick a piece of clean white comb on the top of the section with softened beeswax, to serve as a hint to the bees, if you have just a few sections. Nearly all beekeepers use comb foundation and machines to fasten the starters in the sections.—American Farmer.

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