hives, which he has picked up round about the country where bees have died. Some of these hives have been made by persons who never kept bees. The frames will probably go down so tight in the hive that the bees glue them fast to the hives, and the bee-keeper cannot remove them. One frame out of one hive will not fit another hive. His bee-yard is in a bad shape. He winters his bees out on their summer stands without any protection. He loses nearly all of them in cold winters. Perhaps the hives are not cleaned out where the bees died, and the moths get in and eat up all the old comb and eat up his hives. Some of his bees are native black bees. They are perhaps so cross you cannot go near them without getting stung. He tells you this is too cold a country to keep bees. They freeze to death in winter. He tells you he gets honey enough for his own use. This man takes no fancy to bee-keeping, and has no system to work by and has made beekeeping a failure. Now go and visit five or six more bee-keepers, and be sure and visit some of those farmers who keep bees in the old-fashioned box hives. Your visits should be made in the height of swarming season, which would be (in Ontario) about the 10th and 15th of June. The bee-keepers are generally at home at this time of year, busily working among the bees, and will show you how to do many things by ocular demonstration. Now when you have visited all these bee-keepers, go home and study and dream your visits all over and make up your mind the kind and style of movable comb hive that suits you best. Comemnce with a hive used by a practical bee-keeper who has made bee-keeping a success, and use no other. Have your hives all of one pattern and one size, so one frame will fit any hive in your beeyard, also the honey surplus boxes. Now we have the new beginner ready to buy his first colonies of bees. I would caution the new beginner not to go out in the country among the farmer; who keep

bees and buy your bees because you can get them cheap. Do not have anything to do with such bees at any price. Go to some practical bee-keeper, who has made a success, and who has a good strain of Italian bees, and tell him you want to buy a few of his choicest colonies, and you have the money to pay for them. You may have to pay a fancy price for them, but you will be a gainer in the end and will be well pleased. They are so quiet and so gentle to handle, and no doubt you have got the worth of your money, as I always have found those practical bee-men honest. Your bee-yard should be perfectly level, as hives should sit plumb on the sides and a little lower in front than at the rear, thus preventing water running into the entrance on the bottom-board, which would cause dampness in the hive. Set your hives in rows running east and west, with the entrances facing the south. Set your hives in pairs in the rows. First set two hives side by side one foot apart, space off ten feet and set two more side by side a foot apart, and continue to do so until your hives are placed. Each hive should have a platform about ten inches high from the ground for the hives to set on. You should have a lawn mower to keep the grass clipped short in your bee-yard. This can be done early in the morning before the bees begin to fly.

Your bee-yard should be clean and tidy. This is system, and you will not be ashamed to invite your visitors into your bee-yard to show them your nice Italian bees. You may have a few hives made with a glass in the side, with a door over the glass to see the bees work. You may send to some bee-keepers' supply house and get half a dozen rubber gloves and half a dozen Italian bee caps for the ladies to put on when they come to visit your bees. We don't like to have the ladies stung by our bees when they take a walk through our bee-yard.

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