

Oxford, Baker County, Ohio
October 14th, 1864

Mr. F. A. Gemmell }
Pt Huron, Mich. } Dear Sir,
Your favor of 10th inst is at
hand with enclosure of \$10 25
Please find enclosed 25¢ which
you over paid us for send entrance
regulator & queen cage fee with
first Queen ordered -
We will ship your Queen by Express
next Tuesday A. M. Oct 18th
I don't like to send them the last
of the week to lay over on the work
day Sunday, and the Express
leaves too early, ^{in the A. M.} to send it Monday
Please advise us of the receipt
of the Queen. We trust she will
prove satisfactory -
Yours very truly
L. L. Langstroth Son -

Italian was caged—bees and all—on top of the frames. There was a hole in the cage, closed by a cork. Through this cork was passed a string, and the string was run outside the hive. At the end of two days, in the evening at 9 o'clock, the hive was approached cautiously—how cautiously we can well imagine—the string pulled, the

cork withdrawn, and the queen thus released. He says he left the hive severely alone for some weeks, and "In April I saw my first Italian bees taking a play-spell. To me it was a grand sight."

In addition to treasuring all these years the letter and express receipt, the name of which most of us would have care-

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