

Oxford, Baker County, Ohio  
October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1864

Mr. F. A. Gemmill }  
Pt Huron, Mich. } Dear Sir,  
Yours favor of 10<sup>th</sup> inst is at  
hand with enclosure of \$10 25  
Please find enclosed 25cts 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 18<sup>th</sup>

We dont like to send them the last  
of the week to lay over on the work  
day Sunday, and the Express  
leaves too early, <sup>in the A. M.</sup> 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cork withdrawn, and the queen thus released.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, which most of us would have care-

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