

The accident of illness on the part of several of our staff, a contingency which has not happened in our experience before to the same extent, will account for the fact that we are just a fortnight behind hand in the issue of this number of the Journal. The difficulty of filling the vacancies by others who are sufficiently informed in the details of our work has added to the delay; but we trust the worst is over, and that we may be on hand after our next issue with accustomed regularity.

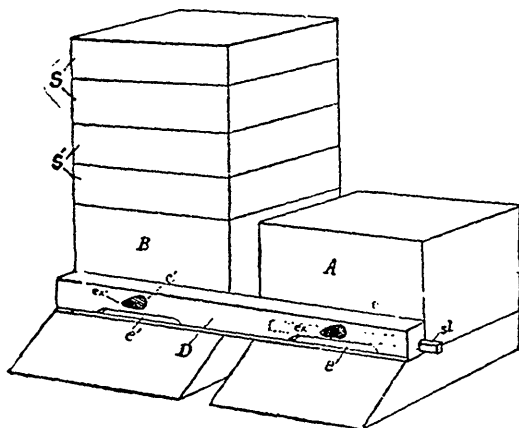
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We get some very valuable reports from time to time from the United States Department of Apiculture which frequently contain matter of a very valuable character. Amongst others recently received

beekeepers, furnished by Mr. Frank Benton, on "The Langdon non-Swarming Device for Bees," which is fully described and illustrated, and is now for the first time presented to the public. The accompanying cut illustrates the new system, which is more fully illustrated in reference to details in the paper before us.

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Beekeepers have for many years endeavored to prevent or at least control natural swarming, but without success. The benefits to be derived by the suppression of swarming are manifold, and a system has been at last devised to meet the case. The apparatus is fully explained, and also the system, which owes its effectiveness to a non-swarming attachment for bee-



Bee Hives with Langdon non-swarmers attached: A, B, hives; S, S' supers; D, non-swarming device; e, e' entrances corresponding to hive entrances; sl, slide for closing entrance; c, c' conical wire cloth bee escapes; ex', exits of same.

is the serial No. 4 of Volume 5 of the Division of Entomology, relating to the special subject of "Insect Life, and the economy and life habits of insects especially in their relation to apiculture." The number before us contains a very important paper in the interest of

hives, by the use of which the desire to swarm is removed. It is even thought possible that by its constant use a non-swarming strain of bees will in time be evolved,—a result that has long been desirable. Other important advantages are also claimed for the system.