

QUESTIONS.

**I Want Honey and not Swarms, how
Shall I Proceed ?**

From forty-five colonies, spring count, I have had one swarm, while many of my neighbors have let their bees swarm to death. I gave abundant room, shade and ventilation before they got the fever. I expect to get more honey per colony than my neighbors. I always have.

EUGENE SECOR.

Give plenty of room and ventilation.

A. B. MASON.

Work your bees for extracted honey.

W. SCOTT.

Ask some one who knows all about it, I don't; but giving lots of room before it is actually required, with ample shade and ventilation, will greatly assist in securing the end in view. You will succeed better when working for extracted honey.

F. A. GEMMELL.

If you want honey and not swarms (bees) buy it in ton lots in 25 lb. tins. But if you want to keep a few colonies, procure a good strain of Italian bees and give them abundance of storage room. Then if a swarm issues, place the new swarm on the old stand and the hive on the top of it, if the cover is a pitched roof, leave it off making the bottom board of the old hive answer for a cover. Towards evening of the second day, replace the bottom board with a queen excluding division board. Shake the bees off the frames in front of the new hive, cut all queen cells out and replace combs. Then six days after the date of the swarm, examine combs and cut out cells, if any have been started.

R. A. MARRISON.

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By giving plenty of room for surplus honey before the bees get the swarming fever and see that they do not get crowded during the honey flow.

R. H. SMITH.

St. Thomas, Ont.

You are one of thousands. If you could give some information as to your location; the flora within reach of your apiary; the time when it blooms, and the ordinary kind of seasons you have, an intelligent answer to some extent might be given;

but to make the bold inquiry you do, without any information in regard to your surroundings, is like saying I want gold, how shall I get it? One might as well attempt to answer the one question as the other, and I will leave the answer to those who have prophetic or clairvoyant powers rather than to attempt it myself.

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I produce both comb and honey in the extracted form. To prevent swarming I manipulate the colonies that are prepared for the extractor as follows:—When the early honey flow is near at hand I adjust a queen excluder on each hive, confining the queens to their own departments. When a colony looks like it may swarm i. e., if too many bees begin to hang about the front of the hive in idleness—or when a swarm issues—I simply raise the brood above the queen excluder, supplying the place of the combs of brood with empty combs and combs with honey, thus starting the queen anew below the excluder. If the manipulation precedes the issuing of the swarm, one comb containing eggs and larva is left in the brooding department to prevent confusion in the queen's work. The hive is "tiered up" with supers of empty combs as fast as the bees need the room. When producing comb honey the bees are permitted to swarm—if they must—and while they are out the parent hive is moved from its stand, and the swarm is hived on the old stand. A queen excluder is put on the new hive and the surplus cases are transferred from the old hive to the new one. The old hive is kept along side of the new one and the bees are shaken from the combs from time to time, in front of the new hive till all the bees are hatched out. The combs are used for any purpose needed, and if not needed for immediate use a young queen may be permitted to hatch, and with her a few bees are left to take care of the combs till needed. If increase is desirable, I exhaust the old colony only enough to prevent after swarms and give it a new location in the apiary. By means of this recruiting system I get a powerful working swarm that will be strong through a long honey flow. This queen embraces a matter of so much interest that the temptation to spin out a long answer is very great and I have indulged in it.

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I don't know, but would like to.

J. PIRIE.