

## Bee-Keeping as an Occupation.

to have a son who has a position on the road. He has weak lungs, and it looks though he would have to give up his occupation. He has a desire, on account of health, to make bee-keeping his main occupation. Now the important question presents itself, if a person with quite last requirements can support himself in this way? I would like to have this question answered by you.

I know very well that you will think that I ought to know this myself. Quite right, in connection with this comes the consideration of the adaptation of the learner; one must understand the matter, and if the locality is good. But of this I must of course form an opinion. Here we can with some utility, in one day's journey, reach the weather.

is a suitable location, a desirable place can easily be found where provision can be made for increase. The year 1893 was with us, as well as other places, a very bad one; yet, those who wanted comb honey only, did not come quite up to their expectations, as the bees capped honey very early, while those extracting could do so about three or four days. It gives here considerable wood with raspberries and cherries. Then we have orchard, honey from alders, linden and other blossoms. In the other (Erika) there is some yet grows apple, but little nectar, and for this reason: it will pay better to move bees to the other.

My son has some practical knowledge of bee-keeping already, and, as he understands the matter quickly, he would have no great difficulties to overcome. I myself have some space with the hives. For this reason I believe that the bee-keeper has many difficulties to contend with, and that often after years and sometimes failures may come in. Providence does not throw us its gifts in our laps. It is therefore important that I have the opinion of a very highly experienced bee-keeper to help me to a conclusion. I should like a reply in the *Deutsche Illustrierte Zeitung*.

AUGUST H.

For the above explanations from you, I do not hesitate a moment to recommend bee-keeping as the main occupation to your son. He has a good opportunity to learn bee-keeping with you, and, through study, to perfect himself in the theory of bee-keeping. It is to his profit that he can build on the foundation you have laid. It is especially essential to the bee-keeper who is called a calling, that he sticks to some one and does not allow himself to be led

astray, and allow himself to be drawn one way and then another. He must also "wander" with his bees. Wandering or moving bees only have the best results when it is followed as a system. We have in the localities where we have so far kept bees, mostly good yields of honey, from fruit bloom, and a full flow in summer until the middle of July; but as to fall pasture, we cannot depend much on such. Often, however, it has happened, contrary to the rule, from fruit bloom and from summer blossoms at home the bees secured nothing, while not far from us the bees were rolling in surplus. When we found this, during the morning of one day, the following morning our bees stood in this favorable locality. It is necessary to be able to transport quickly, for the value of one good day every experienced bee-keeper knows; he also knows how quickly a good flow may be cut off. We have also experienced that just as we moved our bees that our expectations were not realized, while the flow at home became very good. In such a case we did not lose a moment in bringing our colonies back.

A professional bee-keeper must, then, move about with his bees, and the quicker and more securely he can arrange to do this the better. That depends, however, greatly upon the arrangement of the hives, and as you have the arrangements best for this purpose, so far as I know there is nothing in the way of the success of your son.

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## Brant Bee-Keepers Association.

Brant Bee Keepers' Association met at Court House, May 9th, 1896, 2 p. m. President Shaver, Cainsville, in the chair. Spring reports showed an unusual number of queens lost but a slight winter loss. The Canadian Bee Journal was taken for the year 1896. Which will throw the most heat in solar wax extract. A single or double glass? A difference of opinion appeared to prevail, but the general impression was that unless a current of air got between the two glasses the two would develop the greater amount of heat.

Members were pleasantly surprised to find Mr. Wm. McEvoy, the Foul Brood Inspector present, a rambling discussion took place upon various subjects. Before the formal opening members expressed considerable indignation because the law was not observed in regard to spraying fruit trees while in blossom.