

recommended. Some have found it profitable to take bees out for a cleansing flight and return them to the cellar; but it is not advisable when there is snow on the ground.

11. Feeding back to finish sections cannot be practiced with profit.

12. With reference to forced swarms, Mr. Wheeler suggested a new plan for disposing of the brood. Shake all the bees into the new hive on a new stand. Return the brood to the parent hive on the old stand. The field bees will take care of it for that day. In the evening exchange the two hives and in 24 hours the field bees will all be in the new hive and by this time sufficient young bees will be hatched in the parent hive to care for the brood.

The Peer of Agricultural Papers

Ames, Iowa, Dec. 22, 1902

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London, Ont. Can.

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Very truly yours,

W. J. KENNEDY.

Iowa Agricultural College and Experimental Station.

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