

to put a stone wall across, or a partition filled with sawdust,—the stone cross wall would require to be a foot thick, the sawdust partition about eight inches of sawdust. The cellar need not be more than seven feet high, though eight would do no harm. The necessary provisions for ventilation should be made.

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### NOTES FROM WILL'S APIARY.

NO. 2.—THE "DANDY" CAGE.

WELL, what a name! Don't "snicker" until I tell what I mean. I have had considerable trouble trying to introduce queens, that is, caging them on the combs. I have tried the Peet cage, pushing the strips through the combs and clinching them, as it were, but it is unhandy in my opinion, and also in the opinion of many others. There are certain times, colonies, etc., when queens can be introduced with very little trouble; at other times it seems almost impossible to "get 'em in." Well, a couple of weeks ago I had a queen to introduce, and in going in the shop I noticed the screw-cap of a self-sealing jar. Thinks I to myself, "you will be just what I want." I'll get the shears and cut a piece of wire cloth and press it in tight so the bees cannot get it out. So I did, and started for the hive with cage and queen; let her run on the comb, set the cage over her, screwed it into the comb and then held up the frame and took a good look at it. "So neat and so handy, says I, your a 'Dandy' the news over Canada, and to Uncle Sammy by this mail must go." Now this may be old to some, but if so, I have never seen it. Just try it once, reader, and if you introduce by caging I think you will like it. If you wish them to eat her out you can cut a small hole through the combs from the back, and plug it up with a piece of comb, and let them eat from the back, but I like to be around about that time to set 'em free. I was going to write a little on another subject but I'll stop right here and give some of the other friends a chance.

WILL. ELLIS.

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Your discovery, Friend Ellis, is quite new to us. We have not heard of its being used for that purpose before, but feel sure it will work splendidly, as we have been using something that probably works about the same. It is perfor-

ated metal, cut from three to six inches square, then a piece about three-quarters of an inch square, cut out of each corner. This enables you to bend the sides down, making a perforated box without a lid. We find them most excellent for caging queens on combs. Give us what you were going to on that other subject, Friend Ellis, we are sure that the readers of the C. B. J. will be glad to hear from you.

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### DUTY ON BEESWAX AGAIN.

I HOPE in all fairness to the members of the Listowel Bee-Keepers' Association you will publish a few lines in defence of the beeswax controversy pitched into by Mr. Deadman, of Brussels. I delight in the most of the correspondence of the C. B. J. Such writers as Mr. A. Pringle are A. No. 1, and some other grand correspondents are bound to place our JOURNAL above the necessity of publishing metaphysical correspondence, but to the point. Mr. Deadman keeps bees in the village of Brussels. He reaps where he sows not. He does not meet with any bee-keepers association convenient to him; he ignores such meetings, condemns the diffusion of bee knowledge, hence his metaphysical teachings, no doubt for fear his neighbors, the farmers who sow the rich clovers, should put on stocks of bees sufficient to gather the nectar of their own productions. This is not all; as a druggist he deals in wax. He states he has paid the duty on 500 pounds of it. It would be unfair to take off the duty while he paid twenty per cent., on his stock. A pretty idea that all the bee-keepers of the Dominion should suffer on his account. He calls loudly for protection. Mr. Editor, you were present when the leading Conservatives of our Association moved the resolution to be sent to Mr. Hesson, member for North Perth, asking him to press the matter to have beeswax entered free. 80 cents is more easily paid than \$1.00; but even this was not the incentive. \$1.00 per pound was offered one year ago for foundation, but it could not be obtained at any price. The entire want of it was what caused the effort to be made to have the duty taken off. Not a man or woman ever breathed politics in our Association. We know the revenue must be maintained, but the argument was, that the Government might see fit to foster an infant industry by admitting beeswax duty free. One of our members sent for some foundation to the United States, but it was held