

### Wailing's From a Bachelor Bee- Keeper

Gee, Whizz! If I could only get at that notorious "noter" and "picker" of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. It is well for him that during this hour of wrath, there is seven miles between us, and if it were not for the fact that I have a pathetic feeling for widows and orphans, even that distance would not prevent a "personal interview." But it is all up with me now, my fate is sealed forever.

See that "pick" on page 201, CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. Has he not there heralded me as a bee-keeper looking for a wife? Yea! he must needs "holler" so all creation could hear him.

That's what has done the mischief; what fair maiden would listen to a man whom she knew was lingering near with "malice-a-fore-thought?" Not one, no sir! not one. Girls are not built that way, they will not have anything to do with a fellow unless they think he doesn't want them, and then they would give there most precious smiles and bewitching glances to excite and capture him. I think I know them and had laid my plan of action accordingly.

But he has betrayed me and driven me from my only vantage ground.

The Doctor was very kind in offering such valuable advice just for the asking. But he did it in a confidential brotherly way, and I have no doubt his correspondent availed himself at once of the doctor's advice and ere this is drinking at the fount of perpetual bliss.

But there is no hope for me, I am already branded. Of what profit would the doctor's advice be to me now? My honeyed words would fall upon the fair one's ear like water on a duck's back.

The "noter" and "picker" has done it all, he has picked me of the last vestage of hope. In the same batch of pickings he says, "when anything deserves a kick it seems to be left to the high kickers of Mich. to do it."

If he keeps right on in the way he has started out I shall have to make just one exception to that rule for the protection and personal welfare of any brother bachelors who have not suffered as I beyond redress. But as for me if I would end my misery I must needs go to the Feejee Islands or some out of the world place

where his "holler" has not been heard.

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### Notes from the Central Ontario Apiary.

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(Concluded.)

I know that the inexperienced will begin to wonder how they can be manipulated. Well I can help you out of that. In the first place know that they have plenty of stores and then for your own good let them alone. If you find it necessary to manipulate them, remove the long alighting board and set an empty hive in front of the top hive and place the top hive on it, then set up the alighting board and go ahead and manipulate both. When the time arrives that the top hive should be taken off sit it on a stand and allow the back ends of the hives to be close together and use the same alighting board and the bees will scarcely know the change.

If it should be objectionable for them to set close together remove each one forward a few feet each day until the desired distance is obtained.

I believe it is quite generally admitted that bees placed early on summer stands are in better condition for the honey harvest than those that are taken from the cellar late. For my part I believe in taking them out as soon as they get uneasy. I would rather risk them sitting in the snow in February, than to be restless in the cellar. But very often deep snow prevents setting out early. This spring I believe the editor of C. B. J. removed the snow with a horse and scraper, if his stands were not removed in the fall I don't understand how he could manage it in that way. Then again if they were removed how would the bees know how to return to their old stands. But here I must confess that I am not a believer in bees knowing any difference between the old stand or a new one. I remove the snow from my apiary very much easier than does the editor of C. B. J. About a week before I expect to begin to set out the bees, I get up some still morning and sow about two barrels of dry road dust on the snow and let old Sol do the rest. If there should come more snow dose it again and you will be pleased to see how fast the stands pop out. Of course the road dust is saved from the previous year and don't cost anything down here.

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