

when once possessing one you will want it all the year round, and maybe one for every change of clothing. Apart from bee-work it is a knife that can be relied on, provided you get those made by H. Boker and Co., and the number is 920. You can almost put a razor edge on these knives and so if for no other reason I always want one. I wonder almost how I did so long without one for it is only recently I have found their true value. You will find it specially valuable if you use a closed end in Hoffman self spacing frame, but no matter if you do not you will find nothing better or even to equal for prying any kind a part or for lifting one out without disturbing the rest. The knife has one small and one large blade. The small is O. K. for cutting out queen cells that you may desire to save. The part though that is specially valuable to bee-keepers is a curved arrangement which is very pointed and strong, with this you can loosen frames in a jiffy and for catching hold of things that one cannot well do with the fingers it has no equal. I do not know how much prying it will stand, but a good deal. The blades however, you must be more careful with as they are necessarily hard and therefore, easily broken, but no easier than any other good knife. There are many things besides taking out frames that it can be used for such as lifting off honey brands or anything else that sticks. I frequently use it for taking off supers as you can get a grip with it that one cannot without. In taking out frames you need never take hold of them with your fingers until well out as you can by inserting this hook arrangement hold them upon it alone. It is way ahead of anything I have yet tried. Most tools have a tendency to push away when prying. This however, lifts a frame up without hardly separating or

pushing the others away. Dealers satisfied with a small margin of profit could supply for 75 cents each. But five times that would not buy mine if I could not get another. I did not mention about a cork screw attachment, but as apiary work is considered very healthy and not many I hope indulge in bottled goods that require this to pull the cork, we will place no value on it. If you are a smoker (which I hope not) there is a small hole in the handle in which to insert and remove the end of a cigar, but a better use for this is to tie it to your person if you are liable to forget where you had it last, I have a steel watch chain attached to one I have. Not quite so handy with this but not so easily lost. I never go into the apiary without it. This is saying a good deal but I cannot praise it too highly.

SOMETHING BETTER THAN GLOVES.

I suspect that there are few bee-keepers comparatively who use any covering for the hands when handling bees. I have scorned to use gloves and until to-day have never had any protection except a veil for the face. Recently, however, when manipulating some cross colonies or when the weather was unfavorable have been badly stung on the wrists and hands, but especially the former. I have been puzzling my brains to find a preventative for this. Gloves have their objections. Too many, I am afraid for most of us, so was compelled to look elsewhere. I found a substitute in the well known harvest mits. The kind with long cuffs not only covering the wrists but protecting the sleeve. These mits have a place for the thumb and first finger separately, I cut these off about half way also the end of the mit proper which leaves the other three fingers free. If desired, by a little stitching you can have each finger encased. The ends are—

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