

chosen such a beautiful night would have thought that before the bees would have a chance to fly that four inches of snow would have covered the ground, but such it did. However this was even better than a half fine, half cold day: If I could always be sure of a fine day I would never put them out so they would have all day in which to fly, because I consider an hour or so is better, yes much better. And although I believe it is better though not essential to place the hives on the stands occupied the previous year when finally removed, yet unless close to winter repository I would not when returning them carrying them any futher than is necessary to find room to place them. My own apiary faces about east, the door-way to the cellar faces west, to place them on their summer stands they have to be carried about one-hundred yards south and as they face east they stop flying earlier than when facing west. When I wish to return them I put the hives down any where in front of the entrance to the cellar and facing west. They usually fly then until the sun is disappearing behind the trees and therefore do not require to be taken out so soon. The barn and honey house is between them and where they are in summer, you need not be afraid of them losing themselves either this time or when placed on their regular stands as they take a fresh location each time, I do not say I would advise this if carried out early in the day, but when as I have advised it is done towards evening, I have no fear of the results. As to carrying them out two persons can do more than twice as much as one, and four than two. A hand-barrow long enough to hold two hives is a great advantage. It is quickly made, take two pieces of basswood or other light and tough wood about 2x3 and say four foot in length

required, nail some thin boards across the centre on which to place the hives and wide enough apart to walk between, now round off the ends to lift by and with this two can carry two hives much easier than one can carry one. Much the better plan where one has plenty of help is to have two of these hand-barrows and have two helpers bring the hives as far as the cellar landing and go back at once, while the other two remain outside all the time carrying from the cellar landing to the summer stands. If work is not evenly divided those in cellar could meet those outside but better than that, would be to have if possible two more helpers outside. Most of us know how much better one can see in a comparatively dark room when once the eyes have become accustomed to it so that better work can be done by one or more remaining in the cellar as much as possible. I have read somewhere that miners sometimes blindfold one eye while outside and uncover when in the mines. How would this suit bee-keepers?

I presume some open up the windows as soon as they begin, but I prefer to use artifial light until nearly finished at least. In a locality where favorable days are frequent one need not be so particular about taking all out the first day, new however, it may be a week or more elapses before another suitable day would come. It is well to remember that bees wintered outside may fly in days that might prove disasterous for bees wintered inside to have their first flight, I believe it important thar the first day at least should be a fine one, and not as some advise put them out and run chances.—Brussels, Ont. Feb. 1903.

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