

two brood combs next to the outer ones and substitute instead two full combs of sealed honey. The combs removed may be utilized in making additional stocks. Such cases are exceptional.

WM. McEVoy, WOODBURN, ONT.—Remove the brood to a weak colony and put combs of solid sealed stores in their place and when the brood is hatched out either feed until the combs are sealed solid or remove them for sealed ones.

G. A. DEADMAN, BRUSSELS, ONT.—I prefer feeding syrup made of granulated sugar rather than disturb the brood nest by giving frames of honey. I presume you have a nine frame hive. If this amount of brood in October is customary with you; then have larger hives and give extra frames of honey.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—Get your honey for winter stores in upper story confining the queen below with zinc, and then exchange frames in the fall when the brood is hatched. I prefer keeping the queen confined to a certain space just for brooding purposes during the honey yield and let the bees store above or along side as the case may be.

J. K. DARLING, ALMONTE, ONT.—Never had such a state of things so late in the season. I would take away part of the brood frames, giving them to colonies less fortunate and replace them with frames full of sealed stores. Have had some colonies without a pound of sealed stores at the close of the honey season because I had confined the queen on three or four frames and secured all the honey in sections. I gave them frames to winter on and they came through all right.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG.—In my locality I would wait till the brood hatched out and then exchange combs filled with sealed honey for the empty combs in the brood nest. I think it a very rare thing that bees should have so much brood at that season of the year. I have never seen the like in my apiary. I would be surprised to find as much brood in one of my hives the 1st. of Oct., as would fill one Langstroth frame.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

G. B. JONES.—I gave my bees a card of chilled larvae to clean. Several of them went at once to the drone larvae and each gnawed a hole in the skin of one into which it put its tongue and sucked for some time. I noticed one bee in particular which made several holes and sucked each hole for some time, much longer than is necessary to load with honey. Is this a common occurrence? What were they after?

Have not noticed bees doing that in cleaning combs of dead brood. Possibly they were seeing if the brood was dead, but have only known them to suck the

juice from larvae when in a starving state.

What do some of the bees on cards of hatching brood shake themselves violently for? They draw themselves together as if they had cramps and shake sideways, others seeming to go to their assistance.

This is a common thing for bees to do, but whether it is a sign of some kind or merely done for amusement is not decided. After unloading pollen they usually walk over the combs shaking themselves as you describe and in all likelihood then it was that you noticed them.

J. K. DARLING.—I never acknowledged receipt of premium queens for self and Mr. Cumming. They came in fine shape and were beauties but they have both gone and appear to have left the hive and never returned as a lot of my own queens have done. It was not that they were driven out or balled, for they had nothing but bees that had hatched out in the hive. I had shut them in the hive for a couple of days with about three frames of hatching brood each, and when they were allowed out they had a good lot of bees and were apparently well contented. Have lost a lot of queens this year, some of them leaving after they were laying nicely. Found one beautiful queen balled in front of a hive in another part of the yard from that to which she belonged, a positive proof that fertilized queens fly out sometimes. But why so many are lost and why some nuclei that were started with nothing but young bees should fail to get one queen fertilized in a season I cannot understand and yet more than half of mine have done that very thing this season. Wish some person could throw some light on this matter.

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Has any one had similar experience! We have not known fertilised queens to fly out about the yard in the way you mention, but once had a neighbour bee-keeper who assured us that a queen in his yard would go from one hive to another be received, and lay in the combs and he declared that he never knew what hive to find her in. We have frequently known the queens to fly from the combs when the hive was just opened or during manipulation. If, as sometimes happened, she would alight at another entrance, she was sure to be balled and perhaps killed. Have had great difficulty this season in getting queens fertilized. The weather seems to have much to do with it.

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