

and we haven't had any trouble.

Dr. Mason—You haven't had foul-broody hives, then.

Dr. Miller—It seemed to me that it was a foolhardy piece of business for Mr. McEvoy to insist that there was no necessity for disinfecting, for it seemed to me that there must be plenty of spores, but if you come to think about it, what is going to take those spores where they can do any harm? And the fact remains that if he has had so many cases, and knows that no evil results have come from them, we ought to be able to go on and do what he has done.

W. H. Heim, of Pennsylvania—I should like to know whether those are the only two remedies for the disease—by burning the combs or boiling?

Mr. McEvoy—Do you mean that you think that they can be disinfecting?

Mr. Heim—Yes.

Mr. McEvoy You can use the disinfectant till those combs will fairly smoke, and you try them over again and it will break out.

Pres. Root—I talked with Mr. Gemmill and one of the other inspectors, and asked if his experience coincided with Mr. McEvoy's, and he said it did.

A member—Do I understand Mr. McEvoy that the combs should be burned up, or made into wax?

Mr. McEvoy—I think they ought to be all turned into wax, and if made into comb foundation it is all right, too.

#### A Conversation With Doolittle.

##### STARTING IN BEE-KEEPING.

"Good morning, Mr. Doolittle. I am about to make a start in the bee business. I think of buying 50 colonies of Mr. Smith, and I came over to see what I could find out in the

matter which would be helpful to me."

"What do you have to pay Mr. Smith for bees?"

"He said he would let me have 50 colonies this fall, hives and all, for \$200, or he would let me have them next May for \$250, as there is some risk to run in wintering bees. Which would you prefer to do—buy them this fall or next May?"

"How many colonies has Mr. Smith?"

"He has about 250."

"If Mr. Smith will give you your choice out of the 250 colonies next spring, I should prefer to wait until next May, and pay the \$50 extra. Otherwise I would take them now."

"Why?"

"Because, in the former case Mr. Smith practically insures the bees against all loss in wintering; while if you do not have your pick he agrees to give you only so many and you might not have as good as average if you took them as they come as you would have did you take all good colonies this fall. But why do you wish to buy so many colonies?"

"So as to have a good start, and sufficient number to pay me for 'dabbling' in bees at all."

"I hardly think this the part of wisdom. It seems to me that 50 colonies of bees would be about twice as many as a beginner should buy."

"Why?"

"Have you had any experience with bees?"

"No—nothing more than that I have been at Mr. Smith's two or three times, and have read about the progress there was in bees, out of a paper picked up."

"As I thought. You are a beginner, and the beginner should go against going recklessly into this

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