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INSTRUCTION IN BEEKEEPING--VIII

To keep bees from swarming, and get the best results, one must study them pretty carefully. They should get some sort of examination every week. If possible, a special day should be set apart for the apiary. If Wednesday is "Apiary Day," nothing but the most serious reasons should interfere with its observance. System goes a long way towards success in anything.

Careful study has shown the following to be the most important causes of swarming:

(a) The super is crowded with honey; there is still plenty of nectar in the flowers, but the bees have no comb space in which to store it.

(b) The colony has a queen with great egg-laying powers, but the brood-chamber is too small for her, or has become crowded with honey and pollen. She has an egg or larva in every cell, and the young bees are not hatching rapidly enough to give her room to lay. The constant inflow of honey from the fields stimulates her to lay, yet she must be idle, or seek a new home with a wider field of usefulness.

(c) The secretion of nectar in the flowers is continuous, but slow. The queen is constantly stimulated by the incoming sweet to lay, while the demands of the harvest are so light that the workers live much longer than is usual in a heavy harvest. The hive becomes over-populated and crowded.

(d) The hive is poorly ventilated, or sits in the hot sun.

(e) Bees often swarm when they are superseding an old queen.

The preparations for swarming are as follows:

(a) Drone brood started.

(b) Queen-cell cups built in convenient places.

(c) Eggs in some of the cell-cups.

(d) Larvae in some of the cell-cups.

(e) Capped queen-cells.

The swarm comes almost immediately after that.

Queen-cells do not cause swarming; they are a part of the swarming operation. Simply cutting them out after they are built does not remove the cause, and seldom does more than delay the swarm for a few days. In the meantime, it makes the bees discontented, and seriously checks honey-gathering. The successful prevention of swarming, then, is not cutting out queen-cells, as many suppose. It is a careful study of conditions in each individual hive, to see whether any cause for swarming is present. The "preparations" above named are the barometer of the nervous condition of the hive in this respect.

When cell-cups appear in any hive, it is time to give the queen more room. You may think she has plenty, but she needs more. Remove a comb from the outside of the brood chamber, and put a frame of wired foundation in the middle of the brood nest. If the colony is quite strong, it may be given two such frames. If any cell-cups have eggs, destroy all such, and give three frames of foundation. To miss destroying even one may mean failure. Every comb of brood must be examined carefully. In every case, alternate frames of foundation with board.

In removing combs from the brood-chamber, follow this order: First, empty combs and combs of honey till they are all out, then sealed brood. If the empties are clean, and the honey white, place them in the extracting supers of the same hive (if they will fit); also the brood, unless it is needed for making increase or building up weak colonies.

The essentials for swarm-control are ample room for brood and honey, given in time; good ventilation and shade. An ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure.

As the strength of the colony increases, enlarge the entrance gradually, until, about June 1st, when all except weaklings should be given an entrance the full width of the hive, and an inch and a quarter deep. At the opening of clover bloom, every colony should have

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a super, and before it is half-filled with honey, another placed between it and the brood-chamber. Adopt some system of upward ventilation. It will not hurt for weaker colonies to have more room than they will use. Years of experience with one's bees and locality will give an idea of what average yield per colony to expect. It is well to get super room to that capacity on each hive almost at the start. Then watch that the extra-strong ones do not get at all crowded.

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