

PRACTICAL HINTS.

It is my firm opinion that a good colony, in a very spacious hive, and surrounded by flora producing honey, will, of its own accord, independently of swarming, replace its failing or non-prolific queen. I have too frequently met with colonies having new queens, or wish two laying queens, an old and a young one, for to believe that this replacement may be an exception; and I believe also in the truth of supposing that the queens of large hives grow old rapidly. I look upon a good productive hive as a capital which, with a minimum of care, gives me a good income for several successive years; my principal trouble is to watch myself and keep from fussing, in other words, to let well enough alone. I increase the size of the brood chamber in spring, during the season I take out only the sections that are full and well capped, in the autumn I decrease the size of the brood chamber, and that is all. The worst enemy of a hive with moveable frames is the man who wishes to make the honey himself instead of letting the bees do the work.

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STAMPEDED BY A BEE.

A woman sitting in an elevated train car quietly got up and stood in the aisle. After she had been standing there for about half a minute everybody began to look to see why she did it. Then they discovered that a large bumblebee had taken possession and was sailing around contentedly in the vacant space.

The woman near by looked anxious, and those at the other end of the car looked amused. Several of the men looked as though they would like to do something, but did not know just what.

Then the bee concluded to move on and try some other seats. In less than another half minute every one on that side of the car had vacated and was standing in the aisle.

Some of the people looked silly, others looked annoyed, and others had a broad grin, evidently enjoying the fun of the sit-

uation.

One man took off his hat to strike at the bee.

"Don't try to fight him!" shrieked another. "You'll get stung sure."

A tall, dignified looking woman in black satin executed a deliberate Delsartean curve at that moment to evade the bee, and a fat man stepped back on a small woman's corns.

Then a stout, good natured looking man, in a tall gray hat, who had been sitting on the other side, quietly got up and opened one of the closed blinds, and Mr. Bee sailed out with the utmost composure.

No one said anything but the woman who had first stood up, and she thanked the man in the gray hat right out loud and with considerable emphasis.—New York Recorder.

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Read our "Special Premium offer." Remember the first name received will get the first queen and so on in rotation until all are supplied.

Do not take it for granted that your bees have plenty to winter on. Make sure by a personal examination.

Don't wait until the last moment to order your supplies and then kick up a rumpus if they are not forthcoming for the honey flow.

Many bee-keepers who live on farms or near waste land could add largely to their income by sowing sweet clover or some other plant in every waste place on the farm.

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