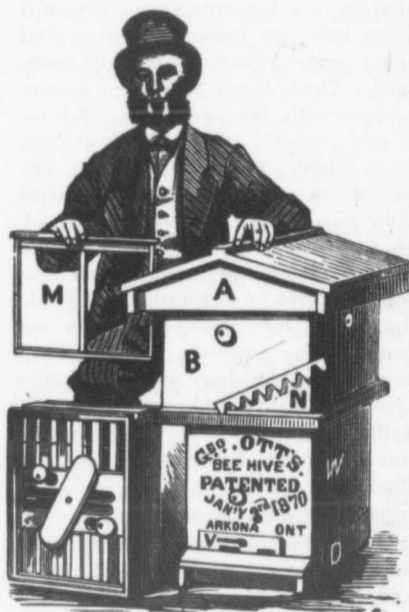


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not work satisfactorily. I then put a glass three inches wide in one end of my honey-board on the honey-box. No more trouble was experienced in getting bees out of the honey-boxes. I can now take off honey-boxes when filled with honey and get the bees out without using the smoker. When honey-boxes are ready to take off, I take them off about one hour before sunset. I set them on a level plank. The bees go to the top, where the glass is. I raise the end of the honey-board with the glass on. The bees all fly out next the glass. I let it down again a few minutes longer and a few more bees gather to the light, where the glass is. I raise it up again, and a few more bees fly out. In about half an hour I have the bees all out of the surplus box. A bee-keeper should never use the smoker when taking off surplus honey. The bees are inclined to fill their sacks with honey, and will puncture the cells, and thus spoil your section honey. I notice most all bee-keepers let the comb frames down too near the bottom board of the hive. The bees have no room to clean out dead bees and litter. Also the comb frames do not hang equal distances apart at the bottom. I set comb frames one inch and a half up from the bottom of my hive and fasten a notched piece of wood across the bottom for the bottom of the frames to rest in. The notches thus divide the comb frames equal distances apart at the bottom and prevent the comb frames getting out of place when hiveing or moving bees, which is sometimes very annoying. I got this hive patented thirty-eight years ago, and still use the same hive. I first got this patented I used the honey-box without a bottom and honey-board on the top of honey-box. now use both bottom and honey-



board. The way my hives are constructed, I have no use for perforated zinc, or wire frames, or bee-escapes. I have been very successful keeping bees since I have used this hiye. I seldom lose a colony through the winter. I winter outdoors in clamps. I work altogether for section honey. I can make more money raising section honey than by extracting. I sold my section honey this season for twenty cents per section. My neighbors who extracted their honey sold for ten and a half cents per pound. This was not a very good season with us for honey. I commenced last spring with sixty-seven hives; sold about three hundred dollars' worth of section honey; increased my stock to ninety-four, which I have nicely packed in clamps with dry sawdust, and we expect they will come out all right in the spring, as they have plenty of good honey. It is wonderful the amount of money the