

tracted the bees early in the morning, and as three lives had been served in this way, it was astonishing to see how quickly the bees commenced robbing, in fact, the centre hive of the three was literally covered with bees, and we immediately set it in a tent covered with mosquito bar. The other two had perhaps three or four quarts of robber bees around each hive, and they had almost become masters of the situation, in spite of the determination of the colony to prevent the robbers from getting in. The force pump was then brought into requisition, and the thousands that were flying about the hive were soon sprinkled, as well as those that were trying to get in. After allowing a fine spray to rain on them for a few minutes, the entrance became somewhat cleared of the robber bees on the two hives that were not covered with the tent. We then placed a little brush over the entrance of each hive, and covered it quickly with wet grass, and put long wet grass on top of the hive, allowing it to hang down all around laying a weight in the centre to hold the grass from slipping off. A little cold water soon discouraged them from attempting to rob these two hives any more. The rush however that was made for the tent, when they could not get through the mosquito bar, was astonishing. They managed to gain an entrance by alighting on the ground and crawling under the netting. In this way nearly a bushel of bees got around the hive, while we were protecting the two other hives with grass and water. We then brought the spray to bear on these bees inside the tent, and in a short time we had them thoroughly drenched. There was an immense number of bees around trying to get in, so we just raised the cloth a little way from the ground, and allowed as many of the robbers as possible to rush in. In this way all the robbers in the yard were admitted under the tent, and as they flew up and alighted on the cloth inside, which was literally covered with them, we drenched them thoroughly with the cold water. This caused them to tumble down and crawl out on the ground, and as soon as the sun dried them sufficiently they flew back to their hives. In this way we caught all the robbers, and gave them a thoroughly

good soaking, and to our astonishment after the tent was once set over the hive and a little spraying done, few, if any more bees got into the hive, in fact, the inmates seemed to be quite able to protect the entrance, and did so, the result being that the robbers, instead of getting into the hive, were simply caught on the inside of the tent, where they were caught until we gave them a thorough soaking. Now, the point is this, do not leave the mosquito netting down on the ground, but keep it sufficiently raised so that the robbers will go under. Have your force pump and cold water ready, and everytime you get a fresh lot inside give them a spraying.

#### Are Bees ever a Village Nuisance

THIS is a question that has often been asked and answered, but we have usually taken the ground that they were not, but this fall we have come to the conclusion that sometimes they are. We must say that in all our experience we have never known such determination on the part of bees to gather from various sources aside from flowers. Every nook and corner of our village has been ransacked with a determination to find something. We do not recollect of ever having such a warm September as this has been, in fact, I do not think it was as warm in July and August. Frequently thunder showers, warm and sultry weather, and yet no honey in the flowers, or perhaps I should say, very few flowers in this section to yield honey. Several weeks ago you will notice the article we wrote, and to day we notice another instance of their cuteness. A little corner out of a pane of glass in a window in our kitchen enables them to slip through, fly across the kitchen, pass through a key hole into the cupboard where a little comb honey was stored, and to our astonishment some five or six pounds have been removed, almost unobserved.

A few days ago at a church social held in the Agricultural Hall, where the tables were liberally supplied with pastry, the bees became very troublesome as they swarmed into the building in such numbers that it became impossible to eat without exercising a great deal of care. Some thought that by the liberal