

Cardinal Points of Honey Production.

These may be put down as being (1) A good knowledge of the pursuit, (2) A good field, (3) Good bees, (4) A good hive, lacking any one of which a person cannot now make honey-producing a financial success.

What is a Good Hive?

In an article contributed to the January number of "The Bee Keeper's Review" of 1889, by R. L. Taylor, of Lapier, Mich., he describes it as follows: What are the characteristics of the hive adapted to the most profitable production of honey on a considerable scale?

"I reply, 1st. It must be reasonably well calculated to secure the prosperity of the colony itself during the entire year.

2nd. It must be well calculated to secure the largest possible amount of the most salable honey in the most salable condition.

3rd. It should be so constructed as to require for necessary manipulating the least expense of time and labor. (a) In the moving of hives either with bees in them or when prepared for bees, (b) For the contraction and expansion of the hives, (c) In the finding of queens, (d) In the making of internal examinations.

In my opinion after an experience of more than three years with the New Heddon hive, otherwise known as the sectional hive, beginning with a few, but having now about four hundred occupied by bees, there is no other hive that, in answering these requirements, can at all compare with this hive."

This description of "The Best Hive for Financial Honey Producers" (the heading of the article referred to) I cannot well improve on, and from a six year's experience with the hive referred to give the description of it my hearty endorsement.