

you will ever find them embodied in our educational system.

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Every little while someone anxious about robbing, writes in for information how to stop it, and so on.

Last spring a bee-keeper

Robbing had a good joke on me. I said robbing did not trouble me, and he went over to the

yard and found the bees robbing out a colony. It happened in the spring. The colony was queenless and I did not know it, as I prefer to let a colony remain queenless at that season rather than tear the quilts loose and let the heat escape. If bees are left alone and no stores exposed, there is not much danger from robbing. Stocks can even be fairly weak, but they should not be queenless. At this season, with but little honey coming in, I avoid handling bees and exposing comb. When work has to be done, I do not let it take a moment longer than necessary, and do not work long at a time. As far as possible, I do such work towards evening. I have before mentioned that the best time to remove supers is in the early morning, after a cool night. The bees will have drawn fairly well from the combs in the super. Sometimes the entire super can be removed; at others, the outside combs, and the balance spread, to induce the bees to draw away from them to the next.

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Editor York, in August 11th American Bee Journal, says:—

“**SYSTEMATIC PILFERING.**—The item under that head on page 394 of this journal is quoted by Editor Holtermann, of the Canadian Bee Journal, the item ending by saying, ‘But by all means Mr. Holtermann, be sure you first follow the instruction given by the Great Teacher,

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in Matthew xviii, 18.” To this the editor replies:

“‘Did it hit. When the editor of the Canadian Bee Journal transgresses as per above, he will be obliged if you will let him know it.’

“No wonder Editor Holtermann felt guiltless of any charge on reading Matthew

xviii, 18, but if he had read the verse intended—the 15th verse of the same chapter—he would have found these words:

“‘Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.’

“That remark, ‘Did it hit,’ (by the way, Mr. Holtermann, you ought to use an interrogation point after ‘Did it hit,’ also after another question in the same column)—that remark makes this Boia feel sure he is the guilty party. He confesses the crime, is sorry for it, promises never to do so again, asks pardon of the Editor of the Canadian Bee Journal, and will anxiously watch the editorial columns of that paper to see that pardon duly proclaimed.”

All right, friend York, I cheerfully forgive you for both mistakes. I can well understand the temptations other journals may have to absorb some of the valuable, new and practical points which are constantly appearing in the columns of The CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. It would be much better if Matthew xviii, 15 were followed. Much ill-feeling would be avoided. There is no excuse for me or anyone else who does not follow that scriptural injunction. Is it not true that in an instance such as the above no bee journal on this continent has followed it out? Editor York, why did you not write me privately that I had made a mistake (in your estimation) when I did not use that INTERROGATION POINT? Surely you will take your own medicine. Then I could have told you privately that anyone could see it was a question. But interrogation points are much more superfluous than the d's and ed's you drop in every direction in the A. B. J.

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At this date of writing—Aug. 17th—we just manage to crowd in the statement that in three of the Ontario apairies of the Gould, Shapley & Muir Co., Limited, buckwheat honey is coming in very fast. This will be of interest to those in buckwheat districts.