

Mr. Chrysler: I might. I have wintered with three; I haven't tried two.

Mr. Lott: I have caged both queens and shook the bees into the same hive and the next day you could take out either queen you liked, or the day following you could liberate that queen and they would not fight at all. The time they get fighting is when they have liberty to attack the queen.

Question: What is the best way to feed colonies which have been put away too late, no combs being available?

Mr. Chrysler: I would make cakes of candy and put over the frames but at the same time that will not answer if you have not got a fair quantity of honey in the hive.

Mr. Lott: Would you disturb your bees after you had once put them in the cellar and fed them candy?

Mr. Chrysler: It is always against safe wintering to go tampering with them afterwards but if cakes of candy are placed over the frame it does not disturb them very much; it will add to their dryness too, I have found and if you have honey below the moisture of the bees that rises will to a certain extent help to liquify the candy.

Mr. Brown: Did you find them taking down that candy alright?

Mr. Chrysler: No, you can't expect to take it all down in all cases but the idea is to get them through the winter.

Mr. Fixter: How would cakes of maple sugar do on top?

Mr. Chrysler: I don't know about that; there is probably more saccharine matter in that it might act as poor food.

President: A neighbor of mine had a box hive short of stores, he bored a hole in the top and got an empty comb and laid it on top close to the

hole and he made a quantity of syrup, and every little while he went down into the cellar and tipped a little of that into the comb and the bees came up and took it down and they came out good in the spring.

Mr. Chrysler: I might say I had two colonies one year that had been fed all winter; they came out splendidly in the spring but before the clover was on they were not worth anything; one had lost a queen and I just managed to save the other one and it didn't seem to amount to anything compared to others. Those were fed with liquid honey and had a small top bar feeder.

Mr. Darling: I put the question in; the reason that I did so was I got word on Saturday that there was a merchant up in the town wanted to see me. I went in and it seemed that an acquaintance of his some thirty or forty miles off put some bees away too light and wrote to him wanting to know how to manage them. I don't know whether they have combs or not but I presume they have. I don't know whether the frames are movable frames or box hives.

Mr. Chrysler: If I had combs of honey I would lay them flat over the top of the frames the same as I would the candy.

Mr. Dickenson: This discussion has all reference to bees wintered in the cellar.

Mr. Fixter: We have dozens of letters come to us, as Mr. Darling has had, asking how to winter over colonies that have not sufficient stores. I have put away colonies worth very little, weighing about thirty pounds apiece and I have put from four to six sections on top and also winter sugar and we find they come out very well. We took care in covering the top considerably so that there would be no ventilation.