

the brood chamber (the combs) divided.

For reversing, turning the top down and the bottom up, inverting, or any other of those "ings" I would not give the snap of my finger. That craze has died and its ashes will never be rekindled. This latter feature is alike useless for the specialist or the novice, at least he can secure all he wants in this direction from an ordinary hive.

I recognize that there are methods which may be practiced to advantage by the specialist, which are not desirable for one not devoting his entire time to the apiary; but when you draw that line it leaves but few within the charmed circle.

I see nothing of value in this hive to the specialist, and there appear to be but few, very few, specialists who have been able to find this hive worthy of adoption.

With the birth of almost every new bee paper, Mr. Heddon appears to attempt to resurrect that hive. I have watched its throes with interest but when the gas disperses, life is again seen to be extinct and the hive again falls into the grave. The dovetailed hive, comb honey super, with section holder, less the top bar and separators, give one all the advantages of the Heddon section holder, less the inconvenience of a top bar, and the useless feature of inversion. This Journal is open to any honest writer, any honest man who thinks and sees to the contrary, if kept within the limits of our space.

QUESTION No. 1—I am thinking of getting some more bees, as I have lots of hives and combs. Would it not answer to buy about three pounds of bees and a queen about the first of May, so they would be in good condition for work about the first week in June, just in time for clover. Can this plan be worked successfully, and if so what is the best time to buy? No. 2. What should I pay for 100 lbs. of bees?

ANSWER.—I do not approve of buying bees by the pound. You get at that time mostly old bees, or if you buy far south, which would be best, you have no bees to replace the bees which keep dying, or worse, your colony does not increase in strength for three or four weeks; you add nothing to your worker force at the very time when such additions are very important. I would rather do without bees at all as an investment than buy bees by the pound. I condemn it every time unless very rare conditions should crop up. You ought to pay a good deal less for the bees than any man can sell them for. Better take 50 lbs of bees and their brood and queen and let the other man keep the balance.

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I received your notice of my indebtedness and send the money. Please find it enclosed and let me know when this year expires. I will be more prompt in future. I built myself a new cellar last fall, capable of holding 100 hives. I put in 18 hives last fall. I lost 7 last spring through spring dwindling. My bees did not do much last summer as I only extracted about 800 lbs from 18 hives. I like your journal, it is getting better all the time, although sometimes I think you might explain more fully to novices. For instance some readers of the journal have asked me, what is foul brood? Now you may think this a very simple question, but from reading the several treatise on foul brood a great many do not understand it.

Now various questions are asked.

What is foul brood? Is it a bee of useless type or is it a worker or a fly? Is it a boy? Does it hatch in the hive? What harm does it do to the colony? How can we detect it and how destroy it? And so on. Please put a paper in the next journal explaining more plainly. C. F. S.

Pictou, Ont, Jan, 16, 1894.

Well friend S., we regret to hear you have been sick and have every sympathy for a delinquent subscriber of that kind. We felt like wishing that every other delinquent subscriber might have the same excuse, but we will temper it by saying—the same good excuse. We perhaps take too much for granted in instructing beginners. Friend McEvoy, our able foul brood inspector, kindly contributed an article on the above, which will be found in the April number of the journal.—Ed

Enclosed please find \$1 as requested in your circular of February, 28th just to hand.

This is no bee country. I have no bees, have not seen one for nearly two years. However, I still retain a spark of the old interest I had in them when in Ontario. Therefore I must keep posted and to do so I must have the C. B. J.

Best respects to Mr. Holtermann, whom I had the pleasure of meeting at a Bee Convention in Ailsa Craig six years ago. He was not an editor then, and I was not a telegraph operator, congratulations on his success. Yours sincerely,

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Where man will go his feet will carry him.