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We will now come back to the point where we have about three surplus cases on these, and where the first preparations for swarming are made. The first preparation I make for that is to clip the queens. I don't usually clip until the honey flow starts, about the 8th or 10th June. First of all, we quiet the bees with the smoker. We raise the hive up and shove it forward, lift it off and put it on a threelegged table, thus. I then smoke them at the bottom until I run the bees through this queen-excluding screen into the upper case, and I keep the smoker working half a minute or so like that. Lift up the case and turn over the honey board. If you don't find the queen there, look on the honey board. Take her up in your fingers and vith scissors take off one of the wings sufficiently so that she cannot fly. Having done that, put her back in the under case again. You have driven the bees up into the upper case, and the ween in her attempt to get through s found on the bottom of the honey poard. Occasionally she will be on the op of the frames, and once in a great

while she will run down between them. The smoke down below will drive her up. She is clipped. may seem quite an operation for some of you to do, but it is easier done than you imagine. Put the case back on the hive again and set it back. Having your queen clipped, you are ready for swarming. Another thing about this clipping business is this, some of you may have trouble in clipping your queens on account of the bees balling them. One of the important features about this is, when you return the queen to the colony you return her to an empy case, and by the time the bees return into the case everything is quiet, and it is seldom you will have a queen destroyed. That is the first preparation for swarming. In clipping when the flow is on there is a less percentage of loss of queens. If you are running for comb honey you will have about two or three cases on in handling the swarms. Your colony will be in two cases, or possibly three. when they cast their swarm. That is the case with me; I won't say it is so in all localities. In handling these bees we will presume we have got the queens clipped and they are ready for swarming. After the queens are clipped, and the swarming is coming on, the first thing to do is to see that the grass in front of your hives is cut down short. We will suppose underneath is the hive which has cast a