

harvest, every effort of both the keeper and the bees is to be directed at this time of the year if we would succeed."

"But do you not help some of the very weakest colonies in any way?"

"Yes. As soon as the strongest colonies have their hives full of bees and brood, or even when they have eight frames full, I take a frame of brood just gnawing out and place it in the next weaker ones, giving the stronger an empty comb for the queen to fill again, and so keep on until all are full, if this is possible, before the harvest arrives."

"But does it not injure the strongest to thus take brood from them?"

"It would were we to do this early in the season; but as we do not do this till some of the colonies have their hives nearly or quite filled, it does not materially weaken them, but on the contrary, stimulates the queen to still greater activity at egg-laying, and at the same time tends to check any desire to swarm."

"How about putting on sections? When is this done?"

"I generally put them on all good colonies a week or ten days before the honey harvest is to arrive, so that the bees may enter them on warm days and get used to going 'upstairs.' With the weaker colonies they are not put on till they are ready for them, or till they are confined to the brood they have at the time of the opening of the harvest."

"How are the sections prepared?"

"I now fill each section with the extra-thin foundation, while three or four sections to each hive should be those which are full of comb, or nearly so (called 'bait sections'), left over from the previous year, the same being those which were filled hardly well enough to be saleable. These latter are very important, as they are the means of getting the bees at work

in the sections at once."

"Are not these sections filled with comb finished quicker than those with foundation?"

"Yes. As a rule these are finished from three days to a week before the others; and where one has the time I think it pays to take these out as soon as filled, putting those with foundation in their places, thereby causing the bees to work with renewed vigour to fill up the vacant space left where the full ones were taken out. But where time is scarce, or where sections are handled by the full super, this course cannot generally be taken. This, in short, is the way I have worked my bees for the past thirty years, during which I have been enabled to take an average of very nearly 80 lb. of comb honey each year from each old colony in the spring."—Gleanings

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"The world goes up and the world goes down,

And the sunshine follows the rain,  
And yesterday's sneer and yesterday's frown

Can never come over again,  
Sweet wife:

No, never come over again."—

KINGSLEY

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The brain-children of a writer are as precious to him as are the blood-children of a mother to her. Each are perfect in the eyes of its parent.—July Ladies' Home Journal.

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Flowers preach to us if we will hear.—ROSSETTI.

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Food cools, to a certain point more quickly in the open air than in a closed refrigerator.—July Ladies' Home Journal.

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