

plenty of it I believe they will come out all right in the spring. But, is this the all important problem which modern bee-keepers are trying to solve, I say no. What the bee-keepers of this nineteenth century are trying to solve is the question of how can bees kept in moveable frame hives be wintered successfully without resorting to cellaring, clamping or double walled stuffed hives. All which Mr. Sage considers unnecessary with box hives. Never mind if they will winter better in box hives—we don't want them there—we cannot manage them successfully, and therefore, want them in moveable frame hives. A colony of bees in a box hive may fairly be compared to a fruit tree, which could not be pruned, or whose fruit could not be secured without cutting down and killing the tree. Well then if we do not want them in box hives, because they are unprofitable aside from the question of wintering, and the most of us, do not keep bees merely for the sake of seeing them crawl out of a box hive, and show life in the spring. But, we keep them for the pleasure and money there is attached to the pursuit, and we want them in moveable frame hives, because we want to remove an inferior queen and infuse new blood. To see how much brood is in a hive at a certain date, how many queen cells, to remove queen cell, and a hundred and one other reasons and perhaps last, but not least, we want to take a large crop of surplus honey, which I do not think can be successfully taken from box hives, unless the sulphur is resorted to, and I do not know if that even could be called success. Now I am sure every enlightened bee-keeper of the age, will agree with me when I say, that the moveable frame hive, is as far ahead of the box hive as the modern grain thresher and separator, is superior to the two sticks of misery. Then the great question which concerns me, and bee-keepers generally, by which we can safely bring our bees through the winter, and have them in good condition without the expensive and laborious methods now in practice and which box hive foggies deem unnecessary. Who will be the first to come forward with some startling discovery in this direction, that he may receive a crown of roses.

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