

immediately three other swarms issued and entered the hive of the one in question, without their queens. The day following all the swarms issued as one; after which the hive was examined and a great number of queen cells were found containing larvæ; many of them being in places where "it would have been impossible for larvæ to have gotten in them (or the cells built over larvæ) other than by bees carrying them there," as he says. His statement, backed by the strength of his name, furnishes what the editor of "Gleanings" would call "heavy testimony." I have not observed the ways of bees for so long a time as has Doolittle, but for a good many years I kept a sharp lookout for just such cases as the above, in many instances where such transference would seem highly desirable to the bees, but though in a considerable number of cases I thought I saw what might be evidence of the transferring of eggs or larvæ, continued observation showed that it was not. Of course this does not show that Doolittle is wrong; but I may be excused from registering my doubts.—R. L. TAYLOR, in *The Bee-Keepers' Review*.

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