

Mr. Smith: In my own case I simply leave them with the farmer and I give them super room enough so that they are not likely to overflow or get up a swarming fever, and although they are there from the first week in August until the middle of October they do not want any further attention, only to see that the covers are not blown off.

Mr. Darling: How late will those bees breed that have been taken to fall pasture?

Mr. Smith: When we brought them home in October they were in all stages of brooding.

Mr. Post: I have found when the buckwheat ceases to bloom and the cool evenings come on, the brood diminishes very fast and by the first week of October it was altogether out of the hives.

Mr. Gemmell: That was so in my case.

Mr. Post: October is too early for me to bring my bees home. I bring them about the first of November. This year I unloaded them the 7th November. I am determined they shall not be a nuisance to anyone in the town. I bring them home to winter. I don't team them at all; they are all brought home on the train or by boat.

Mr. Gemmell: That would be almost too late to leave them in case of bad roads.

Mr. Post: I don't know, I am sure.

Mr. Holmes: In case it should happen that after you bring your bees in from the pasture grounds on the first of November that it should continue to be cool and perhaps showery weather until you want to put them in winter quarters, what then?

Mr. Post: They are in winter quarters now without getting a fly and I have never seen a particle of difference. I have brought them

home in November and I didn't see a bee outside of the hive until they were moved out in the spring; they wintered perfectly. This fall the last load I brought home was brought on a steamboat about eight miles and then transferred to a car; election day was a wet day and they were unloaded the next day, and were placed in the cellar, I finished them on Saturday I think. They had no flight. The first load did have a flight and I have marked them to see if there is any difference, but I have never noticed any so far. I am speaking of other years.

Mr. Brown: In that case it would be about as well to put them into the cellar immediately after moving.

Mr. Post: Yes. When I put them in the cellar they are simply out of the elements; they are set in the cellar with the windows and doors open; they are just under shelter you might say; they get the same pure air as though they were outside. They are left in that condition until after the holidays if the winter continues warm; that is, not extreme weather. I allow the place to be light; you can read anything in there.

Mr. Gemmell: That is until cold freezing weather?

Mr. Post: Yes. The cellar is as dry as this room.

Mr. Brown. Do you find you lose any by their not finding their way back to the cellar?

Mr. Post: Do you think they fly? If a bee wanted to fly out and get lost I would be perfectly willing to let him go; it would be an old straggler that would come out before March.

Mr. Smith: I suppose you would give them all the attention necessary such as removing supers, etc.?

Mr. Post: Certainly. When I expect I have my testers with me and test as I go along. The honey

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