

Mr. McEvoy: By that time I think I would put bee escapes under each one and run them down and wheel them away.

Mr. Post: At the closing extracting of the season, usually in the buckwheat time, is when they follow you around the worst and my plan is to go to the yard in the morning and set out about twenty-five or thirty top stories that I have extracted the day before and let the bees clean them out and you can go on with your work and they will not trouble you a particle.

Mr. Newton: I can't see through Mr. Holtermann's plan because he can't shut those in when he opens the top of his hive; there are some that will come out in the air and what will become of those?

Mr. Holtermann: There is no trouble whatever in quieting those bees down because those that have escaped will cluster on the screen; they are not going around robbing other hives.

Mr. Pettit: I have tried this plan but I think not so thoroughly as Mr. Holtermann. I tried it specially at the out yard. I didn't get there early enough in the morning to shut them all in and the consequence was there was perhaps part of the swarm on the outside of each portico and these gave me considerable trouble; but I have tried Mr. Post's plan and I find it very successful. I think perhaps it is as good as the other. I might say these porticos are very useful for a great many things, especially for moving bees.

Mr. Holtermann: I have always objected for many years and will object to anything which means scattering the honey of combs among all the bees in the yard. I don't know of a cell of foul brood in our yard but there are a great many other people who have not known it either,

and they have had it, and anything which tends to bring about a scattering of the honey from one hive amongst all the rest, I, for my part, will never practise.

Mr. Gemmell: How do you clean out your combs? Put them back on the same hive?

Mr. Holtermann: It is very easily done that way.

Mr. Lot: For instance with buckwheat honey.

Mr. Holtermann: Just put them back upon the same hive and they will do it very easily.

Mr. Dickenson: I would go out of business if I had to resort to that plan and I will take my chances on foul brood.

Mr. Post: So will I.

Q. Would you expect bees to winter in a dry cellar where the temperature stands constantly at forty-one Fahrenheit?

Mr. Chrysler: I never wintered bees indoors, it is impossible in my case. In answer to the question I would say yes if fresh air could be maintained constantly.

Mr. Pettit: I would say that that was a perfect cellar.

Mr. Byer: This winter for the first time I have winter some in the cellar; I have made no special preparation. I put fifty colonies in and the thermometer had never varied since they were put in from forty-one and it is a little low. As I understand it the temperature for perfect winter cellar-ing should be forty four.

Mr. Dickenson: Do the bees hum?

Mr. Byer: They are fairly quiet.

Mr. Holmes: I have wintered with great satisfaction to myself for a number of years in a cellar where the mercury stood at from forty to forty-two.

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