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mine well known to a good many mem-  
bers of our Association had a number of  
colonies slightly affected with foul brood,  
and he decided to try this treatment, as  
circumstances kept him from attending to  
them earlier in the season. The result  
was an unqualified success, and my friend  
said he would not have believed that it  
was possible for them to draw out the  
foundation as quickly as they did. Cer-  
tainly the two days' starving did not ap-  
pear to hurt the bees any, and as they  
appeared after treatment clustered on the  
beautiful new combs I would not pay two  
cents to insure their wintering. This  
treatment is not for the summer, as the  
McEvoy plan, all things considered, can-  
not, in my opinion, be improved upon,  
but for the late fall, in case colonies have  
unavoidably been left without treatment,  
the shaking on to empty frames is O.K.  
It might be thought that the bees would  
swarm out of the hives when only empty  
frames are given, but such is not the  
case, as it most surely would be early in  
the season. The giving of full sealed  
combs in the fall is sound in theory, and,  
if everything is all right, should be the  
same in practice; but for some reason a  
great many have failed with the plan.  
One reason is that it is very difficult to  
get combs with every cell sealed, as is  
recommended, and this may account for  
some failures. In my own personal ex-  
perience, while cleaning up the apiary  
referred to in these notes, to the best of  
my knowledge I tried the cure faithfully  
on two diseased stocks in the fall. The  
following May the disease was found in  
a few cells in each stock, and, while I  
do not condemn the system, can hon-  
estly say that I do not see where I failed  
to carry out instructions. As to the mat-  
ter of bees being affected so adversely by  
starvation, it is noteworthy that they can  
stand wonderful extremes and to all ap-  
pearances show little after-effects. Some  
years ago Mr. Doolittle exposed a colony  
to weather away below zero for a long  
time, the hive being minus cover or bot-  
tom board, and although the hive was

suspended in the air all the time of the  
exposure, after being put back in the  
cellar the bees were all right, and the  
next season that stock was one of the  
best in the apiary. We once had a col-  
ony nearly starve in the early part of  
June; in fact, they were so near gone  
that when I arrived at the yard the bees  
were tumbling out of the entrance of the  
hive. A screen was put over the entrance  
to prevent robbing, and then a little warm  
syrup was sprinkled over the top of the  
frames, and in a couple of hours the bees  
would defend themselves against all com-  
ers, and, barring the fact of all the un-  
sealed brood being dead, they were none  
the worse for their experience. Of course,  
this "treatment" is not recommended,  
and is only given to show that bees have  
extraordinary powers of recuperation as  
compared to other forms of life.

While on this matter of foul brood,  
pardon me, Mr. Editor, for referring to  
the rather sarcastic remarks of friend  
Anguish in November C.B.J. As one of  
the fellows on "the other side of the  
chair," I feel that a few words of ex-  
planation are in order. In the first place,  
while I have the greatest respect for the  
opinions of Mr. Wm. McEvoy on matters  
apicultural, and especially so on foul  
brood questions, yet if I honestly felt I  
differed with him I would have no com-  
punction about saying so, and, indeed,  
things would be at a queer pass if honest  
differences of opinion could not be in-  
dulged in. But what are the facts of the  
discussion referred to by friend Anguish?  
I challenge him to refer to one thing in  
which I opposed Mr. McEvoy when the  
subject was under discussion, and since  
the convention Mr. McEvoy has told me  
twice that he could recollect nothing of  
that nature. True, I did differ with the  
view taken by Mr. R. L. Taylor, when  
the latter said it was safe to use wet  
super combs that have come off foul col-  
onies, and if Mr. Anguish thinks that is  
differing from Mr. McEvoy's opinion, let  
him write the latter and be convinced