

with full sheets of comb foundation put in their places and where the extractor is used let nothing prevent you from extracting as fast as the honey is gathered, stored and ripened. In very dry weather the honey is so much thicker in clover that it will permit of being extracted much sooner than when wet but there is not such a difference in basswood as the cluster of flowers hang on such frail little stems that the weight of the flower and the honey in it causes it to hang with the opening of the flower downward and the leaves that surround the flower tend to protect it from the rain and except for the slight moisture of the atmosphere that is absorbed by the honey during a shower, it is as thick after the shower is over as before. No honey should be extracted until it is fully ripened and even then, it should be allowed to stand in open vessels. Thick honey settles while the thinner rises, the particles of water being lighter than those of honey, rise to the surface and evaporate rapidly.

#### Comments on A. Boomer's Article, Page 104, Last Issue.

You are perhaps not the only one who has lost all his bees by experimenting. It is always advisable to let well enough alone and not try any new-fangled notions until they have been thoroughly tested by more experienced bee-keepers. The reason that some people succeed better than others in wintering is probably this:—They have good ripe stores and plenty of them in the hives, while others expect to winter their bees with a little honey scattered here and there through the hive. Always keep the stores dry and the honey well ripened and warm, then as they move up to use it, it is in condition to be taken into their stomachs. Poor, cold, watery stores scattered about a hive is about as sure a method of killing bees as can be adopted by any apiculturist, of course there are instances where bee-keepers succeed without protection, but with protection same bees would have succeeded much better. Out door packing is becoming very much in favor, and especially has the spring of this year shown the difference between those packed and those unpacked.

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