

## KEEP WATER AT HAND FOR ROBBING.

Although we advise others to have a supply of water conveniently at hand at all times, so that it can be got quickly when required, you see in this case, we did not live up to our own advice. We find this spring worse for robbing than usual; some of the very strong colonies seem determined to have honey, no matter where they get it from, and they pitch on to the weak ones the moment a ray of sun-shine permits them to fly out. About the only way we can prevent this is to put wet hay or straw over the entrances of the strong colonies that are robbing the weak ones. Perhaps some may wonder why we don't put it over the weak ones to prevent the stronger ones from robbing them? We have tried and recommended this, but we find that soon as they were prevented from going into one hive, they would apparently scatter round and give up, but in a short time we would find them attacking other colonies, so we threw flour on them as they were flying in front of the hives as they were trying to rob; this marked them and they were easily discovered among the other bees. By watching the hives they returned to, we had no difficulty in finding out those that were doing the robbing, and it was less work to give them a bath than the weak ones. You would be astonished to see how quickly it cools the robbing ardor. There does not seem to be any fight or rob in a wet bee. We spoke of this matter in the JOURNAL only a short time ago, but it is perhaps better to mention it again that those of our new subscribers at least, may learn it, and may be benefitted by trying this means of preventing robbing.

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One or two have written that the springs of the smokers lately sent out were not as strong as they would like. It is just possible that this

is the result of our mode of packing. The bellows were all closed and tied down tightly to prevent breakage in the mails, and the springs have perhaps weakened from being kept in this position several days. If this be the case it can be easily remedied by simply removing the end of the spring from the staples on the under side of the bellows, and turning it back almost straight with the upper end of the spring, and then replacing it in its former position. This should be done at any time during the life of the smoker, if the spring becomes weakened.

*To whom it may concern.*

We inform our Canadian customers that Mr. R. E. Smith who advertises our make of foundation in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL of May 1st has not bought any of our make and that our sole agents in Canada are E. L. Gould & Co., of Brantford. The price at which this so-called Dadant foundation is offered is lower than our present wholesale price aside from the duty on it. The beekeepers who want to make sure of genuine Dadant foundation should address E. L. Gould & Co., of Brantford. CHAS. DADANT & SON, Hamilton, Ill.

We have transferred a large number of bees to combination hives, and we are prepared to sell the S. W. Jones hives out of which they came, at very reduced prices. We will furnish 12 empty frames and wooden division board along with each hive at 70 cents each, and will take bees in full colonies, or wax in exchange therefor. Write us, all who have any to offer.

## Discounts for large Orders.

We have always made a liberal discount for large orders in the price of the goods themselves, but to still further encourage this class of trade we are now going to offer special discounts for cash with order to encourage those who would just as soon remit in that way if there was any special inducement. We do not do this because of any fear of not being paid if we allow the goods to be shipped without being settled for, but because of the great amount of time and labor saved in book-keeping, expense of making drafts etc. In offering these discounts, it is on the distinct understanding that not more than 50 per cent in value, of each order shall be for foundation:

On all orders of \$	25.00	and over	2	per cent.
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These will take effect from this date.