

them, then you can take them away safely at night.

Mr. Hall: For my friend's benefit there, we have one apiary in the buckwheat section, and after we have extracted our buckwheat—

Mr. Newton: Here is another question upon what Mr. Hall is going to speak of, and I will just read it, and he can answer it: What is the best way to do with combs having small quantities of honey in them in the fall?

Mr. Hall: I have not much time when I go down, it is about nine miles down; and I go down and pick off every super and pile them up where they are going to stay for the winter, we keep them shut down until we get them all off, and then we simply put a chip or a nail under the top piece and let the bees at them and I tell you there is music, but we never had any trouble; we never had any robbing. I have to finish the job up. Sometimes there may be 150 pounds of honey, but they move it home pretty quick.

Mr. Sibbald: Two years ago I did not get all of my combs cleaned out, as had always been my habit, when I put them on the next spring, and I found that the bees rushed up readily into them and filled them right up and I do not intend to practise that again. I would, however, like to have the combs left with a little sweet in them, the bees will come into them much more quickly in the spring, and if they are put on between the apple bloom and the clover this will be very useful in stimulating the bees, and it will save quite a bit of trouble, and I think it is an advantage to have them in that shape.

Mr. Post: That is all right if honey is coming in, but if there is no honey coming in I will guarantee they will

not go up and put honey in them.

Mr. Shaver: I have followed that practice two or three years and my combs keep better and I never found them granulating.

Mr. McEvoy: Suppose it does, the sieve catches the granulated.

Mr. Newton: If you have some buckwheat honey—

Mr. Shaver: I never have any buckwheat honey.

Mr. Gemmill: I want my combs clean, because very often if left in that way it granulates.

Mr. Newton: We very often get inferior honey in the fall.

Mr. Walton: When the extractor is used to the combs is it any detriment to the combs to leave a small amount or liquid honey in the combs?

Mr. Gemmill: I do not want to put my extracting combs down in the brood chamber, but they will clean it out if it is granulated down there if they get a little water.

Mr. McEvoy: If they are stored in a proper place they will do no harm.

Mr. Shaver: After basswood flow with us we hardly ever have much honey of any account. They put a little patch in, maybe in three or four combs, I extract them out, but never dry them, they are not badly mussed, there is always a little honey, and I find the bees go to them next spring more readily.

If you have a friend worth loving,

Love him. Yes, and let him know
That you love him ere life's evening
Tinge his brow with sunset glow.
Why should good words ne'er be said
Of a friend till he is dead?

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