

The demand for bees is unusually large just now. Any one having 25 or 50 colonies, that they wish to dispose of, in good condition, in movable frame hives, and absolutely free from disease, might write us full particulars, giving quotations. We are about starting a gentleman in the business, who thinks of taking that number. The bees would have to be delivered at Beeton, at the prices quoted, as we would not ship them out unless we examined them thoroughly. We must have them by the 1st or middle of July.

W. Z. HUTCHINSON'S NEW BOOK.

This week we have presented to us, with the compliments of the author, W. Z. Hutchinson, his revised and enlarged book on Bee Culture. He says it is dedicated to those who are getting their bread and butter by raising honey to spread upon the bread and butter of others. The following are his introductory remarks :

"As the result of numerous experiments in the use and non-use of comb foundation, I was led, four years ago, to the writing and publication of a little book entitled 'The Production of Comb Honey.' The main feature of this book was the giving, in detail, of a method, whereby full sheets of foundation might be profitably dispensed with in the brood chamber when hiving swarms. Other important points in the production of comb honey were briefly touched upon. The first edition (3,000) is now sold, and the pleasant task of re-writing and revising is now before me.

When the little book came out, one of the criticisms brought against it was that it was too small. "Give us more," was the cry then: and it comes to me yet. Repeatedly have I been urged to write a larger book, giving my experience and views more in detail and upon other points. Flattering as all this may be, I doubt if I should have yielded to these entreaties were it not that, as editor of the Bee Keepers' Review, I have, for nearly four years, had the benefit of reading, and studying over, special discussions, by the practical men, of the most important questions connected with our pursuit. In other words, a large share of the ideas to be found in the following pages may also be found scattered through the back volumes of the Review. I have classified, arranged and condensed; giving what I consider the "cream" of the discussions that have appeared in the Review. The supply of back numbers of the Review will soon be exhausted, and even those who possess them will find it convenient to be able to turn, in a moment, to a fresh, clear and concise, yet comprehensive, resume of the most important apicultural topics of the day. So

many more topics are now taken up that the old title would not be appropriate, hence it has been decided to change it to that of *Advanced Bee-Culture; Its Methods and Management.*

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Our old eye trouble, which was contracted in Palestine and the east, prevents us from reading it just now, but the fact of its coming from our esteemed friend, W. Z. Hutchinson, is sufficient to give it a large sale, without any further comment by us. As soon as eyes and time will permit, we shall look through it carefully and find all the faults we can. Friend Hutchinson has the peculiar faculty of writing in such style, and putting so many good things in such few words, that it is a credit to anybody, to find a mistake. We expect this book to have a large sale, in Europe, as well as in America, and from the few scraps that have been read to us here and there in the work, we feel satisfied that it bids fair to eclipse all his former efforts in this direction. The price is fixed at the very reasonable figure of 50 cents. The following are the topics of the various chapters: Care of bees in winter, Securing workers for the harvest, Hives and their characteristics, Honey board, Sections and their adjustment on the hive, Varieties of bees, Introducing queens, Planting for honey, Specialty versus Mixed bee keeping, Arrangement of hives and buildings, Separators, Shade for bees, Increase, its management and control, Contraction of the brood nest, Hiving bees, Comb foundation its use and abuse, Foul brood, Queen rearing, How to raise good extracted honey, Feeding back, From the hive to the honey market, Marketing of honey, Migratory bee-keeping, Out Apiaries, Apiarian exhibits at fairs, Relation of food to the wintering bees, Out-door wintering, Ventilation of bee cellars, Relation of moisture to the wintering of bees, Influence of temperature in the wintering of bees, Comforts and conveniences in the apiary. And last but not least. Mistakes in bee-keeping.

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