

and the bees below, if you give them time enough they will clean them out and store in the brood combs." Gleanings 724—For this locality, that phrase "If you give them time enough" should be strongly italicized, making the time generally not less than six months. I've had heaps and heaps of experience on that point, with large numbers of supers extending over years, with all sorts of insinuating devices and I must humbly confess that I think I never got a single super cleaned out when allowing only one colony access to it. If anyone has been successful I'll be effusively thankful for the trick." Now I desire to comment at some little length on the above, as I acquired a certain amount of knowledge in the premises from personal experience. Having done a good deal of guessing in trying to get bees to clean up partly filled sections and extracting frames by different plans, principally on the sly go-easy plan, for fear the bees would hear you say "there is honey in the yard to steal," and being rewarded with disappointments and discouragements. I learned by mere accident that in this locality it is neither necessary to go on the sly-and-easy plan, nor is it necessary nor the best plan to put the sections or combs in boxes with only small entrance for the access of the bees, nor have I found it necessary to place the supers in a dark cellar where the bees can find their way in slowly. What I have found the most rapid plan of getting such cleaned up, is to set the supers containing the sections or frames right out in the open, "with certain precautions" and let the bees rush into them pell mell. The precautions are, place the combs or sections at least 1½ inches apart in the supers, place the supers about 100 yards from the hives about 4 o'clock p. m., and then only as many as you think the bees will clean up that day. Don't remove those cleaned supers until you replace them with others at 4 p. m. of the following day, and so on until all have been treated by the bees. After all are clean don't remove the empties suddenly, but gradually decrease them day by day until the last one disappears, and you will find the whole job expeditiously completed without any violence having been done to the most delicate comb, unless perchance some should contain candied honey. Neither will you find any robbing, or excitement after the job is completed. The only thing that bee-keepers have to fear by any of the "let at plans" is the spreading

of disease. If any of the deadly germs should be lurking in the honey, and it is for this reason that I would strongly advocate setting out along towards evening, thereby decreasing the chances of bees coming from other apiaries. As to the theory of "once a robber always a robber" I take no stock in that whatever. And Harry Howe, in an article in Gleaning, so effectively gives the theory its knock-out that I deem further argument unnecessary. He pertinently asks, what becomes of the robbers who have been poking their nose into everything exposed during a dearth? When a flow suddenly opens you can leave honey exposed for hours without a bee ever looking at it. That's settled. With regard to getting combs cleaned out when placed in a super over a colony, and the length of time it takes for the accomplishment of the object, I may say that I have not had the experience that Dr. Miller has, but I have had sufficient to become thoroughly disgusted with the plan; and although our worthy Inspector, Mr. McEvoy, claims he can do the trick successfully, yet I have followed in his wake, but I have not been successful. Perhaps my manipulation was at fault.

In the November issue Mr. W. J. Craig makes his initial bow as the newly appointed editor of the C. B. J. Mr. Craig has been favorably known to the bee-keepers of Ontario for a number of years, and I feel sure they will be ready to congratulate the publishers in having secured one so eminently worthy of the position. Mr. Editor says in his initiative "That he believes the bee-keeping fraternity have been so well acquainted with him, and so friendly disposed towards him, that there will be little if any danger of "Balling" Bee-keepers will, of course, accept the above in the "past tense." But don't be too sanguine, Mr. Editor, as to the future, because this "picker" has reason to reflect back on the conflicts encountered with the former editor, who was of my ain nationality; and I have been led to wonder how I will get along with a "Scotch editor seasoned with Irish blood" (that's a bad mixture), because in a personal encounter a Scotchman (owing to his large feet) will not fall after you've knocked him down. And an Irishman will never call off a fight so long as he has breath enough left to holler "nuff." However, it said editor will consent to diet liberally on macaroni and buckwheat