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DESCRIPTION OF CUT.

A, Moveable Cover. "B," Honey Box standing on its end—bottom view. "C," Comb frame drawn out. "D," Button to shut up door in winter. "E," Robber Stop. "F," bottom of Hive. "G," Alighting Board in summer, and door to shut up house in winter.

Advantages.

- 1st. It is a combined hive and bee-house, the hive being enclosed in the house; it requires no stool or bench, and there being a perfect hollow wall all around the bees and door to shut them up in winter it requires no protection from heat in summer or cold in winter.
- 2nd. It is a self-cleaning hive, summer and winter, the bottom being an inclined plane of half pitch it is kept perfectly clean, leaving no dead bees, comb dust, or filth for the miller to deposit her eggs to hatch and destroy the bees. It is so protected by the house and outside door that it may be opened wide in winter sufficient to be perfectly self-cleaning, thus keeping the bees dry and healthy, and the combs from moulding, and saving labor to the bees and their owner, and also gives the bees the advantage of robbers or insects entering the hive.
- 3rd. It has superior comb frames to any now in use, being of such a shape that only one small corner of the comb and honey comes near the entrance; enabling a weak swarm to protect themselves from robbing bees and millers, as they are raised out of the hive they clear themselves more and more; and as the bees do not have to build their combs so wide they build them straighter.
- 4th. It has moveable ends that lift out readily, giving room to examine every comb without lifting them out of the hive. They also give room to lift them when the combs are built wavy or crooked. They give room when necessary to put in two extra frames in strong stocks to be filled for table use, or to supply weak swarms for winter.
- 5th. The bottom is hung so as to close entirely or be opened to any size, thus giving the bees entrance room or ventilation as circumstances require it, and can be adjusted so as to shut out drones and destroy them when not wanted.
- 6th. It has comb frame stops that cover the ends of frames, preventing the bees from glueing them fast. They also prevent the necessity of rabbiting or grooving inside of hive, and when said stops are taken off all the frames are loosened at once, so as to lift or slide them with ease.
- 7th. The honey boxes are constructed with strips, the openings coming directly over the spaces between the comb frames, so that the heat of the hive and the bees can enter the boxes at every part. The queen and the drones are excluded from the boxes, preventing all risk of brood, and when taken off and turned over, the bees run directly out, leaving the honey pure and white. The glass ends are easily removed so that the honey can be taken out without breaking the boxes.
- 8th. It will give more box honey than any other hive; the heat and bees of the body of the hive coming in direct connection with the boxes, and by turning over front stop and shifting the cap a little back, the bees can enter directly into the boxes without passing through the body of the hive.
- 9th. It has outside door that answers several purposes: that is, to close up for protection and warmth in winter; it keeps the entrance perfectly dark so that the bees are not lost by flying in winter; when weak swarms are being robbed, by shutting this door for a day or two the robbing is stopped at once. This door forms an alighting board in summer, and can be drawn out to form a table to shake bees when hiving.
- 10th. It has robber stop for weak swarms so that only one or two bees can pass in and out at the same time.
- 11th. The alighting board is large, and the entrance protected from the weather so that bees are not lost by falling around the hive and getting chilled in cold weather.
- 12th. The bees when being examined, are tamed and overcome, by shutting up the door and rapping on it for a minute, then lowering the bottom to its utmost extent, taking off honey boxes, and drawing out moveable ends, the light is thrown suddenly all around the bees, causing them to adhere tenaciously to the combs.
- 13th. It is perfectly ventilated in winter, the cold air passing around under the bottom does not come directly to the bees. The entrance being perfectly dark the bees remain inactive, and consume less honey. The glass is taken from the boxes, and they are stuffed with straw; they thus form a screen, letting the foul air and moisture pass out and retaining the heat.
- 14th. It requires no bench or stool, is simple in all its parts and easily made, and does away with the necessity of expensive Bee-Houses.
- LASTLY. It has all the advantages of the moveable comb system, which enables the apiarian to have perfect command of every comb, to cut out moth nests or drone comb, to take honey from body of the hive, to give queen or brood to weak swarms, to practice artificial swarming, to make two or more weak swarms into one strong stock.

Prices.

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