

hungry bee keepers for years past. That they succeed in making it palatable to their customers under such divers forms speaks for their skill on cookery, and stamps them as masters of gastronomic science.

"Would not enter on my list of friends,
Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,
Yet wanting sensibility.
The man who would heedlessly put his foot upon a worm."

The gentle poet was evidently particular about who he numbered amongst his friends, yet this is a term almost universally used in this country when one bee keeper addresses another—no where else—and amongst no other class is it so indiscriminately employed. "Why is this thus?" The answer must be, that those who thus use it are ignorant of what the word means.

"Merry sounds are sweet,
Most ravishing to the ear.
But sweeter none than voice of faithful friend,
Sweet always, sweetest heard on loudest storm."

True friendship is a "union of hearts" and yet we find men who never met each other—who know nothing of one another's nature—who are not sure of one another's respectability, mutually bandy the sacred term "friend."

Whatever other people may do, let Canadian beekeepers cease to manifest a hollow hypocrisy, by addressing strangers, of whose character they know but little as friend

PREVENTION OF INCREASE.

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Although my experience in bee-keeping has been with considerably less swarms than the average, I often found myself with too many in the fall notwithstanding the great care I had practiced to prevent it. Since going out of the business two years ago I have been thinking of a hive

for new swarms which would run the strength of the swarm to surplus and admit of uniting with others in the fall and still prevent increase to any extent. The hive should be made the width of two frame spaces larger one way than the other. Probably three inches longer than square. Fill the centre of the hive with an inverted box with the exception of a space wide enough for a brood frame on each side. Put in two frames the short way of the hive. This will shorten the space on the long side to admit of the same length of frame. Put on a queen excluder and as many sections as desirable, probably three tiers. In the fall there will be but few bees left which may be united with another colony and the brood frames used to replace old ones in the colonies intended for wintering. Or if desired, three summer colonies could be united for wintering. A wide Langstroth hive with the frames the short way is nearly the size needed. The entrance to the summer colonies could be left open on all sides. My reason for thinking this plan an improvement on contracting at the outside, is, the bees will be more inclined to enter the surplus at the outside and finish the sections better than if the strength of the colony was confined to the center of the hive.

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