

always will be more or less lifting. There are various hive-lifting devices which ought to eliminate a good deal of this. I have never used one, but mean to try it next summer. In a late number of "Gleanings," there was an illustration of a reliable hive-lifting apparatus, especially recommended to lady bee-keepers. It was a man lifting a hive of bees, but occasionally when I have called one in to assist, have found it unsatisfactory. However, a partnership might be alright. It was highly recommended by some of the speakers at the last Ontario convention. But there is no kind of partnership I can vouch for. Two girls can work together to advantage. My sister sometimes helps me and then we have no difficulty with the heaviest hives. Certainly, unless you have a very good back I would not advise you to go into bee-keeping on a large scale, as the strain would be sure to tell.

There is also the mechanical part of the work, such as making supplies, packing cases, etc. Most women are at a considerable disadvantage here. However everything can be bought all ready for use, but of course at a greater cost. It is a great help to be able to use a saw and a hammer to some extent at least.

Now, for the other side of the picture, —the advantages. These are, as the advertisement says, "too numerous to mention"; but a few of the chief ones may be pointed out:

1st. It permits a girl to remain at home; anyone who has had an experience of boarding houses knows what this means.

2nd. Unlike poultry-keeping the work can all be done in the fine weather; in fact it HAS to be done then.

3rd. It leaves a good margin of time for other pursuits, save in the busiest seasons, and the winters are entirely free.

4th. The work is healthful, taking one into the open air and in touch with the great world of nature.

5th. It is interesting and sufficiently

difficult to require one's best energies.

6th. It will yield a good income from a comparatively small investment, the chief capital required being brains and perseverance.

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