

BEES BOTHER NEITHER BLACKSMITH NOR PRESERVES.

That law suit *must* have grown out of spite and Mr. McIntosh must be using the bees to trade out his wrath on his neighbor Mr. Harrison. Perhaps Mr. Harrison has no other land to keep his bees on and it may be that he has to depend mostly on what he makes out of his bees to support his family. McIntosh says that the bees are very troublesome to him in preserving time, that story of his is too ridiculous because the great preserving time is in the small fruit season when the bees are gathering honey and at such a time they will not look into McIntosh's kitchen. McIntosh has shown the cloven hoof in his preserving time and any bee-keeper of experience that cannot see through him cannot see through a ladder.

Here in the middle of Woodburn Village I have kept my bees over twenty-one years and the blacksmith shop is only thirty-one feet six inches from my nearest hive, I have more hives of bees than Mr. Harrison, and my bees never gave my neighbor (the blacksmith) any trouble in all those twenty-one years.

My wife makes her preserves in the honey season in a cook house that has the whole end out of it and the hives of bees are so close to it that she can stand in the cookhouse and reach some of the hives and she never had any trouble with the bees in the preserving season.

It is to every neighbor's interest to be the best of friends at all times with all his neighbors. I have just read friend Pringle's letter on this fuss, and it is one of the best and most reasonable all things considered that I ever read. I am willing to do my share. It will not do to let McIntosh win that case, because it would make trouble for others.

WM. McEVOY.

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ROBBING.

In the *American Bee Journal*, the following article from Mr. Slolley, Grand Island, Neb., is worthy of reproduction:—"I have a number of frames on hand, made of 1-inch lumber, which, on one side, are covered with wire-cloth. These frames fit or cover the front of the brood-chamber of my hive exactly. When a colony is attacked, and maybe the hive is full of robber bees, I close the entrance, by placing the screens in position. In a minute the screen is filled with loaded and homeward-bound robber bees, when they are allowed to go, by quickly releasing them, and replacing the screen. Three or four repetitions will get the last robber bee out of the assailed hive. In a bad case I leave the screen securely fastened in place for a day or two, after all robbers have been expelled. Early in the morning, when only robber bees are up and doing I go to the now protected hive and kill a dozen or two of the leaders, and that always ends the trouble. Of course, after removing the protecting screen the entrance should be properly contracted.

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