

but on the 7th of August, following, he again finds fault with them and says, "The first queen you sent me was superceded, the second is likely to go the same way." How many bees did he get from her to show Pratt or any body else? How many bees did he get that had yellow bands? for this is the queen that half of her bees showed yellow bands, *which is absolutely false*, for I had tested this queen also, and none of her bees had yellow bands, and it is a quite likely story that this queen's bees would have yellow bands after he got her. Away with such fallacy and deception. The last queen I sent him he says on Sep. 16th, 1890, "that he pinched her head off," but on Jan. 19, 1890, he states that he lost the queen because he had no place to put her, and was not ready." You will see that he kept this queen one week before he went to introduce her, then he will say he pinched her head off. How did he know that this queen would not live till spring. You see he wanted me to send him another queen, for that one that on Jan. 19th, 1891, he says he lost because he had no place to put her, and that he pinched her head off on Sep. 16th, 1890. This is one of the queens that he tells his readers on page 153, Nov. No. of his Api., that he says was a common black queen and "About half of her worker progeny showed yellow bands." How many eggs could a queen lay after he had her head pinched off," that would produce yellow banded bees. After he "lost her because he had no place to put her," how many eggs did she lay that the bees had yellow bands. Can any body believe such a man? Who cares to deal with such a man who will make such mean and false statements like the above? His letters and reports are so conflicting that I cannot believe them. Even if they were true he was still willing on the 19th day of Jan., 1891 to be further defrauded by me and asked me to send him another queen, or in his own language, "You must send me another," to take the place of the one whose head he severed from its "Little black" body on the 16th day of September, 1890. The 4th queen I did not send him, neither do I intend to do so because of his conflicting statements. I wrote Alley and asked him why he did not send the drone traps, and his reply was "What about drone traps? We would send them if I knew how many you want." Yours, Alley, 6-25, 1890. The drone traps were never sent for the part pay on those queens he wrote so conflictingly about, and I don't believe he ever intended to send them. I am not the only person with whom this man Alley has thus dealt. He has a good deal to say about the colony of Carniolan bees he got of Andrews and

Lockhart, therefore we will hear from the other side. Mr. F. A. Lockhart writes me April 3rd, 1891, and says, "The Spring of 1889, when I was with Andrews, we sold Alley a colony of Carniolan bees, he made quite a little fuss, he said the bees we sent were pure, not a bee showed any yellow, later he claimed that the queen sent with the colony was not pure, the bees she was shipped with were not her progeny. He said all of her daughter bees showed yellow more or less, and to act mean he tried to make out that the queens he got of us was impure—he believed she had some Italian blood in her."

Dec. 16, 1890, John Andrews writes me and says, "I sent to Alley once for 3 Holy Land queens, this was in the fall, one I lost introducing, another in wintering, and one came through all right, except that she was a drone layer. I expected that Alley would make her good and would volunteer to do it after being informed of the fact, and all I got was: She is worthless kill her; just the five word. A year ago last spring Mr. L. and I sent him (Alley) as clean a swarm of bees as we had in in the yard, not one yellow bee in the hive, and nearly two combs of drone brood, and told him to keep them 4 or 6 weeks and then say himself what they were worth and send us the money. In about thirty days he gave them a big puff in the Apiculturist and gave us three or four ads in the journal, but when we duned him he said that every queen he raised from them gave workers badly marked (yellow workers,) and he would not pay one cent for them." Here you have the testimony of two honest Carniolan queen breeders which need no comments. Mr. J. W. Windu, of New Orleans, La says, under date of Nov. 12th, 1891. "I think Alley is making an ass of himself on the yellow Carniolan controversy, he has owed me for queens sold to him 20 years ago, and the bill has been sent to him many times and always promised to pay, but made some trivial excuse just then. I consider him anything but honest." What! owes for queens for 20 years, then, calls me all the mean names he can lay his tongue to. Yes he promised to pay but never has done it. He promised to send one half dozen drone traps, that he owes me but they have not been sent yet. He sent Mr. Andrews a drone laying queen and would not send a good queen, but says, "Kill her she is worthless," "Pinch her head off a mean little black queen." Now then I will come near home, and see what we will develop here. Mr. Nepolian Crouse of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, sent to Alley once for a Holy Land queen, he got the queen and introduced her safely, and when the bees hatched they proved to be