

full of bees than to have two hives half full.

Mr. Hall: They are stubborn things, and with me if they want to swarm I have of late years never tried to retard them.

Mr. Darling: Mr. Heise suggested that I was too late. I think that was one difficulty, but just there I have had a little experience which probably would not make it so sure if I were early. I have had colonies swarm, and in the course of three or four weeks the prime swarm swarmed again. That, of course, was the old queen. I have had colonies swarm where the young queen hatched out, become fertilized, went to work, and in six weeks swarmed.

Mr. Hall: Last year we had four cases of that kind.

Mr. Gemmill: Those are exceptions to the general rule.

QUESTION—Is it wise or unwise to allow the bees to clean out the combs after last extracting?

Mr. Newton: I would say yes. Of course, we all have different ways of doing this. We would not like to put away sticky combs into our store-room after we have got through in the fall. Some put them on the hives again. I think, probably, from the tone of this that the man has meant not to change combs for fear of foul brood or something to that effect, but if he is afraid of that put them on the hive again and have them cleaned, and if he is not afraid of that why put them out-doors and let the bees at them.

Mr. McEvoy: How far from the apiary would you put them?

Mr. Newton: I would not care if they were just over there at the other end of the room. (thirty feet, about.)

Mr. Gemmill: What time?

Mr. Newton: I always put mine

out in the morning before the bee fly; space them and have them ready, and in a couple of hours they will be perfectly clear.

Mr. McEvoy: I draw the line at any certain time, because if you live in town or village and just after honey flow you would start the bees in such a cross way that they clean out everything, cats orelephants.

Mr. Dickinson: I have experience in that: we always do it in the evening when the bees are quiet, never in the morning. We carry them away from the yard possibly an hour or two, and after that those fellows know that road just like cattle to a well, no trouble in the world.

The President, Mr. Brown: That has been my experience. I remove them probably eighty feet, or thereabouts, and after they get the road there they will go there, and I don't notice that they do much damage to to cats or elephants.

Mr. Newton: As soon as they get started out, as our friend here says, they will make it a business transaction just as much as if they were going off to the field to work.

Mr. Wood: Don't you find if they get it used up before night they are apt to go to robbing?

Mr. Newton: That has never been my case.

Mr. Wood: To take it away through the day I find it starts them robbing, or if they finish it up before night.

Mr. Newton: Don't understand me that I take mine away during the day.

Mr. Wood: But if they have cleaned them up it is all the same as taking them away.

Mr. Newton: If they get through with the empty combs, and they leave