

From Gleanings.

Moving Bees Short Distances.

WE often read in the bee-papers, directions for moving a hive of bees in the apiary, something like this: Move the hive a foot or two a day, until it is in the exact place where it is wanted. Now, friends, I would not do any such thing. Some time when the bees are all in the hive I would just pick it up and put it where I wanted it, and done with it. We move bees more or less every spring, to equalize our yards; in that case we move them four or five miles or so. But last spring we wanted to move about half of one of our out-apiaries, to get them further from the public highway. There were, in quadruple hives, 69 colonies in four rows, running east and west. We wanted to move the east half, and put them west of the west half, a distance of eight or ten rods. This apiary was five miles from home. To go out there and move those hives a foot or two a day, mixing them up among the other hives as we worked them along, would have made a big job, and no doubt would have resulted in nearly all of the young bees being left behind in the hives that we passed in moving. Well, we made all of the new stands at the west end of the apiary ready to set the hives on, and got everything ready to move, and then went home. The next morning May 18, it was very cloudy, and raining a little, and it promised to be a wet day. We put the wheelbarrow into the wagon and started. As bees were not flying when we got there, we just set one of those big hives on to the wheelbarrow, and wheeled it to the stand where we wanted it, and there located it. We then went back and got another, and kept on until we had moved all we wanted to, about 35 colonies. Shortly after all were moved, the weather cleared up and the bees went to work; and before noon the moved bees were bringing in pollen. There were a few bees flying about the old stands, looking for home, for about two hours; after that, everything was running as usual. As far as I could see, the moved bees did just as well as those not moved. Then what is the use of all this fussing, hitching along a little to-day and a little to-morrow?

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From the Bee-Keepers' Review.

Bee-Keeping no Bonanza — Reserve Funds Needed—Proposed Legislation Not Understood—Plans that Fall—Poor Queens.

FRRIEND Hutchinson:—Yours of Jan. 7th received. Your selection of "Mistakes" for Feb. REVIEW is an excellent one, and your selection of me to occupy that number and fill it with mistakes does credit to your judgment. In case the matter I send is found more than the February number will hold, you can add extra pages or run it over into March.

I made the mistake of supposing that I could make more money than I have done at raising honey.

I made the mistake of supposing that a year of poor yield in honey would bring up prices where they were a few years ago, when I could readily get 22 cents or more for all the honey I could put on the market.

I made the mistake of supposing that a man with a fair knowledge of bee-keeping and with enough ahead to carry him through one year, could safely give up all other business and depend entirely upon his bees for a living. An entire failure for the past two years, and a partial failure for the two years preceding, show that it would be less of a mistake to consider it necessary to have three years living ahead before giving up other business.

I made the mistake of supposing that the proposition of a measure intended for the benefit of bee-keepers and the public at large, would meet the general approbation of bee-keepers. I think they made the mistake of supposing that the measure was intended to be selfish, unfair and restrictive, and they in their liberality wanted nothing to hinder any one and every one from entering the ranks of bee-keepers.

After seeing how anxious they were that every one should be a bee-keeper, I made the mistake of supposing that they would be prompt in coming forward to the defense of any one in danger of being driven out of the ranks, but out of the thousands of bee-keepers only a few hundreds are willing to pay the small sum of one dollar each for the protection of their brethren, as shown by the reports of the Bee-Keepers Union.

Several times I have studied out plans that I thought would work well with bees, and had such confidence in them that I did not wait to test them on a small scale, and the plans didn't work out well among the bees just as they did in my head, and I lost by it. It was a mistake not to try it first on a few hives, instead of on a hundred.