

crowded together, so there is only just space enough between the combs for a single tier of bees to stand, or what is known as "the contraction plan" is used, and the bees are shut on these combs of brood and tucked up as warm as possible,

same as we did the first and they should not be so treated any earlier.

Away back, years ago, after a hard winter, my bees came out very weak in the spring, I having only forty-six remnants of colonies left. About May 1st, I went to



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so that they can hold this brood till it matures. Here they are kept till they have these frames filled with brood, clear down to the bottom corners, and till the bees begin to crowd out beyond the division-board when it is time to treat this colony the

visit a bee-keeper living in a warm sunbav nook, and found him spreading brood, with his colonies all in a prosperous condition, I came home to my own poor apiary, situated in its bleak location, and when I really saw how poor it was I came nearly