



The above is from an engraving from the March number of the Muenchener Bienen Zeitung, kindly loaned by the editor, Herr J. Flink. It is a typical German scene. We have several others which will appear at a future date.

TO TRANSFER BEES AND COMBS.

How can I best transfer bees from the old box hive?

The best way at this season to transfer bees from the box hive, is to put the new swarms in them and about ten days after swarming turn the old box hive upside down, put a box on top, closing any opening between the two with cotton wrapped about the hives, drum the old hive for about twenty minutes, when the bees will have climbed into the empty top box; remove this carefully and then break the wood away from the comb, injuring it as little as possible. A good way is to run a long knife blade between the wood and

comb. Put any worker comb or brood into new frames, patching the comb the best way you can; by that I mean to have as little waste as possible. Keep the pieces of comb in place by narrow strips which project a little beyond the top and bottom bar, and wind a wire about these projections. If the colony is fairly strong, they will fasten the comb together and into the frame in a few days. In any case as soon as this is done remove the sticks, otherwise the bees will get under the sticks and damage the comb. At the opening of fruit bloom is perhaps a little better time than now, but this only holds good if there is much honey in the combs; the more honey in the combs, the more difficult and unpleasant the operation of transferring.—Editor C. B. J.