

Biannual Beekeeping for Young Ladies and Elderly Gentlemen



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Chapter One

We See

**Biannual bee, what do you see,
Beyond your own domain?**

**We see the dark clouds in the West,
Around about Bude Bay,
Resistant mites, with appetites,
Are coming up your way.**

**We see our Keepers almost slain,
Upon their knees in utmost pain,
They cannot help us any more,
We must return to nature's law.**

**We see with eyes you cannot see,
Our feral sisters hold the key,
The secrets lay within our home,
Designed by us in natural comb.**

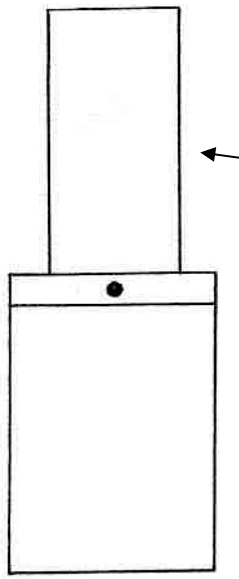
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The hive consists of two boxes.

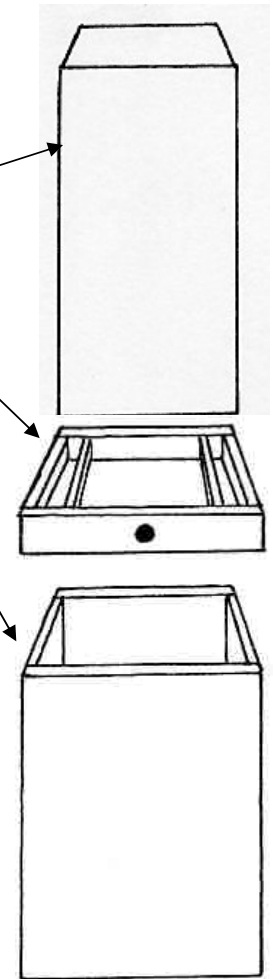
The upper box is 9in. square and 18in deep, made of $\frac{1}{4}$ in ply board.

The lower box is 14in. square and 18in. deep, made of 1in. timber.

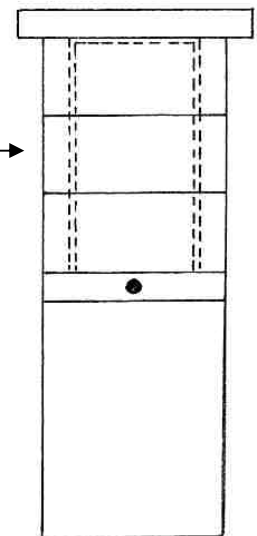
Entrance portal.



The upper box is inverted and placed on top of the lower box with the entrance portal in between.

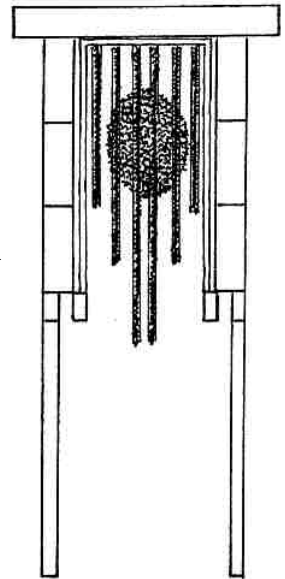


An outer cover of ekes 14in. square, made from 6in. X 2in. timber are placed over the upper box onto the entrance portal and a flat square roof is placed on top.

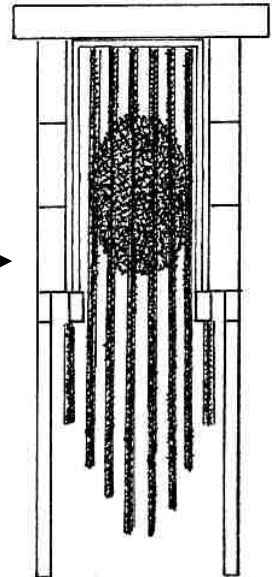


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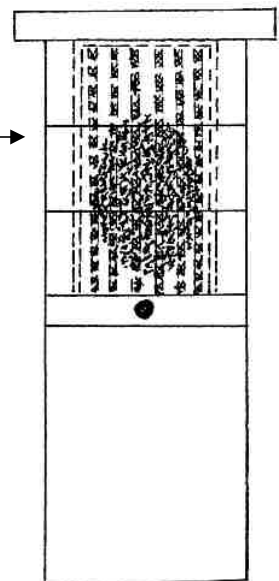
A swarm is placed in the upper box and nature is allowed to take its course for one year, by which time the colony will have filled the upper box.



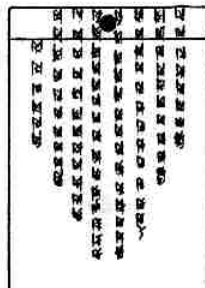
Nature is again allowed to take its course for a further year, by which time the lower box is also completed.



During the winter, when the bees are clustered tight in the upper box, the upper box is removed and placed upon an identical, but empty, lower hive body with an entrance portal.

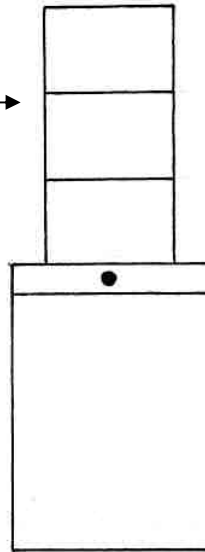


The outer cover of protective Ekes are also transferred. The combs in the lower box are taken away as the harvest.

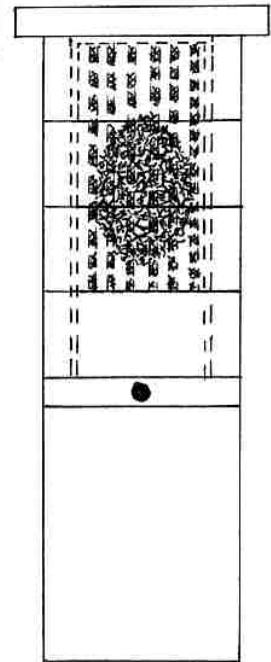


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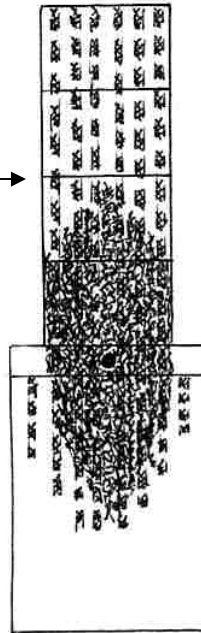
To facilitate the renewal of the comb in the upper box, the upper box may be made in three sections, each 6in. deep.



During the second winter, when the upper box is transferred onto the empty lower body, an additional 6in. deep section is added underneath.



During the following summer, the top 6in. section of the upper box is removed and the contents used as part of the harvest.



This practice is then continued for each subsequent winter and summer visit.
Under this arrangement the age of the comb in the upper box never exceeds 4 years

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All the pathogens, pests and parasites will be present, but below the treatment threshold level.

There will be very little swarming or colony loss.

Hives need only to be visited twice a year, once in mid- summer, and once in mid- winter.

The upper box will contain 6 combs 9in. wide, 18in. deep.

The lower box will contain 8 combs 12in. wide, 12in. deep.

Vertical comb will be apparent.

The breed of bee is not important.

Temperature regulation within the hive will be more efficient in cool climates.

The upper box may be made of a transparent material to create an Observation Hive.