

[Useful Method of Preserving Bees, Lately Adopted in America]

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Description

Instructions for successfully over-wintering a bee colony. nn. 365. Microfilm Reel 8062.

Transcription

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INSTEAD of destroying whole swarms in their hives to get the honey when the hives are full, they clear them out into a fresh hive, while they take the combs out of the old one; and they prevent their perishing in winter by putting a great quantity of honey into a very wide earthen vessel, covering its surface with paper, exactly fitted on, and pricked full of holes by a large pin; this being pressed by the weight of the bees, keeps a fresh

supply continually rising. Their most fatal destruction, by severe cold, they prevent, by taking as many large tubs as they have hives, and knocking out the heads they set the other end in the ground, lay-

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ing a bed of dry earth or chopped hay in it of six inches deep, over this they place the head knocked out; they then make a small wooden trough for the passage of the bees, this is transixed through a hole cut though each side of the tub, at such a height as to lay on the false bottom, on which is placed the covered dish of honey for the food of the bees, leaving a proper space over this covered with strong matting; they then fill up the tub with more dry earth, or chopped hay, heaping it up in the shape of a cone to keep out the rain and wreathing it with straw on account of the warmth.

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