

NEW PLAN OF **MANAGING BEES.**

RULE 1. Never kill your Bees.

RULE 2. Never allow your Bees to swarm.

Place an old Stock of Bees on the middle of a Board large enough to contain Three Hives, and on each side of the old Stock place a wooden Hive, nine inches square inside, or a straw Hive with a wooden top. The boards forming the wooden Hives should not be less than 1½ inch thick.

On the top of each of the side Hives there should be a hole two inches in diameter, with a plate of zinc to slide over it, or a cork to fit it. Over the hole in the inside of the Hive should be fixed another plate of zinc pierced with pin holes all over it. These small holes are for the purpose of ventilating the side Hives, thereby preventing the Queen from laying her eggs in them. Should the Bees fill these holes, they must be re-opened.

The board on which the Hives are placed should be so prepared with passages that the three Hives may be united or disunited at pleasure by means of slides made of zinc. As soon as the Bees are likely to swarm, open the passage between the middle Hive and one at the side, and force the Bees to pass through the latter by stopping up the mouth of the former. When the Bees have filled one side Hive with Honey, let them into the other side Hive, and remove the first, now fit for use, by stopping its communication with the middle Hive. After sunset the side Hive, that has been filled, may be upset, and the Bees will readily return to the parent Stock.

The Honourable THOMAS KENYON, President of the Oswestry Society for bettering the condition of Poor, will this year, 1840, give a Prize of TWO SOVEREIGNS to the Cottager, who shall adopt the above plan and with the best prospect of success at the time when the Cottages are visited by the Members of the Society. Candidates for the Prize must send their Names to Mr. T. EDWARDS, Bookseller, Oswestry, on or before the 24th of June, and the Prize will be given at the Annual Meeting of the Society, August 6th, 1840.

N. B. Models suited to the plan may be seen at the House of THOMAS EDWARDS, Jun. Whittington.

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