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derstands. And *Secondly*, Because it is a more chargeable way than the other, and therefore many cannot attain thereunto.

I shall now go on with my Design, in teaching the way how to keep Bees in Boxes, or Colonies; which is more pleasant and profitable than the other, and more merciful: Because in this way, which we are now about to treat of, we kill no Bees, yet have great Quantities of Honey.

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C H A P. XI.

*The way of keeping Bees in Colonies, or Boxes, with Glass Windows, without killing the Bees, as in the Old Method.*

**I**N this way, which was first invented by Mr. Geddey, who obtain'd a Patent for the same of King Charles, there is a Necessity of having a Bee-House for to keep your Colonies in; not an open Bee-House, such as Straw-Hives are commonly kept in, but close with Doors, both before and behind: For if your Boxes were expos'd naked to the Beams of the Sun, it would melt the Honey and Wax too, and so ruin the Colony. For as Wood is more dense than Straw, so a Box is more capable to retain the Heat of the Sun than the Straw-Hive is; and consequently the Sun will melt the Honey and Wax in a Box, which it would not do in a Straw-Hive, if it stood in the same Place. In this Method their Swarming is prevented; for all the Bees swarm for want

of Room; which want is here supply'd, by giving another Box when they want Room. Neither in this way do we kill any Bees; which being a merciless and cruel way, is here prevented, and the Bees preserved alive till they die a natural Death.

One Thing I had forgot to inform my Reader of, and that is this: The best way is so to place his Bees if it may be done with Conveniency, that they may be near Water; I mean, within twenty or thirty Yards of some running, or standing Water, it matters not which; they drink much, and fetch Water often to mix up their Sandarach, or Bee-Bread, to feed their young; especially in *March, April* and *May*: So that if they should be very far from Water, they would lose much Time in their many Journeys to fetch it. But this Defect may be easily supply'd, by cutting them a little Trough out of Elm, that will hold about a Gallon, and set it or hang it near them: Or if you will be more curious, let it be well and exactly made of Deal Boards, neatly nailed together, and well painted three or four Times over, that the Weather may not hurt it. I have one of these in my own Garden, where I sometimes see an Hundred or more drinking together; which is a very pleasant Sight, as well as a great Conveniency to the Bees. But be sure always remember to cover these Troughs with small Boards of Deal, for them to stand upon and drink, otherwise many will be drowned: I mean, for the Boards to swim in the Water, that they may sink as the Water sinks; so will the Boards always be wet, and the

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Bees will stand upon them, and drink, by sucking the Water out of the wet Boards, but will not drink immediately out of the clear Water.

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## C H A P. XII.

*Directions to the Carpenter, how to make a Bee-House for Six Colonies, or Boxes of Bees; which, if full of good Bees, will at some Times employ Eighteen Boxes.*

**T**HE Length of the House must be Twelve Foot, the Breadth Two Foot, and the Floor Two Foot broad. And because no Boards are so broad, you must doult, or nail together on the under side, Two Boards, that are a Foot broad, and Twelve Foot long.

On this Floor, all your Six Colonies are to stand at an equal Distance one from another; the Two End-Boxes within Four or Five Inches of the Ends, and the Space betwixt equally divided for the other Five Boxes: They stand Four or Five Inches from the End, that you may conveniently put down your Hand, to take hold of the Iron Handle of the Box, in order to lift it upon another Box, when there is Occasion; as shall be taught hereafter.

When the Carpenter hath provided himself with the Floor, then let him, with Fir Balks, or Deal Boards cut, make a Frame after this manner. The Two Ends must be made, each consisting of Two Pillars Four Foot high, and fastned together with a Piece of Board, about  
a Foot