

The Hive and the Honeybee:

Selections from the E. F. Phillips Beekeeping Collection Online
Albert R. Mann Library, Cornell University



An exciting opportunity exists for American beekeepers to help make spectacular volumes from the E. F. Phillips Beekeeping Collection at Cornell University's Albert R. Mann Library available to the public via the World Wide Web. The Phillips Collection, inspired by Cornell professor Everett Franklin Phillips, is a major repository of information on bees and beekeeping. It is one of the three major apiculture library collections in the United States and includes several thousand volumes, many published before 1900.

The Phillips Collection features many volumes from the personal library of L.L. Langstroth, who popularized the moveable frame hive. Among these are Munn's *Description of the bar-and-frame hive* (1844), Mills' *Essay on the management of bees* (1766), Gelieu's *Bee preserver* (1829) and Townley's *Practical treatise on humanity to honey bees* (1848.)

Although Prof. Phillips initiated the collection, beekeepers themselves supplied the funds for the library's growth by contributing the proceeds of designated hives. These donations established an endowment that today continues to support new acquisitions of modern apicultural materials for the collection. In return, Phillips intended the library to be a storehouse of knowledge for the beekeeping community.

Seventy-five years after working beekeepers helped Phillips create his library, a new generation of apiculturalists is leading efforts to digitize major parts of that collection. In April 2004, Mann Library launched *The Hive and the Honeybee* ([http:// bees.library.cornell.edu/](http://bees.library.cornell.edu/)), a new and growing online collection of the most important historical publications in beekeeping. The idea for *The Hive and the Honeybee* emerged following the 2002 conference of the Eastern Apiculture Society, which was held that year on the Cornell University campus in Ithaca. Individual beekeepers and beekeeping organizations from around the country responded generously to a seed challenge announced by the Eastern Apiculture Society in Fall 2003. Their contributions made the creation of *The Hive and the Honeybee* possible. Now the Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association (TBBA) is offering another exciting challenge to help grow the online collection. The TBBA will match all new gifts in support of *The Hive and the Honeybee* on a 1:1 basis up to \$1000.

The *Hive and the Honeybee* presently consists of the full text of ten books from the Phillips Collection, chosen by a team of scholars for their historical importance and usefulness to beekeepers today. The collection will grow as funding allows, and it is hoped that eventually it will contain every major pre-1925 beekeeping work in the English language. To make a donation in support of *The Hive and the Honeybee* digital collection, please fill out the form below and send it along with your gift to the address given. You will receive written acknowledgement of your contribution, and the support of you and the Tampa Bay Beekeepers Association will be recognized on the *Hive* website. If you have any questions or for more information on the digitization of the Phillips Beekeeping Collection, please contact Janet McCue, Director of Mann Library, at (607) 255-2285 or jam7@cornell.edu. Thank you for your interest and your support!

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