

## 2022 Stahlman Beekeeping E-mail Notes Issue #42a

Next week our temperatures are going to drop to the low 30's. Freezing temperatures will change what we have been doing in the bee yard. I just came from looking at some bees -- a few were flying this morning with the temperatures going up into the low 70's. This article is one that I have written about on numerous occasions. It is hard for me to come up with something new, so I have begun my winter reading hoping to find something I could pass along for a timely topic.

I am including a pdf file of the book, *Feminine Monarchie* written by Charles Butler. It is a classic beekeeping book. I did a quick check and copies are available from Amazon for 42.50 as reprints. There is a book available for auction by Sothebys with the estimated selling price of 2000 to 3000 pounds. [www.sothebys.com/en/buy/auction/2022/travel...](http://www.sothebys.com/en/buy/auction/2022/travel...)

It is written in Olde English and is a bit hard to read. My pdf version is from a 1623 edition that I translated into modern English. Use it as you want, You may not find much there but Charles Butler should be part of every beekeepers respect for knowing something about the history of modern beekeeping. Most books will say modern beekeeping began with Langstroth. Hum Bug -- Charles Butler wrote about a queen bee not the King bee. In fact, if you are interested in keeping bees in skeps, this book is as modern as any could be.