

THE BEES OF MAGGIEKNOCKATER

dance devised by

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Maggielockater is a hamlet two miles North-east of Craigellachie.

In a field there beside the road is a large sign - "Maggielockater Apiary" - hence the title of this dance.

Jig - 4 couples - 32 bars!

Tune - "Forres Country Dance", see alternative tune for "Holyrood House" Book 22 No 4.

BARS

1-4 1st couple, giving right hands in passing, cross over to opposite sides and cast off to second place. (2nd couple step up on Bars 3-4)

5-8 1st and 3rd couples dance right hands across.

At the end:-

3rd lady turns towards 1st man, retaining hold of his right hand, then joins left hands with him in promenade hold facing out towards the ladies' side;

1st lady dances similarly with 3rd man so that they finish facing out towards the men's side of the dance.

9-12 Reels of three on the sides.

1st man and 3rd lady, dancing together, dance half a reel of three on the ladies' side with 4th and 2nd ladies. They pass 4th lady by the right to begin.

1st lady and 3rd man, dancing together, similarly dance half a reel of three on the men's side with 2nd and 4th men. They pass 2nd man by the right to begin.

On Bar 12, when they meet in the centre of the dance, 1st and 3rd couples drop hands and join hands with partners in promenade hold so that 1st couple are facing towards the men's side and 3rd couple facing towards the ladies' side.

13-16 Continuing the reels of three on the sides:-

1st couple dance half a reel of three on the men's side with 2nd and 4th men, passing 2nd man (in fourth place) by the left;

3rd couple dance half a reel of three on the ladies' side with 4th and 2nd ladies, passing 4th lady (in top place) by the left.

On Bar 16 1st man and 3rd lady join hands in promenade hold facing the men's side, while 1st lady and 3rd man join hands in promenade hold facing the ladies' side.

17-20 Continuing the reels of three on the sides:-

1st man and 3rd lady dance on the men's side passing 2nd man by the right.

1st lady and 3rd man dance on the ladies' side passing 4th lady by the right.

On Bar 20 1st and 3rd couples join hands with partners.

21-24 Continuing the reels of three on the sides:-

1st couple dance on the ladies' side passing 4th lady by the left.

3rd couple dance on the men's side passing 2nd man by the left.

25-28 1st man turns 3rd lady by the LEFT hand one and a half times to leave her in second place; 1st lady, similarly, turns 3rd man by the RIGHT hand. At the end 1st couple dance down crossing over to face 4th couple on own sides.

29-32 1st man turns 4th man one and a half times by the right hand; 1st lady turns 4th lady by the left hand. 1st couple finish in fourth place.

Repeat with a new top couple.