

A hive for extracted honey consists of bottom stand, bottom board, two entrance blocks, four brood cases (two for brood and two for extracting), honey-board and cover; the same for comb honey consists of bottom-stand, bottom-board, two entrance blocks, two brood-cases, honey-board, two surplus cases (one of each or two of either kind) and cover. Of the two kinds of surplus cases I recommend the wide frame one, but for those who feel that they cannot afford it, the T case is a cheap, but well-made, and very superior case, and extremely hard to beat.

In ordering hives or any of the parts in the flat, be sure and get a hive, or one of each of the parts ordered made up, as a perfect sample to work from. This I consider very important, as the successful working of the hive depends largely on its being perfectly made. I do not mean by this that they shall be polished like cabinet work, but simply ACCURATELY MADE, whether finished with a saw or plane.

May I again call attention to the importance in ordering these hives, to get also a copy of "Success in Bee Culture," if you have not already done so. Nearly all the manipulations in using this hive are different from those used in working ordinary frame hives in accomplishing the same results in much less time. To be successful with it, it is necessary to get out of "old ruts" in manipulation. "Success in Bee Culture" tells how to do this.

All hives should be kept well painted, and especially the covers, and no other color used than dead white. If bees are wintered in them outside, the winter case about them should be some dark color, and I would recommend Indian Red. During hot summer weather they should be protected from the sun by a 2 x 3 foot shade board, made of cheap $\frac{1}{2}$ inch lumber. For convenience in placing the shade board, and also for administering smoke at their rear, they should face the east, the prevailing winds being from a westerly direction. They should also stand level sideways, but be inclined a little towards the front to prevent any water running in at the entrance.

For ridding surplus cases and others—when full of honey—of bees, I strongly recommend the Porter Bee Escape, having found it pre-eminently successful when used under proper conditions, and have come to consider it as almost a necessary part of a perfect hive.