

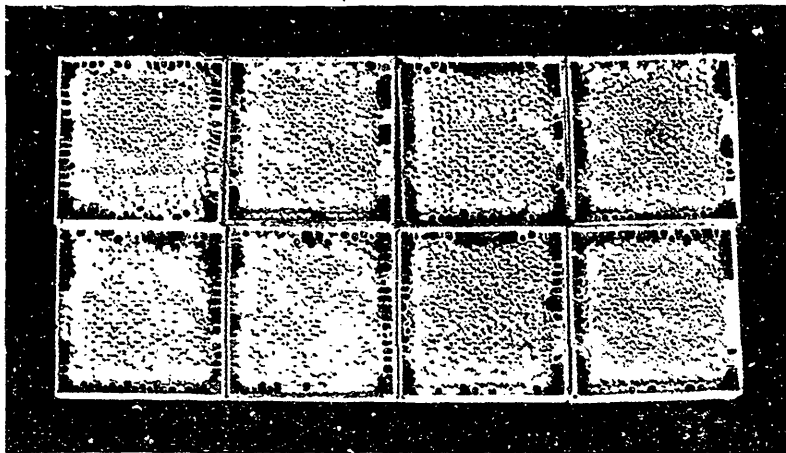
THE PLAIN SECTION.

During the past year or two no one subject has so largely engrossed the attention of our bee papers as the plain section and slat-separator. The American Bee-keeper has devoted but little space to the discussion, preferring rather to defer its remarks until the question should become more settled, either for or against its general adoption, which it was anticipated would be done during the season just past. In this, however, we have all been to some extent disappointed, as the general failure of the honey crop precluded the

Hutchinson gives it as "an object lesson in comb-building," and says it is a fair representation of such honey as he has seen produced in the two classes of sections.

We have as yet, had no opportunity of testing the advantages claimed by many for the plain section, though we have seen enough of the product upon the market to justify the conclusion that all plain sections are not as well filled as those which have come before the attention of the Review; and yet no prettier goods have been seen this year by us than has been shown in plain sections.

The eight plain sections herewith shown were purchased at retail from a local grocer from whom we obtained the producer's



PLAIN SECTIONS, FROM M. L. MAIN'S APIARY.
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experimental work projected. Hence the matter stands, awaiting favorable conditions to make more thorough tests of its merits in the future.

The Bee-keepers' Review, by whose kind permission we present elsewhere in this number an engraving of four completed sections of each style, and to which illustration editorial reference is made in the March issue of The Bee-keeper, has given the matter very thorough consideration, and inclines to think well of the new style in many ways, yet wisely cautioning all to try them first in a small way before making expensive changes in their super arrangement.

In presenting the picture, Editor

address, Mr. M. L. Main, Grand Valley, Pa.

As the honey was as nice as any we had seen, and was, indeed, very tempting, we deferred "sampling" its qualities long enough to arrange it before the camera and to expose a plate; then, upon consulting the subscription list we were pleased to find that Mr. Main was not only a subscriber, but that his Bee-keeper wrapper was insured against turning red for a year or so to come; whereupon we sent a copy of the photo to him with a request that he favor our readers with an account of his experience with, and opinion of plain sections, which was promptly granted.

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