

ing their death any more than because there is a market for wheat the farmer should sell himself and family short and have to buy again or eat something else.

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Your idea, friend Stokes, of having every working man take home his package of honey is a good one. We fully agree with you that by far the largest consumption is by this class. He who sells his honey in his own locality, or as much of it as much of it as is required for use, is not only benefitting them while he is realizing fairly for his labor, but he is educating the rising generation that when scattered, as they usually are, over the length and breadth of our land, will carry recollections of the pure honey they have been in the habit of eating, and it will become a fixed habit so they cannot do without it. There is no question about its purity among neighbors in your own neighborhood, and the purchasers will become defenders rather than offenders of bee-keepers. How easy and pleasing it will be for them to state why "we have used just used just such honey from friend Stokes for years; and as far as the adulteration goes, have there not been as many lies—if I may use the term—about comb honey being adulterated as there has been about extracted? And is it not better for us to make it a staple article at reasonable prices and reasonable profits than a luxury at fancy figures among only the wealthy. We are also pleased to see that your grocers find that their stores are not complete without a stock of honey. Many are coming to that conclusion this year, and while our entire failure of the honey crop has had its disadvantages it has had its advantages. It has shut the mouths of the vile slanderers who attempted to accuse us of adulteration because when it is very much increased in price surely that would be the time for adulterators to reap a rich harvest if they pursued such a course. This, we think, will convince many who were in doubt that our business is conducted in an honorable way. We think the extractor has come to stay, and very few successful bee-keepers will be found without one, and it will not take long to educate the people that it is necessary to their success. No doubt there are some who manage their business in a

way, and that successfully, by which the extractor is not required. This, however, is the exception, we think, and not the rule; and there is no question that it pays better interest on the investment than any of the employments in connection with farming and many other pursuits. The farmer does not sell off his hay, straw and feed for his expect them to live through the winter. Neither will the successful bee keeper expect to remove all the honey and winter his bees.

QUERIES AND REPLEIS.

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear Questions which have been asked, and replied to, by prominent and practical bee-keepers—also by the Editor. Only questions of importance should be asked in this Department, and such questions are requested from everyone. As these questions have to be put into type, sent out for answers, and the replies all awaited for, it will take some time in each case to have the answers appear.

Preventing Propolization of Sections.

QUERY 225.—Is there anything that can be put on sections that will prevent the bees from putting propolis on them?

J. K. DARLING, ALMONTE, ONT.—Don't know.

EUGENE SECOR, FOREST CITY, IOWA.—I don't know of anything.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—I never use anything for that purpose

H. F. HUNT, VILLA MASTAI, QUE.—Grease would have a tendency to prevent it.

WM. McEVOT, WOODBURN, ONT.—Keep the woodwork well covered is all that I know of.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—Not that I know of which will not soil the section.

A. B. MASON, AUBURDALE, OHIO.—Yes, tallow; but I'd rather have the propolis to clean off than the tallow.

S. CORNEIL, LINDSAY, ONT.—Smearing them with hog's lard would probably answer, but it would spoil the sale of the crop.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—Yes. Anything that will entirely cover them from the bees. But hardly anything that is practicable.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—I do not know of any such thing. I am obliged for the suggestion. I shall experiment to determine this very thing.