

address or in the discussion following any ray of light shall be shed on any dark corner, I shall be very much pleased, and I thank you, brother bee-keepers, for the very patient and kindly hearing you have given me.

Mr. Armstrong: To open the discussion on this paper of Mr. Holmes, I will make a few brief remarks. He furnishes all colonies which indicate they are over crowded with supers of drawn comb. I would say drawn combs if you have them, but if you have not, then full sheets of foundation. I want my queen excluders on at the same time as the surplus arrangements. I would not bring the extractor into use until the end of the white honey harvest, or eight or ten days after. As to the Honey Hall I think that a building about half the size would do for 150 colonies. Get a good outfit. I would agree with Mr. Holmes in this, get the very best in the market, don't buy cheap trap-traps, because you get them for little money. He has not told us how he brings his honey from the yard to the honey house. So far as leaving the supers and combs in the yard concerned, I would say, don't leave them out over night for the moth to deposit their eggs in; with reference to this I would like to ask Mr. Hall he ever had any difficulty in this way, leaving them exposed overnight?

Mr. Hall: They are never put in; they are on the hive three months, and off the hive, exposed to flies, and spiders, to moths and to mice, but from rain and snow for nine months of the year.

Mr. Post: Mr. Holmes has been accused of making a slight mistake in extracting his honey. If I understand the paper rightly he extracts his honey when the bees are all on it, and at the time it is finished and

and capped.

Mr. Holmes: Yes.

Mr. Post: Then, I infer, Mr. Armstrong, you raise your supers and keep raising them up until the honey season is over?

Mr. Armstrong: Yes.

Mr. Post: Ten days after the honey season ceases the bees will shrink back from the top supers, and as honey has an affinity to absorb water, and if the weather turns a little cool the top supers will not have nearly so good honey as if extracted when it was covered with bees and warm. I claim that Mr. Holmes' system will give the best honey. Extract it, place it in a barrel or some tight receptacle.

Mr. Armstrong: Perhaps it is the locality. My honey season closes about 12 or 15th of July, and it is left until the 20th. My honey gives 12 lbs. to the wine measure gallon, and I have no difficulty in getting that weight.

Mr. Newton: I think our friend here, after the information we had today, will never be able to send his honey across the ocean unless he changes his method of working, because he says he never takes any honey off till the white honey is in, and of course, he has his basswood and clover honey together, and they don't want that kind of honey on the other side of the ocean. I have not any reception room in my house; I think it would be too much like home sweet "Holmes."

Mr. Armstrong: I don't keep my honey mixed up; I get my clover separate. If I find I am going to have a flow of bass-wood I take off my crop of clover.

Mr. McEvoy: Mr. Holmes lives in one part away down in the north-