

out to my sorrow that it was pretty expensive.

Mr. Holtermann—I have had the pleasure of visiting Mr. House on two occasions. When I went there I always got a load of valuable information and had my note book in hand, and I must say I was delighted to get him over here and have not been disappointed and do not think any of us have. I see to-day for the first time clearly, that unless stimulative feeding is kept up one would do better not to begin it at all, that is, if you feed for a week, night after night, and then stop it injures the bees, but I never saw clearly until to-day why this is. If you feed slightly you raise the temperature and they can cover more brood, and when you keep this up for a week or so and then stop, they are not able to cover the same amount of space and you are doing an injury. Another matter is the value of feeding in the evening. If you feed in the day time you rouse them and they will go out looking for more. In the evening you prevent this. But it brings out that in the day the bees are naturally more active and the temperature is naturally raised and by feeding in the evening you carry this on through the night. I think this is an excellent plan. In the last number of "Gleanings" Dr. Miller took me to task for advising never to feed honey, but I think it is safe advice to give to the general public.

Mr. House—I believe in boiling honey but I would not want to advise people with less experience for they might think it had reached the proper temperature and not even try it to see if it was right.

Mr. Holtermann—You may not actually find diseased brood in the brood chamber and you may not think you are in a neighborhood where there is foul brood, but your bees may rob a foul broody stock and carry it into a super.

Mr. Root—I have visited Mr. House and while there I was greatly impressed with the fancy quality of his comb honey and I said something about it in our Journal. The honey was extra fancy and every section was like each other. I asked him to bring out super after super, to divide the piles and look in, but every section as far as I could see was extra good. It was very pretty honey. I think the point about feeding honey is well taken. We have had to consider it at several conventions. I do not know how we are to know if it contains disease germs.

Mr. Hershiser—There was one remark I wish to take exception to, and that is the quality of extracted honey produced from old combs. I think you said it was not as good as that from new combs. I myself know that it is just as good with clean old combs. I mean combs in use a long time, and taken out of the brood chamber, for instance. I want to say that I have produced a great deal of honey in old combs, and I have had a good many bee-keepers try to see if they could tell the difference, and none of them could detect it.

Mr. Holtermann—I have seen these old combs used year after year. They are quite dark when you first take them out, and became lighter in color after they had been used some time. That dark coloring must have gone into the honey.

Question—Are the perforations too small in this excluding zinc? (Sample.)

Mr. Root—The perforations have been fixed by myself. At one time we had the perforations 170-1000" wide and we found a good many queens were passing through. Then they were made 168-1000, and still they passed through. Then 165-1000, and occasionally one passed through. Then we made it smaller still. I am rather of the opinion

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