

Mr. Holtermann: Before Mr. Chrysler spoke I thought there was a point as to whether there are more four piece or more one piece sections used by the best comb honey producers. They certainly use the four piece section. I believe Mr. Hall and two or three others used them for a great many years before others did, certainly before I did, but I am satisfied that the four piece section is the best. You can have it keep its shape better, you can get your foundation in better and because of that you get a better filled section. I know of no method by means of which you can get a one piece section filled, but with the four piece section and the hot plate process you can put your foundation on the top bar before it is put together, and then have it of such a length that after the plate is taken away and after the sheet is melted down it is yet large enough to fill the section; and as far as I know it is impossible to do that with a one piece section.

Now as to the split top, I don't just agree with the view that is taken by one or two here. Mind you I give it second place, but with a split top you can put in a full sheet foundation, which as far as I know you cannot do in any other way. Then there is another question to consider in this matter with a split top; those who are keeping a few bees cannot go to the expense or, perhaps better, will not go the expense of getting appliances which are needed, and they can put in a foundation cleaner with the split top; so that although I fully endorse the attitude in connection with the one and four piece section, I do not just agree with the attitude towards the split top. I would prefer for the amateur the split top and for the practical man not split.

Mr. Fixter: Have you ever used

the one piece split top?

Mr. Hall: I am very happy to say I never did. As Mr. Holtermann has said I used the four piece section six years before I heard of a one piece. With the split bar you have to put your foundation through and wherever there is beeswax the bees add more to it, and you have to scrape it off. It does very well for the amateur who raises a few pounds for himself and his friends that does not need any scraping of the sections, but not for the professional; his time is valuable.

Mr. Fixter: I hope you will not think I prefer the split top; we agree with what Mr. Hall says entirely. We find that the amateur will handle the split tops better than the others. I use the others myself.

Mr. Chrysler: It is more economic for even an amateur to buy a machine than to pay the extra price of split sections, even if it is only a thousand sections.

Mr. Holtermann: What price have you to pay for a proper machine to do that?

Mr. Shaver: Make it yourself.

Mr. Chrysler: You might make a machine to do it pretty cheap but I would invest in one.

Mr. Holtermann: I don't know of any machine that I would use that cost less than \$2.

Mr. Pirie: I use a machine that costs less than 10 cents. I have blocked the size of the section; have come to the centre where you want the foundation and then use a small brush to apply some melted wax over go on just lay your foundation in and draw the brush along and as you draw the brush along you can put in the foundation if you have the wax at the proper heat. I put the sections together before I put the wax in either the one or four piece section.