

I am perfectly willing but I don't think it would do any good.

Mr. Heise : This is a question that has been discussed in the journals and at meetings all over. It is a matter that will have to be decided by every bee-keeper according to the locality in which he lives and according to his particular management.

Mr. Holmes : I will then withdraw my request for fear of getting further and further in the haze. (Laughter)

Question No. 4. Are Propolis Quilts an Advantage or Disadvantage on either Supers for Section or Extracting Frames?

Mr. Newton : I think the question might be answered yes and no.

Mr. Gemmell : It is a disadvantage all around.

Mr. Newton : I don't know that there is any particular disadvantage in them when it comes to extracting honey, but in the case of comb honey they spoil the sections and makes them unsaleable.

I read an account in one of the journals not long ago where propolis was becoming in great demand. If so we will have to try and get it on our quilts and scrape it off and sell it to our doctors.

Mr. Darling : I thought the question would be quilt or no quilt.

Mr. Gemmell : I should say no quilt at all.

Mr. Smith : Would you use a cover instead of a quilt?

Mr. Gemmell : Yes, every time. What is the use of the quilt? You can't use it on top of the sections; it is of no use except to soil the sections.

Mr. Smith : Not Necessarily. If you use a proper bee space you will not get propolis on it at all. Use an oil cloth.

Mr. Newton : That is a quilt all the same.

Mr. Post : I think a quilt is a perfect nuisance for either extracted or comb honey—a dobbie, messy thing. A honey board is away ahead of that. In using the quilt for extracted honey the bees will build up propolis right along the edge of the top bar to the quilt if it does not lie down perfectly and when you go to put the frame in the extractor there is a great lot of propolis to scrape off. It is always in the way, mussing up everything. Whereas, our top bars will be perfectly clean without a quilt. I never use a quilt and I really think, from what I have seen of them in other yards they are a great nuisance. There is one-sixteenth of an inch space between the honey boards and the top of the frames.

Mr. Darling : You don't live in my section.

Mr. Smith : We use the quilt that gives that proper space, too, without having my propolis on it, and if the quilt is made, as we make them, with half inch bevelled slats, and the cloth glued upon them and then painted, it will last for many years. It gives the proper bee space and we have no surplus propolis at all where the space is right. I would be afraid in a location where it was not shady that it might be too hot without a quilt. The slats afford a certain amount of ventilation.

Mr. Post : It is quite cool too, in cold weather. I should think the board would be the best, take it all round.

Mr. Gemmell : I never have had any comb melt down on account of the heat. A shade board is laid on top of my cover.

Mr. Smith : We don't find anything of that kind necessary. We use a quilt instead of a shade board.

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