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Honey Exhibit.

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I believe Mr. Hodgetts has sent out a circular letter to the secretaries of the local branches, in which he asks that the matter be brought up at the Being away from spring · meetings. home. I have not received mine yet. As none of the executive committee know much about exhibiting honey it is sincerely to be hoped that every beekeeper will take a personal interest in the matter. This is the only way it can be made a success. As I have already said, after our talking co-operation at all our conventions, it is surely time to show that we can do something else than talk.

[Hear! hear!—Ed.]

DINES' METHOD OF RAISING QUEENS.



By Oscar Dines.

The other day, when Mr. Holterman was telling us of some of the good things said and done at the recent New York State convention, we were particularly interested in a new method of raising queens, which seemed very ingenious and at the same time exceedingly simple. Mr. Oscar Dines, of Syracuse, N.Y., its originator, furnished a description of the method at the convention, and, at our request, has writ-

ten the following article for the C.B.J. We have already heard of several of the most prominent bee-keepers of this continent who intend to give the method a trial during the coming season, and we are sure that its simplicity will ensure for it a widespread adoption in Canada. We shall be very glad to hear from our readers who may desire a fuller explanation of any of the points touched upon in the article.—Ed.]

I have been desired by the Editor to describe my new method of obtaining queen-cells, exhibited by me at the recent New York State convention. By way of preface, let me say that I do not claim credit for any originality in the matter. Something over a year ago Dr. Phillips of Washington told us of laying a piece of brood comb on the top of the frames of a queenless colony and of the bees building queen-cells. Mr. Case then spoke of placing a whole frame of brood on top of a queenless colony, raising it above the frames by means of small blocks of wood placed under the corners, and then covering the comb with a cloth. He thus used the entire colony for queen-cell production. My present method of using the device described below in which to support the comb of brood was evolved from the ideas just referred to.

Bee-keepers who, like myself, are honey-producers, and not queen-breeders, find that methods involving the transferring of royal jelly and young larvae are far too delicate for the average bee-keeper. This transferring is rendered quite unnecessary in the plan that I have practised during the past season, and I find that by its means I am able to raise queens at a much more rapid rate than formerly. Its simplicity is such that it is a wonder to me that it was not thought of long ago, and for my own part I believe, and have no doubt, that it will come into general use amongst the ordinary run of honey producers. With me the