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Questions and * * Answers

[Questions to be answered in these colums should be sent to us not later than the 15th of each month in order to insure their answer appearing in the following issue. We wish to make this department as useful to our readers as possible and a reliable source of information. For the present at least the replies will be procured from various sources.]

Replying further to the question asked by H. F. H. (Quebec) in last issue, which do you consider the best introducing cage? We give a cut of the "Miller" cage (favor A. I. Root Co.,) and copy the following from the A B C of Bee Culture :--

"MILLER'S INTRODUCING CAGE."

"It is very convenient to have in the apiary small cages for introducing, as well as for caging and holding queens that come out with swarms until they can be introduced or dis-



posed of. The one above illustrated is the best of any. It is especially handy for introducing young virgins. The cage is so flat it can be slid in at the entrance, without even removing the cover of the hives, and the bees will release the queen by the candy method. But when introducing fertile or valuable queens I would recommend inserting it between two combs. Draw them together until they hold the cage. The queen thus acquires the scent of the combs, brood, and of the cluster, and hence when released be more likely to be accepted. I copy its manner of construction from Dr. Miller's own words:

"Take a block 3 inches long, I_4^1 wide, and 3-8 thick: two blocks 1 inch by 7-16 x 3-8: two pieces of tin about an inch square; a piece of wire cloth $4\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$; two pieces of fine wire about 9 inches long, and 4 small wire nails $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{5}{8}$ long. That's the bill of material. Lay down the two small blocks parallel, $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch a part, one piece of tin under, and one over them. Nail together and clinch These two blocks, being 3-8 inch apart, make the hole fill with Good honey, w candy, through which the queen is the difference of the state of the st

For an introducing-cage this is the stran ahead of anything else I know. In will defen our apiaries we use it exclusively. In selec Another feature of importance to be work, ch ginners is as a queen-catcher. It ar workers t be set down over the queen after the home ag wooden slide is removed, and when pees. T she crawls upward the plug is n carrying a placed."

Feeding Back Unfinished Sections Fred H. Fargo

Having for several years practice the following described method is secure the completion of unfinish sections at the close of the hore gathering season, it may be of been fit or interest to some who might h to experiment by trying the plat as every apiarist has generally a go many sections that if complet would bring better prices to the p ducer and sell better in the mark

The honey to be fed back; whi may consist of unfinished sections any combs of suitable honey, in three to four pounds in quantity, daily placed in a hive (the entra to which must be contracted to an only one or two bees at a time) an rods from the apiary, and not age distance from the colony upon an are placed the unfinished sections be completed. A section of he bruised so that the honey is read run, and covered with bees is a taken from the colony upon an

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