Queries ——AND—— Answers

Question 1:-What size of winmivise. tering cases would. you for, say, two: hives of use making each? What depth of under the hives, if any, and hew much at the sides and ends, and what packing on top? Do you leave an air space on top of packing, under cover of case, and if so, how much? high do you set your cases from the W. B. ground?

Grandview, Ont.

(Answer) The wintering cases we use hold four hives, has two inches of loose, dry, forest leaves on the bot-The hives, with covers removed, are placed close together on the leaves each pair facing in opposite directions. The fly holes in the cases are four inches long by two deep; a bridge three inches wide is placed on the alighting board of the hive to prevent the pack-The threeing blocking the entrance. inch space all around the outside is then packed with dry leaves. The space above the hives, eight incars, is filled loose slaus with leaves, and compact, them to keep all the slats will compress the leaves, and make one or two inches of space, suf-The cover of ficient for ventilation. the case must keep out rain or snow, and if it fits closely one or two augur holes for ventilation should be bored, on opposite sides of the case, and covered with wire cloth.

If the situation is dry, six inches will be sufficient height above the ground.

For packing two hives in a case you would require a case a little larger

than half the size required for four: we consider the case for the four hives the more economical.

Question 2: I find that I have two or three queenless colonies, which have been so for some time. What would you advise to do with them?

(Answer): It is sometimes a diffiget bees "that cult matter to have been queenless for a length of time to accept a queen. If no laying workers were present, I would give them a frame of comb from another hive, containing eggs, or small larvae, and if they started queen cells, I would introduce a laying queen as soon as possible after removing the queen cell. If, however, they would not start queen cells, I would continue to give them a frame of brood occasionally, until they were in the humor to accept a queen.

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St. Thomas, Ont., R.H.S.

When you take off your surplus honey, if it is intended for market, clean the sections carefully, and put them in a close fitting shipping case, in a rrom free from dust and dirt and Honey should not be bad odors. left exposed to dust and disagreeable If it is it will soon be covered with dirt, and it taints from bad surroundings about as quickly as but-There is no way to clean it after it is once covered with dust and it should therefore receive care ful attention as soon as it is taken Never take it to from the bees. market in the supers, if you want ! secure the best price, but remember that in this age people are particular about how a thing appears when "Broken honey is put on the table. may taste just as well, but the thrift housewife prefers a neat, square cal that will not drip ...uch, cut out clean section, to put on with her be table linen when company comes, will pay more for it than s she would for a lot of musty, broken con It always pays to put think up, especially honey, neat and cle -Modern Farmer.