

by coaxing them on to these little starters, and when we have them spread all across there we can put the super on; and the bees will take readily to this with full sheets of foundation because they have not much below, and they would rather use that than build new combs, and will spread right up to the very corner of the super in an hour after it is given and they will go to work at once, for where their treasure is their heart will be too. As to the drone comb, I think Mr. Chrysler is right about that, in my experience, and I would just like to ask Mr. Newton if he has ever tried to hive in a large hive, putting in full combs with small starters.

Mr. Newton: Yes, before I made foundation for myself I did not want to spend any more money than I could help, and I used to use the narrow starters, and I never had as good results as with a two inch starter. I would not advise any larger than two inches.

Mr. Sibbald: Why draw the line at two inches?

Mr. Newton: Why draw the line at one-quarter? because that suits you best and two inches suits me best.

Mr. Sibbald: And if you take it down to two inches why not make it three inches?

Mr. Newton: That is where you are going too far; you are giving the queen too much space. The bees will start to build, and she is going to have a chance to let them build a lot of drone comb, but with two inches she fills that. I wish I had brought a few combs that have been built on the five frame process, and I think I could take you to hives in my yard where looking at five frames

I do not think you could find a patch of drone comb with young queens.

Mr. Sibbald: In our yards we have old and young queens, and we cannot govern that, and we have to do the best we can with them.

Mr. Newton: I have tried what Mr. Chrysler and you suggest in regard to using dummies, and hiving them on the full size hive, and to me that has never given as good results as contracting.

Mr. Sibbald: I disagree with you on that point.

Mr. Newton: I discarded my full super and went to work with half supers, and I think they are a great deal better than full supers which cover the top of the hive.

Mr. Sibbald: I find with the work I have to do in the busy season that one super is small enough, and I believe I would rather have a bigger one still if I were going to change again. As to hiving on the old stand and placing the old hive alongside, as Mr. Newton said, I agree with him there. He said he left a swarm two days before putting on the super. I think he is pretty nearly right in this, although it might not be out of the way to put the super on next day.

Mr. Newton: I agree with Mr. Sibbald, because there is so much difference in some hives; some would make their home there in half an hour, and go right straight to work.

Mr. McEivoy: Would there not be some danger of pollen if you did this right off. With two days' system you would not run any risks.

Mr. Sibbald: If they are hived at noon, and you look in at night if there has not been a little foundation you will find perhaps three inches of comb, and the next day you will be