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On page 464 of the last number of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL will be found an interesting article on the Comb Honey. "Production of Comb

Honey." It is written by that well known apicultural writer, Doctor C. C. Miller. The doctor is an advocate of the T super, and he wants us to explain about the super we advocate. The best way to understand the editorial references is to read Doctor Miller's article first. As to nailing of separators, I would nail neither tin or wood. I used to think it necessary to nail tin, because with the section supporter and the sections slotted as many were slotted, the straight tin separators would not hold their place. Now we rather incline to having the section slotted out sufficiently to give a straight separator to the full depth of the section. We see a great advantage in the nailing of wooden separators, and unless done as Doctor Miller says with a single nail, it may be a great disadvantage. After testing the sliced separators and comparing them with the sawed, I prefer the sawed; they keep their shape much better. As far as I know sliced and sawed separators are sold at the same price. I think the sliced separators I used were whitewood. To be candid, I disliked taking comb honey until we took the section holder; as you say it was not invented in Canada. We took the one from A. I. Root. Now the bulk of our comb honey and it is generally of a very good finish. We do not find it as easy to manipulate the T super as the section holder. Those pieces and those separators

when the sections are out of it fall into all shapes and have to be adjusted. They with my temperament drive me wild. The section holders are put in place also the separators. As the sections are prepared they can be put in place and all they require is keying. The doctor does not wager we do not wager, but I would just like to try this race. The doctor in the fall of the year gets his supers as nearly ready as he can. I do the same, and three months after we start to fill our supers. I will fill ten before he does; if he took my supers and I his, I believe he would come out ahead. As to section cleaning, I like to have a section kept so it never soils. When once the wood has been stained it has lost all its perfect appearance. Were it not for the difficulty in removing and pulling in the sections, I should like it protected all around. When I speak of difficulty in removing sections, it is not only inconvenience after filling, but sometimes the foundation in a section gives way. With the section supporter it can be removed more readily than with the frame. In my estimation the section holder goes as near perfect protection to all parts of the wood as we dare go. The sides, bottom and edges of the sides are protected, only the top bar exposed. I do not think there is practically any difference in added distance from brood chamber. The distance is only the width of the bottom of the section holder one quarter inch. I think the bottom bars hold things level just as rigidly as the T tins. I have some in use three seasons, there is no sag to them. The claim that outer sec-