

worked by the bees. I think the bees in drawing out comb pick it out in granules and build that way. In building natural comb she uses the particles of wax from her wax pockets, and it is worked in those granules, and I think the bees prefer to work it that way instead of working something that will pull out like strings. I do not doubt but what the bees will work on the Weed foundation all right, but I think they prefer to work on the foundation made in the ordinary way and use their own wax.

Q. What is the best method of getting rid of pollen?

Mr. Pickett: The way I get rid of it, if I have too much of it, I destroy the comb. I would be pleased to hear from some others in that line.

Mr. Hall: That question has been well answered in the discussion of Mr. Newton's paper—by giving them room in the hive to put in.

Mr. Newton: I think there are a couple of gentlemen here who have misunderstood Mr. Hall in one thing, and I think he should have a moment to explain himself. It is about leaving perforated metal between the comb supers and the hive—does he do it or does he not do it?

Mr. Hall: We use the perforated metal for comb honey only at the time of hiving a swarm, and only on contracted hives, and we do not go back to take it off until it is convenient. Any hive in the yard that has not swarmed has no excluder. I want the excluders for extracting, so that we may work quickly.

Mr. Shaver: Do you not get a little better honey with the queen excluders than without?

Mr. Hall: No. Some seasons we get a large amount of pollen in our sections, again perhaps out of four or

five thousand pounds we may have only twenty sections with pollen in. Other years the hives and swarms, treated just the same, we would have 200 or 300 sections with pollen in. What the reason is, I do not know. There are some races of bees that do not know much, and do not know where to put the pollen.

Mr. McKnight: The excluder is used to prevent the queen from going up and depositing eggs above and destroying comb honey; is that likely to occur if contraction is not practiced?

Mr. Hall: Yes, sir.

Mr. McKnight: Not often in my experience.

Mr. Hall: I did not say how often; there are some very stupid bees that do not know where to put their pollen. I had some of them a few years ago; they were grand bees to handle and to build comb, they were very prolific. But they did not know their own home, you could find them in every hive in the yard. They did not know even enough to sting. They were the prettiest and the stupidest bees I ever had.

A Pleasing Event.

The new president Mr. C. W. Post took the chair after the retiring president Mr. Brown had returned thanks to the association for the cordial support given him while in office.

Mr. McKnight: There is a little matter I would like to bring up. We have a gentlemen with us during this convention who is here only by the solicitation of a great many members. This association has been a great success right from the first until now, and that is something creditable. There has been men who have done more than Mr. J. B. Hall has for this association in a purely business way but I want to tell you there is not a man belonging to this asso-

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