

queens, what a nice lot of drone comb you will have, if you have any use for it.—**COTTING.**

I always hive on starters, and seldom have an excess of drone comb built. I give them a case of sections with only starters in, as soon as the swarm has got fairly settled in its hive, and this case draws so many bees away from the brood chamber that worker comb is built slowly, and when built slowly it is pretty sure to be worker comb.—**GATTS.**

I know a man who claimed to make a success of hiving on starters. More; he believed it. He sold his combs to a neighbor in the spring, and used starters only. In the fall the difference between the two in results enabled the man's neighbor to more than pay for the combs he had bought. Our good friend is now an advocate of starters no longer; he has lately become very well known in connection with the fermenting of sugar syrup. I know another who advocates feeding bees on starters; but I know in the spring of the year he has lots of bees to sell and lots of drone comb with them. I guess we cannot both have our pudding and eat it.—**HOLTERMANN.**

Because under some peculiar circumstances it succeeds, and the "some men" that recommend it are not well enough informed for safe teachers.—**DEMAREE.**

I guess it is because the "nine" being young in the business, having always had combs and foundation to use, they haven't learned to manipulate right to get worker combs almost exclusively by the use of starters only. We used to do it—we had to do it—and necessity is the mother of invention. Hutchinson's book tells how to do it.—**HEDDON.**

Ask Hutchinson.—**MILLER.**

QUESTION.

8. Why is it that tiering up is practised successfully by a great many beekeepers,

and yet there are hundreds who cannot induce their bees to do anything above the brood nest; at least, a majority of their colonies prefer cooling themselves on the piazza instead of filling the vacancy above their sleeping apartments?

ANSWERS.

If a shade board is used the bees will take more readily to the top sections; yet with me bees always take to the side sections first, others to the contrary notwithstanding.—**DOCLITTLE.**

It can't be that they would copy the example of the apiarist and be lazy. So it is, probably, because the flowers yield no nectar, or because they are somehow mismanaged.—**TAYLOR.**

Different strains of bees work differently; but I find but little trouble to get them to go above if they don't have too much room below and if honey is coming in. In making up your case of sections, put in about three sections left over from last year, and if a little honey is left all the better. If honey is coming in rapidly, and they are well to work, raise the case and put another one prepared under it; place the one they are at work in on top, and they will soon be well at work in both cases, especially if your colonies are strong. If the honey flow continues put on a third. We always try to have on two cases, and at many times three.—**COTTING.**

See answer to sixth question.—**GATES.**

The Jones hive was all right when bees were \$10 per colony; they were a good hive to divide bees in. But now, when we are not after bees but honey, and we are working in the direction of advancement, the Jones hive is no longer "in it" I have used it. It is too deep for a good surplus arrangement for the average colony, and we must change. The eight frame combination hive is too small. I always say to farmers, for good results the Langstroth is not necessary—any hive within reason. These two hives I consider to-day out of reason; at the same time I doubt if bees