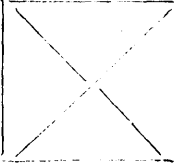


them to be far inferior to starters at top only, and of course very far inferior to full sheets of foundation. I consider foundation about 7 or 8 feet to the pound, about the correct weight for brood frames.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG KY.—I have tried starters in nearly every fashion and I prefer to have them at the top and nowhere else I have been experimenting this season with starters in sections, and a starter cut thus,



using one-fourth of the full size to each section, attaching it to the top of the section, has given the best of satisfaction.

By THE EDITOR.—Have tried it but do not consider it a success; bees cannot build backwards properly.

#### THE HOFFMAN FRAME.

QUERY No. 93.—Have you ever used the Hoffman frames which have shoulders on ends of top bar and same on upper part of end bar which space them  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inches from centre to centre. If so, have you found any trouble in getting brood clear up to top bar or in keeping combs the thickness of brood combs?

M. EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—Never used them.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—Never used them.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL. Have never tried them.

DR. A. B. MASON, WAGON WORKS, O.—Never used the frames.

ALLEN PRINGLE SELBY, ONT.—I never used the Hoffman frames.

JUDGE ANDREWS, MCKINNEY, COLLIN CO. TEXAS.—I have never used them.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—I have never used a frame by that name.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—Have used such frames but do not like them. Yet saw no trouble about brood.

DR. DUNCAN, EMBRO, ONT.—I have never used Hoffman frames, those I have answer every purpose. They are same size as Langstroth, only 1 inch deeper; if you have a good queen, you will get all the brood you want, and sometimes more.

S. CORNEIL, LINDSAY, ONT.—My frames have shoulders on the end bars all the way down, which space them  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. from centre to centre. I have not observed any difference between them and the ordinary frame with respect to the matters mentioned.

J. E. POND, FOXBORO, MASS.—I have never used the Hoffman frames at all, and for the reason that I do not want any frames that are not wholly interchangeable, and this cannot be the case where any device is used that keeps them spaced at regular distances apart.

O. O. POPPLETON, WILLIAMSTOWN, IOWA.—Have never used the Hoffman frames, but do use frames that are kept  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inches from centre to centre. Have no particular trouble in keeping combs the proper thickness, but whether they are filled full of brood or not, depends on many other conditions than condition of combs.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—Some years ago I used the King hive which has a similar frame, had no trouble then with having brood comb of the usual thickness. Do not now remember as to brooding but I presume it will depend more on what sort of a queen is in the hive and how it has been handled, whether you have brood crowding top bars or not.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG, KY.—I never used the frame you refer to, and would not use it. The frames being  $1\frac{3}{8}$  in. apart from centre to centre I cannot see why they would not work well enough. Well, right here, I really do not care to have brood "clear up to the top bar" unless I am using a very shallow frame. A strip of honey next to the top bar in the Standard L. frame is not in my way when producing comb honey.

By THE EDITOR.—Tried them years ago but discarded them. To some doubtless they might be satisfactory.

## SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

M. J. LEWIS.—I send you a sample of the honey that my bees have lately been gathering. I never saw any like it before, and never want to again, unless the bees are very hard up. Did you ever see any like it? What kind of flowers do you think it is gathered from, or is it honeydew, and if so what is best to be done with it? Is it fit to use, if flavor is not objectionable?

Central Onslow, N. S., June 26th, 1886.

The sample received is, we decide, honeydew, and we would recommend that you extract it all from the combs and feed it back to nuclei, or to such colonies as need it for brooding. Do not use it for winter stores.