

JUDGE ANDREWS, MCKENNY, TEXAS.—I see no reason why I should not use it thus ; but it is rarely on hand *new and clean*.

DR. DUNCAN, EMBRO, ONT.—Because the queen is apt to lay drone eggs on it when there is a scarcity of drone comb in the brood-chamber.

H. COUSE, CHELTENHAM, ONT.—Have had some very nice sections filled in this way, but it is not advisable to "grow" drone comb for this purpose.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—It does not make as fine an appearance when capped over as worker comb or foundation. Try it and see how you like it.

S. CORNEIL, LINDSAY, ONT.—So I do when I can get it without either honey or brood. The capping of the finished sections is a little coarser than that of worker comb.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—Why not ? But the question comes, would it be the most profitable way of doing. I think you can't afford to do it.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG, KY.—I have tried it often and it does very well, but the bees do not finish the outer edges as nicely as they do when building the comb from a V-shaped starter.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—New and clean drone comb that has not been used at all for brooding will answer in the sections very well, but you must shut the queen away from them by means of the perforated zinc.

JAMES HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—We who kept bees many years before the advent of foundation, used to practice, *just that*. It is well to use what little perfectly new and white comb you can command, but for general use I feel that we will always depend upon foundation, either for guides or in full sheets.

J. E. POND, FOXBORO, MASS.—My reason is that I do not fancy the "look" of drone comb honey as well as worker. If the appearance is not objectionable it may be used, and the bees will fill it sure. Care must be taken to keep the queen out of such sections, else more drone brood than honey will be deposited.

#### BEES PACKED ON THE ABSORBENT PLAN.

QUERY No. 134.—Have you packed bees on the absorbent plan this season with or without top ventilation, or have you given a brood chamber sealed tight with plenty of entrance ventilation ?

JUDGE ANDREWS, MCKENNY, TEXAS.—I never "pack bees."

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—I use the former plan.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—We have them both ways.

DR. A. B. MASON, AUBURNDALE, TOLEDO, O.—Sealed tight, with plenty of entrance ventilation, and in the cellar.

S. T. PETTIT, BELMONT, ONT.—My bees, 101 live in cellar, one outside. All, or nearly all, sealed tight, with propolised cloths on top.

JAMES HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—Of our 500 colonies we have packed both ways, on an extensive scale, both in and out of doors.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—My bees were carried in the cellar just as they were on the summer stands ; entrance open full width and all closed above.

DR. DUNCAN, EMBRO, ONT.—Mine has the brood-chamber sealed tight, with plenty of entrance ventilation. I use the same quilt summer and winter ; take cushion off when in the cellar. All right so far.

H. COUSE, CHELTENHAM, ONT.—My bees are all in the cellar with the exception of three colonies, packed outside on the absorbent plan, with entrance full size, porous quilts and chaff packing.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG, KY.—I have bees packed both ways in my apiary, tight at top, and with absorbents at the top. It never makes any difference with my bees, if they are well ventilated at the entrance.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—I prefer plenty of entrance ventilation when left on summer stands. I want a good non-conductor over the frames in the upper story. With a good non-conductor you will not be troubled with moisture.

J. E. POND, FOXBORO, MASS.—I always pack my bees on the absorbent plan, using such top packing as will allow moisture to pass off imperceptibly, and still keep the heat retained within the hive. I give large entrance ventilation in all cases.