

were fine Italian queens taken out of weak colonies that were to be united with others.

3. Yes; perfectly safe; foundation from such combs has never given the dis-

4. Yes; and the foundation from this material makes the best foundation for every purpose.

William McEvoy.

Woodburn, June 13, 1910.

[Mr. McEvoy has kindly sent us the above for publication, asking us to reserve the name of the writer, as the correspondence was private. The replies to the questions are of such general interest that we are glad to give them to our readers.—Ed.]

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THIS SPRING'S EXPERIENCE

I put 141 in the cellar last fall, and all wintered but one, which was queenless, and have lost four queens since. Now, my trouble is no honey and all kinds of bees. Had first swarm May 16 and a few since. I run for section honey. Bees are up in supers and clustering out these cool wet nights. They work a little about every 7 or 8 days. I have been feeding syrup all spring, and have got to feed more. Sealed honey all gone two weeks ago. I had a lot of sealed honey in brood nest and it is all gone. They are killing the drones. I have had bees for thirty years off and on and never had such an experience before. I suppose the weather is just the same at Brantford. Let me know how you are making out with yours.

ARIEL WILLS.

Jordan, June 6.

[Your experience is similar to a great many others this spring. In the early part of the spring the weather was very fine. Brood rearing was taking place heavily, and went on until the bees exhausted all stores. Bad weather set in during fruit bloom and the bees were unable to do what they should have done at

this time. The cold, wet weather continued with the result that the bees began to throw out larvae—the drones first. You did the right thing to feed. Thousands of colonies all over the country have been starving during the last month. Those who have not fed will have few bees for the harvest. The harvest may yet be a good one. Clover is abundant. Good warm weather will now bring it along quickly. Those who have fed and kept their brood chambers in normal condition will reap the good results later. We hope this will be your experience.—Ed.]

The Twelve Frame Hive

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Ila Michener.

In an editorial you ask to hear from some of your readers in regard to a twelve-frame Langstroth hive.

You say "the twelve frame is too large to winter in." Why? Our twelve frame hives have a close-fitting division board, and I move it up to accommodate any swarm. You say "it is too large for spring." That same division board makes the space all right for spring for any sized swarm, and in the fall, as soon as the upper stories are removed and sufficient sealed honey placed below, we place in the division board to suit the swarm. I have wintered swarms in those twelve-frame hives by placing a division board on each side of the bees, and filling the space on each side with chaff; then tack a piece of burlap on the bottom of the upper story, place it on and fill it with chaff; put on the cover, then cover the whole with tar paper, except the entrance and the bees will winter well.

Then in a time like this, when there is abundance of bloom every where and no honey for the bees to gather on account of cool weather, how nice to move back the division board and place in a comb of honey, or a comb filled with sugar syrup.