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QUESTION DRAWER — CONDUCTED
BY MR. JAS. ARMSTRONG.

Question: Would you advise all metal excluders or would you use metal and strips of wood?

Mr. Armstrong: For my part I would use both. They are the best they board for queen excluder I ever used; but they are a little harder to make and a little more expensive, so I have come to the all metal with a good rim.

Question: Do you notice any difference in the results between the two?

Mr. Armstrong: If anything, the metal has the advantage as far as experience goes. There are no gaps in the openings. The metal supply frames are sending out now is perforated so closely that there is a very small margin between the perforations, they are nearly all open and it is nearly like as though there were no queen excluder between at all. When there is just one row of metal between the wooden strips it cloggs the holes up more or less; they are easier to keep clean.

Mr. Sparling: A friend of mine used a strip down the centre of two pieces of board and I could not see but that they did just as well as with the full sheet of metal. He claimed they did and he had some both ways.

Mr. Armstrong: At one time with the Hedden or Jones hive a board was used with seven eighths inch wooden strips. I understand that the bees would go up through quicker than they would through the metal and wood together, but I did not like them.

Mr. McEvoy: I like them all metal with a rim around about five-sixteenths and sprung in with a button so that when you turn it off it springs off; it don't clogg up and you can clean them.

The President: When you use the metal would it be advisable to have wood rims to leave a bee space?

Mr. Armstrong: Oh, yes; also in the Langstroth hive you want a strip or two small strips across the centre. If you don't have that the metal will sag down and it will spoil the bee space.

Question: Would you recommend a deeper frame than the Langstroth for the brood chamber?

Mr. Armstrong: That question is a little out of my line. I am an 8-frame man. Last summer I thought sometimes I would like to have something a little bigger.

Mr. Heise: I might say during the first two years of my bee-keeping I