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### TUESDAY EVENING.

#### QUESTION BOX.

The question box was opened by Mr. John Newton of Thamesford.

**QUESTION**—What success, if any, are drone and queen traps at out-apiaries?

Mr. Newton: I have no experience personally on the matter, but I have met with some parties who have used them, and who, when away from home during the day, attended to their bees that had swarmed during the day when they came home in the evening and I have been told that the queen traps worked with very good success.

Mr. Dickinson: I will give you a little of my experience. If you carry business on on a large scale and if seven or eight were to go off at once your drone traps would not amount to anything, with a large apiary the queen catcher would be troublesome, but the queen catcher is a good thing other ways.

Mr. Post: I have had no experience with them.

Mr. McKnight: I have had no experi-

ence, and the fact that very few have had experience seems to me to imply their employment does not commend itself.

Mr. Emeigh: I have had no experience at all. I have no out-apiaries, but if the drone trap would get two or three swarms together that would be just what I would want. I want those big swarms.

Mr. Darling: Mr. Emeigh did you ever get your colonies too strong?

Mr. Emeigh: No.

Mr. Darling: I have had them so strong that they would not work. I have had no success until I destroyed the queen and gave them a sheet of brood. Where they are so strong they are so very apt to ball the queen.

Mr. Emeigh: Possibly strange bees coming back might ball the queen.

Mr. McEvoy: I have not had experience along that line at all. I think Mr. McKnight put the whole thing in a nut-shell, that if they had been of much practical value the bee-keepers' would have been on to them. Let us hear from Mr. Hall.

Mr. Hall: This was the fellow that asked the question. I wanted to learn something.

Mr. Newton: I knew whose question it was, and I knew his object also in running out-apiaries. I find in my own yard I like to have a drone trap once in a while, and I think having