

Mr. Darling : No. Two nails in each strip, four nails in a hive.

Mr. Sibbald : When Mr. Pettit comes to put the third story on from the bottom edge not catch tight to the frame—that is, propolized to the bottom edge of the hive?

Mr. Pettit : If everything is square and even and nice and snug the propolizing does not amount to anything.

Mr. Sibbald : You understand what I mean. If it is a nice snug fit the hive will just rest even on the top of the frame and on the other half, at the end of the hive, it will be stuck to the bottom and when you pry the top off probably two or three of them will lift and drop down again and annoy the bees very much.

Mr. Pettit : turn it side ways and slide it.

Mr. Sibbald : That is alright with your staples but if you hadn't staples there it would slide the whole thing.

Mr. Pettit : I couldn't keep bees without staples.

Mr. Dickenson : Mr. Pettit recommends running the capping knife down. I think Mr. McIntyre is on record in our November Bee Journal as saying "always cut up."

Mr. Hall : We all of us have different methods and all have found out how to rock the cradle and keep the baby quiet, those that have the space below and those that have the space above, and those that have loose and tight frames are alright because they run them to suit their own hives.

Mr. Pettit : That is the point exactly. We all have different things according to our own management. From my experience of years without staples, with frames hanging loose and then using the staples, and spending hours driving staples in frames that have not had them, I would not think of pulling out the staples and going without them again.

Mr. Lowey : I use the metal rabbet and would not have a hive without them. I pick them up when I want to take them away and pick them up when I want to bring them home. I do not perhaps move them enough to want a screen on top. I never have any difficulty. I would say to any one man never use a closed end frame or a frame with any spacing without a metal rabbet.

I have read something about cutting out the queen cells and when I heard about going through the hive I thought I would ask what the object of doing that was, whether it was to prevent swarming.

Mr. Sibbald : I don't think it is very much use cutting out queen cells to prevent swarming.

Mr. Hall : When we take them out for the buckwheat we never go into them for any cause except from the top. We don't take them out for white honey because we have them where the white honey is. We look into them every week and if they are prepared to swarm we divide them up.

Mr. Holtermann : I think the information Mr. Lowey wants refers to the entire season.

Mr. Hall : After July we let them take their fling. If they do go to the woods to bid them good by.

Mr. Holtermann : I would not like to not go through the hives for cells. In this matter localities vary very much. I had for years been trying to follow Mr. Post because I knew he was a good bee-keeper and he said he had no trouble with swarming under certain conditions. I found under those same conditions I did have trouble with swarming and I attribute it in all honesty to locality. I believe the sections where there is least trouble with swarming is where the clover comes and then it breaks. That is there is a dearth between clover and basswood. Then bees