

color, too dry to fold, run a stream of hot water over the groove and they will bend all right.

JAMES HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—You do not say what kind of sections they are. If they were one piece sections, with me, I should throw them away. In fact, if some one had given them to me and made me accept them two years ago, I would have burned them up the next day after the donor left. I am dead set against one piece sections. The best thing you can do if you are bound to use them is to soak them in water.

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASS.—I suppose you refer to one piece sections. These are very apt to break when thoroughly dry, to wet them thoroughly at the joints may help the matter, it don't always. I am obliged to nail each as I can in such a case and the rest I use for kindling.

J. K. DARLING, ALMONTE, ONT.—Dampen the backs of the sections opposite the groove by drawing a cloth dipped in hot water along a few of them laid face down, fold before the wood swells as that will have a tendency to crowd the joint a little. Provide yourself with a package of No. 20, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wire nails to nail such as chance to break. Friend Jones can supply them.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG, KY.—When I put together "one piece sections" I draw a wet sponge across the piece at the back of the cut and in a few minutes they will bend readily without breaking. About 100 of them can be treated with the sponge and stacked up when the first ones will be ready to bend and drive together. A cheaper way is to put the whole lot in a damp cellar 48 hours before they are to be folded. The latter is the best way when the stuff is very dry.

Artificial Pollen for Spring.

Query 262. What kind of artificial pollen is best to feed bees in spring where there is not sufficient natural pollen?

J. ALPAUGH, ST. THOMAS, ONT.—Fide pea meal.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—Rye flour, also ground oats.

R. MCKNIGHT, OWEN SOUND, ONT.—Buckwheat flour is as good as anything.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY ONT.—Cotton seed meal, rye meal, wheat meal, etc.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—I use corn meal ground fine and unbolted. What is not used by the bees can be fed to the stock.

A. B. MASON, AUBURNDALE, O.—I don't know, rye flour, wheat flour and what is known here as middlings are all good.

J. K. DARLING, ALMONTE, ONT.—Have rather more of the genuine article sometimes than I care about, therefore can't say having never tried any kind.

JAMES HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—Graham flour or in fact any kind of flour is good, but nine times out of ten where it has been fed it is probably useless or worse than useless.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—Rye or oat meal indeed any kind of meal. We never had to feed in Michigan, as they can get pollen as soon as they ought fly, which is usually early in April.

G. A. DEADMAN, BRUSSELS, ONT.—I would feed cotton seed meal but I believe in allowing the same frames in the brood nest the year round, the bees then will gather enough in the fall to last them until there is sufficient natural pollen the following season.

EUGENE SECOR, FOREST CITY, IOWA.—I don't know. I doubt if it will pay to keep bees where the supply of pollen is insufficient for their needs. My bees always gather too much. They store it in such quantities that old combs are often practically worthless.

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASS.—Rye meal is as good as anything, I, however, have never seen a season here, as yet, where there was any need of using any artificial feed of any kind. The "good candy" made with flour is I think the easier way to give artificial pollen to the bees, but there is this objection to it, that unless care is used robbing may be started.

J. F. DUNN, RIDGEWAY, ONT.—I used to think my locality did not furnish enough early pollen and then used rye flour. Now I do not want anything of that description in my combs. Skunk cabbage is the first source of pollen here then comes tag alder and black willow.

WM. McEVROY, WOODBURN, ONT.—Feed none is best, carefully let them alone in spring. You cannot rush things along that time in spring with any profit, so that you better not fuss too much with your bees in early spring or you will rush things the other way.

DR. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—I have used mostly ground corn and oats, just because I had that kind on hand for feeding larger stock. Almost any flour or ground grain will do, but I don't think bolted flour as good as something coarse. The hulls give the bees a good foothold.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG, KY.—It has been a matter of doubt in my mind for some years as to whether there is any profit to be derived from artificial pollen at any time. Still if the season is backward I usually provide a mixture of ground grain for my bees to fuss with, if for no other purpose than to keep them out of mischief. The best substitute for natural pollen is a mixture of coarse wheat flour, commonly called "shorts," and oil cake meal. The last named article is the cakes of flax seed