

No. 47. Shall I remove the propolized quilt, or leave it glued on in natural way? I winter on summer stands.

I am not sure that it makes much difference, if your bees are properly covered and the entrance large, but then I winter in cellar, so am not good authority.—C. C. Miller.

Leave it glued on.—L. C. Root.

Oh what a question! do as you are a mind to about it. That is the way I would do.—Dr. A. B. Mason.

Leave it on.—A. D. Allen.

Put new quilt on.—W. Couse.

I always leave it on and winter in cellar.—F. Malcolm.

If not altogether air tight with propolis, leave it on.—D. P. Niven.

No, leave them as they are.—G. W. Demaree.

I winter in the cellar.—Ira Orvis.

Remove it.—A. G. Willows.

I prefer putting on a clean quilt.—John Yoder.

Theory says, remove. Practice says, leave it where it is.—Prof. A. J. Cook.

It is best to leave the propolized quilt over $\frac{2}{3}$ of the top of hive. Turn it back one third at the back of the hive to allow the moisture to escape. Put a wadded quilt made of coarse canvas and wool or cotton batting over the whole top and saw dust to a thickness of four inches at least over all.—Henrietta F. Buller.

If the quilt is so much propolized that it will not allow dampness to pass through freely, remove it and use a clean one. Press it down on edges so that no light will show through, fill top of hive with forest leaves pressed loosely down on quilt, giving ample ventilation at entrance.—J. E. Pond.

If you, (as you should,) use a "Hills device," it is quite evident that the "quilt" would have to be removed while you were putting the device on. It makes but little difference whether the quilt is glued on or not.—Will M. Barnum.

If you winter on summer stands, remove it *every time*, placing above sufficient packing to keep in the warmth.—Ed.

No. 48. Shall I remove the propolized quilt, or leave it glued on in natural way? I winter in a cellar; temperature from 35° to 43°.

Leave it glued on.—C. C. Miller.

Leave it as it is.—L. C. Root.

See answer to 47.—A. B. Mason.

Leave it on.—A. D. Allen.

Put new quilt on.—W. Couse.

From 35 to 43 is too low a temperature. If kept at 50 it matters little what is kept on top.—F. Malcolm.

I lift it and put a fresh quilt below if air tight.—D. P. Niven.

Yes, I think it is best to have clean quilts for cellar wintering.—G. W. Demaree.

I use thin boards on top, some are tight and some are not. I do not see any difference.—Ira Orvis.

Remove it.—A. G. Willows.

I prefer putting on a clean quilt.—John Yoder.

Leave it alone.—Prof A. J. Cook.

With a temperature from 35 to 43 which I consider better than a higher temperature I would remove the propolized quilt as there is then no danger of the hives becoming damp inside. Put a quilt made of coarse canvas and cotton batting over a thin factory cotton one.—Henrietta F. Buller.

See answer to 47. In the matter of upward ventilation the same rule should be observed in wintering inside that is followed in wintering on summer stands. My experience teaches me that excess of moisture is the great cause of winter losses.—J. E. Pond.

See answer to Query No. 47.—W. M. Barnum.

Your temperature we are inclined to think is too low unless the cellar is very dry, would not like to see it below 40° Far. If temperature inclines to be low remove old quilt and put a fresh one on with a cushion above, if higher leave the old quilt, moisture will pass off at the entrance.—Ed.

QUERIES FOR OCTOBER.

No. 49. Do different kinds of stores, such as clover, basswood, and thistle honey all in one hive, influence bees in wintering? or, is one kind of honey better?

No. 50. Does it require more experience to raise comb honey than extracted honey? Why?

No. 51. Which is best for packing over bees in cushions, cork dust, chaff, wool, saw dust, or straw? Name in order of preference.