

Mr. Smith—These fence separators are made some with cleats and some without.

Mr. Pettit—There is likely to be a ridge.

Mr. Chrysler—Does that spoil the honey for sale?

A.—No. There is room opposite that space where they can build out the honey just a little bit.

Mr. Holtermann—The wire cloth separator is the best separator, I think. Using it, there is no ridge surface on the comb.

Mr. Timbers—Is not this washboard honey more liable to have the sections broken?

Mr. Pettit—Yes, if they are no-bee-way sections; I prefer the bee-way sections.

Mr. Switzer—I used fence separators this last season for the first time, and I find that the combs are just about as smooth as any. I think we had just as good comb honey this season as any other season.

Mr. Holtermann—Was the flow comparatively light?

Mr. Switzer—Yes, not more than half.

Mr. McEvoy—Which of the sections would you prefer?

Mr. Switzer—In the short experience I have had in one season I am very much in favor of no-bee-way. I think  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch section is a little too wide.

Mr. Timbers—Would not there be more likely to be wash-board honey in a good season than there would in a poor season like this?

Mr. Holtermann—Yes, I think so.

Mr. Switzer—I think a slack 1-4 inch bee space would be better and I do not think you will have any trouble.

Mr. Lowry—I have used separators with a few holes bored in them and with even one hole opposite the sections; there would be a ridge there, and I think these washboards, as you call them, spoil the appearance of the sections.

Mr. Pettit—Did you ever try 5-16?

Mr. Smith—The 5-16 is the right size. I have used hundreds of them.

Mr. Lowry—I use the bait combs if I can get them.

Mr. Chrysler—I had some difficulty in using these plain sections at first on account of them having this washboard appearance when filled. If you put another super on, you do not get this, it is in too much crowding of the honey, not giving them room enough, I find is the trouble.

Mr. Adams—Even in seasons like last I found no-bee-way sections had more or less of the washboard appearance.

Mr. Pettit—Did the section comb flush with the top?

Mr. Adams—Yes flush with the top of the inside of the section.

The Chairman—I intend to ask Mr. Chrysler if he tried the wire section.

Mr. Chrysler—I did, but it was too late before I got them on, but the results I had with them was very good.

Mr. Holtermann—I had one hundred of the wire sections made. Mr. Betsner said it was absolutely necessary to have perfect workmanship and absolutely correct spacing. Perhaps some of you saw the illustration in "Gleanings" in connection with the Betsner separator which was very discouraging. These wire separators are good for fifty years if you take care of them, because you can put them into hot water and clean them absolutely.

Q.—Is it a fact that black bees or hybrids will cap comb honey whiter than the Italians?

A.—In my experience it is.

Q.—Shall the bee escape be placed in the centre of the board or at one side to be most effective?

A.—I think probably in the centre would be best. The only kind I have used is in the centre of the board; the bees want to get down to where the brood is and this being above the brood

would naturally be the best escape made by Mr. Porter escape.

Q.—Why do brood chambers again?

A.—It depends how late in the season. Mr. Bowen says that they do not care for brood, and that by the time again the season is over, the conclusion that the

The Chairman accomplished by giving room to them, it forces you to hive them spread over the whole of the hive below, they start on the foot you put on you go right into them more readily space below, because of the section in the that is what I recommend.

Mr. Newton—I knew he would do it; we have had years.

Mr. Pettit—Forgive me up that the other.

Q.—How do you success?

A.—The only way meaning of this question does not understand. They are of the shape of the brood chambers they are put in