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BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

We have received a large number of subscribers through the very liberal offer of the C. B. J., and *American Agriculturist*. Such an offer is not given every day, and we expect to see many more take advantage of it.

Will all those who have not received our price list and catalogue and who desire to do so, please drop us a card. We have tried to get them to everybody interested in bees, but there are a few who write that it has not yet reached them.

WIDTHS OF SECTIONS, ETC.

We are often in a quandary as to the widths of sections, our customers want, where they do not specify in the order, also whether they are to be single or double slotted. It will be well to have it understood, *what we will send*, when we have no definite instructions, and then if we are wrong, why, we won't be to blame. You see we want to "keep our own skirts clear," even if it does throw the blame on the customer, because you wouldn't be half as vexed with yourself if a mistake were made, if you were guilty, as you would be if we were in the wrong. We decide, then, that the width will always be $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and the sections will be "double-slotted." We have decided on the width as $1\frac{1}{2}$, because that is the size most generally used now, at least our orders are for that width. We will send "double-slotted" because if you didn't care for them that way, the fact that you have them will be no hindrance, while if you received them "single-slotted" and wanted the "double-slotted" kind, the former would not meet your requirements at all.

HIVE LIDS.

For some time we have been using both flat and sloping covers for our hives. We have now thoroughly tested both, and feel convinced that the flat roof is much superior to the other, as we now make it, and in future we intend to dispose of the sloping ones at less than cost and use the others almost exclusively in our own apiaries. The flat ones are more convenient for

setting anything on in the yard; take up much less room when being packed; shed the water just as well, and keep the hive as dry. They are much less liable to be blown off by the wind; are more easily made, etc. Some of the lids are all in one piece, others in two or more pieces. We find the latter preferable, for it matters not how dry the material may be, after standing several years exposed to the sun, a very broad board is apt to crack, while a narrow one will not, and there is less inclination to warp. Some may say "the crack will leak where the two are joined together." So they will, ordinarily, but we make them by rabbetting each piece of the lid, with a very fine saw, and in these we slip strips of tin forming a tongue. Should the boards shrink at any time no water can get through as the tongue fits so tightly. Besides, when you are painting, (and all lids should be painted on both sides) the paint fills the cracks to the metal tongue most thoroughly. Should they at any time open slightly, one rub with a brush will completely close it. We shall send out whichever style of lids you prefer, so be sure to say when ordering. If no kind is specified we will forward the "flat" lids.

Convention Notice.

THE KEYSTONE BEE-KEEPER'S ASSOCIATION will hold their next convention on Tuesday 10th May at Hawk's Green, Pa. ARTHUR A. DAVIS, SECTY.

PRICES CURRENT

BEESWAX

Beeton, April 27, 1887.

We pay 33c in trade for good pure Beeswax, delivered at Beeton, at this date, settlement, (if any), deducted. American customers must remember that there is a duty of 25 per cent. on Wax coming into Canada.

FOUNDATION

Brood Foundation, cut to "Jones's size" per pound.....	50c
" " over 50 lbs. " " " "	47c
" " cut to other sizes " " " "	51c
" " over 50 lbs. " " " "	48c
Section " in sheets per pound.....	52c
Section Foundation cut to fit 3x4 and 4x4, per lb. 60c	
Brood Foundation, starters, being wide enough for Frames but only three to ten inches deep.....	43c

HONEY MARKETS.

DETROIT HONEY MARKET.

Best grades of Comb Honey have received more attention since last quotations and the price has advanced. Best white clover in one pound sections 11 to 12 cts. Beeswax 23 cts.

M. H. HUNT.

Bell Branch, April 11th, 1887.

BOSTON.

Honey is selling very well but prices are very low, and we are often obliged to shade our prices in order to make rates. We quote 1 lb. comb, 14 to 16 cents. 2 lb. comb, 12 to 14 cents. Extracted, 6 to 8 cents.

BLAKE & RIPLEY.