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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

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"Natural comb built below the start-  
er will be built over the wires." To  
the above clipping from "Gleanings,"  
Dr. Miller adds the comment, "Yes, but  
the wire will not be in the septume." Glad  
you have mentioned it, Doctor; have noticed this for some time, but  
from the fact that the big guns are  
continually telling the greenhorns that  
the practice is all right, thought perhaps  
my bees behaved out of the ordinary.  
Personally, when using starters, have not much use for wire in the  
frames; to be sure, if combs are for-  
use in the super they will not be much  
the worse if the wire is not in the  
septume, while they will have the ad-  
vantage of the extra strength from the  
act of the wire being there.

### The Term "Standard" as Applied to Hives and Fixtures.

What do we understand by the term  
"standard" as applied to hives and fix-  
tures? Friend Holtermann's hives are  
not a bit too large to suit me; in fact,  
I can knock him out on that score. But  
allow me to enter a protest when he  
endeavors the 12-frame Langstroth in  
reference to the 10-frame Dadant hive  
on the ground of the first-named hive  
being standard goods. Standard in

what, pray? When you answer  
"frames," all has been said, while  
in the case of the 10-frame Dadant  
hive, all hive furniture that will fit the 10-frame Langstroth (standard goods, mind you) will also fit the 10-frame deeper hive. More than that, you can in a pinch put the shallower Langstroth frame in the deep  
hive, but you cannot put the deep  
frame in the Langstroth hive, while for  
cellar wintering suppose there is not so  
much difference in results between the  
two styles of hives, yet for outdoor  
wintering my limited experience is  
decidedly in favor of the deeper frame.

### The National Association's Report.

In speaking of this report, Editor Root refers to the fact of there being no mistakes as far as he had noticed. While I agree with Mr. Root that the report is a good one, yet for the purpose of pointing out the fact that, in common with nearly all reports of conventions, it is not altogether perfect, would refer him to the following: On page 75 Mr. Ferris is made to say, "Give them a robbed queen cell." This will certainly be a hard nut for the novice to crack. We presume it should read "ripe queen cell." Speaking of mistakes, have often wondered during "mix-ups" at conventions, how reporters are able to give us as correct reports as we are accustomed to getting. When considering the report, it may not be amiss to note that while we are assured that there were less than