

pursuit work like a charm in the hands of those who closely follow the same method, but of course is a complete failure when some careless brother attempts to follow, but who leaves out some important factor, and as a consequence, disaster is the result and the plan condemned.

This was particularly noticeable at the Ontario Bee-keepers convention recently held in Toronto. As I took no part in a certain discussion, and as I think that rather an injustice was done to what I believe to be the best thing that has come out in connection with the production of comb honey. I would like to say what I have found.

Those of us who have followed the growth or progress, or whatever you like to term it, of the Fence Separator, and the voluminous discussions as to its good and bad qualities that have appeared from time to time, know quite well that it has been of no little importance. To-day we find, in the estimation of many of us, there is nothing in the separator line that will compare with it, while others, like one of our leading apiarists at the Ontario convention, speak of them as being good for making "washboard" comb honey.

Yes, you can make "washboard" comb honey to perfection if you want to. All you have to do is to make your separators with that end in view, and by allowing plenty of space between the slats of the separator you will have it. It is just here why this criticism is unjust and where the trouble is. The bee-space between the slats of the separator is made too wide. This was brought out in the discussion, but, to my mind, did not go far enough. It was advocated that this space should be a slack quarter of an inch. I would like to ask why have it as wide as this. I know the separators I use have not so much space. We all know what this space is

for. As long as a bee can pass through, what more is required? Except above the top slat and between the bottom one and the section, I make mine practically queen-excluding, or a trifle more than is allowed in the perforated metal. This extra is because the slats of the separator being thicker than the perforated metal makes it harder for a bee to pass through when the space is the same. Make the separators as they should be, and you will have no cause to complain about "washboard" comb honey. As regards the finished product, it should not be hard to understand why that produced with the fence separator is more in demand. Not long since, when in Toronto, I made a tour of some commission houses in search of comb honey. I was willing to pay the extra for this class and took about all that was offered. Did it ever occur to the opponents of the fence production, comb honey, that there is less likelihood of damage in handling, takes up less room in casing, and withal looks ever so much nicer? This better appearance is due largely to there being less wood than in the bee-way section. I congratulate the originators on the success of this much-opposed but valuable help in the production of prize comb honey, and I believe the day is coming when no one will use any other except those who know nothing of them, or unwilling to make the necessary changes to accommodate them, or who are so wedded to their own ways that they do not know a good thing when they see it.

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If you talk poverty, think poverty and act poverty long enough, you will be convinced that there is nothing but poverty for you.—Success.