

## Section Holders or Rests.

—Dr. C. C. Miller.

Friend Holtermann.

I have hesitated just a little as to prolonging controversy, and yet as the matter may be important to others I think it may be well to further discuss the relative merits of surplus receptacles. There's a streak of such good-natured candor running all through your reply to me on page 483 as to make you a very pleasant foe with whom to contend. So now to the battle.

I asked you to name the advantages of the section holder over the T super. Looking carefully at your reply. I think you make these points in favor of the section holder: 1. Your honey is generally of very good finish. 2. The T super is not so easy to manipulate as the section holder. 3. Section holder more rapidly filled. 4. A single section can be more easily removed from the section holder, or at least I suppose that's what you mean when you say 'With the section supporter it can be removed more readily than with the frame.' 5. The large amount of section holders sold.

Have I fairly given all your points? I don't know that you meant to give number 5 as a point directly in favor of the section holder, but it is entirely legitimate to use it to show that other people want section holders. But I think it can be seen that a large number would be sold for another reason, aside from their actual value. The A. I. Root Co. say in their catalogue "We consider the section-holder arrangement superior to any other." And they are so thoroughly reliable in their statements that this statement will settle it for thousands of beginners that the section-holder is just the thing they should have. For remember that the sales of surplus receptacles are mainly to beginners. In this one instance I am strongly of the impression that the A. I. Root Co. are mistaken, no matter how honest may be their opinion. But it would be a good deal more to the point, instead of calling attention to the large number of section holders sold to those who have no acquaintance with either kind, if you would give a list of the names of those who had T supers extensively and then upon trial found the section holders better. How many such do you know of? On the other hand here is a further quotation from Root's catalogue which says, 'There are those who have used the T super so long, and to the exclusion of all others, that they

are not easily persuaded to use anything else." Now either the T super has fallen into the hands of a lot of very stubborn people, or else that statement means that those who have fairly tried the T super have found it superior to anything else.

Turning to your first point, I think all the reply I need to make is that the same remark applies to my honey.

Points 2 and 3 may be considered together, for I suppose all the difference there can be in the manipulation of the two kinds must be in the filling and emptying. Really I would like to see your manipulation of the T super, for some of the things you say sound very much as if you had gone at the affair wrong end foremost. You say, "Those pieces and those separators when the sections are out of it fall into all shapes and have to be adjusted. They with my temperament drive me wild." I should think they would. For no one should think of having those pieces and those separators adjusted before any of the sections are put in.

Now I'm going to dictate to you how you shall fill a T super, but it's just possible that among your readers some beginner has got a lot of T supers that he has taken on a bad debt, and knows nothing about using them. Well, here's how to fill them. First put a row of sections across one end. No, you're not to put in a T tin first, nor anything else in the world before these first six sections. After they're in, then put in your first T tin. "Can't easily get the T tin under the sections?" So you can't. Well, then fix it so you can. Have a board a little larger than the super, and which to place the super. At one end have a cleat so that you can quickly push the super against it, and thus always have the super at the same place on the board. There is no trouble about putting in the sections, and there would be no trouble about slipping the tin under them if it didn't come close down to the bottom. We'll have them raised up a quarter of an inch. Take two sticks  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches long and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch square, and nail them on your board so as to support the sections, but out of the way of the T tin. Now when your first row of sections are in, you can easily push the T tin to its place with a single movement, slipping it under the sections. Two more sticks must be nailed on the board to support the second row of sections the same as the first, and the same with the third row, but there's no need of anything for the fourth row. After you put in the second row of sections, then the second tin, and the third row of sections. Then the third T tin and the fourth row of sections.