

A. B. MASON, AUBURNDALE, OHIO.—I think not. In this locality the sections are weighed with the honey.

J. K. DARLING, ALMONTE, ONT.—I weigh sections with the honey. They are very light and will bring just about their cost.

EUGENE SECOR, FOREST CITY, IOWA.—I didn't know that it was. I don't. When I buy fish the scales, heads, and sometimes entrails, are all counted in at so much a pound.

DR. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—I think not. I never heard of any other case when the section was not weighed with the comb.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—I think it is, I see no better way unless the weight of crate with empty sections is already marked on crate as I have known to be the case.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—Not with me. The sections sell for the same price per pound as does the honey. The crate only goes as tare.

JAS. HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—No. I noticed Brother Demaree's statement referred to and it is the first time I ever heard of deducting as tare, the weight of the sections. We always deduct the shipping crates, but never the sections.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—I think not. I have not heard of such a case since we began to use sections. When the 5 and 9 lb. box was "the thing" then it was customary to deduct for the box.

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASS.—I do not know if the crates and sections are all the same size and weight, it would seem to be as easy a way as any, as only one weighing would be needed to denote the amount of "tare."

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—The common practice with me and with every one else so far as I know, except Mr. D., is to weigh the section with the honey and only deduct the crate from the gross weight charging a fixed price for the crate when it is not returned.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG, KY.—In a department like this, one cannot explain all points in a question. He must trust to the reader to fill up the gaps. Let me illustrate here what so often occurs with me. A customer, sent me an order for 100 pounds of comb honey and accompanies the order with a check for the price. Would I send him 100 sections that weighed from 13 to 15 oz. each, and call it 100 pounds? Would you permit any body to treat you in that way more than once? I would not. If I was going to send sections in crates to a commission house I would consult the commission man as to how he wanted to handle the honey. But when a man buys one hundred pounds of honey from me and pays for one hundred pounds, he must have it by weight I can't say what the practice is. Every man must be honest or dishonest for himself.

BY THE EDITOR.—We were surprised at the statement made by Mr. Demaree when we noticed his reply to the query mentioned, and we were not astonished to receive the above query on the subject. It certainly is not the common practice; but we cannot say with Mr. McKnight that it is the "honest" one, if by that he implies that the other and "common" method is a dishonest one. There are many other lines of business, in which the package is weighed in with the goods—nearly all the packaged shelf goods in any grocery store being put up on this principle. The section costs the producer money and there is no reason why he should not receive pay for it, if not at the rate of 15 or 20 cents per pound, than at an advance of about one-half-cent per pound on the price received, and give net weight every time. It would not be honest for a person to weigh in the package, were it heavy, and the goods of an expensive nature, so as to be out of proportion to the cost of the package. An empty section weighs oz. and weighed in with the honey at 15 cents per pound it nets three-quarters of a cent, so that the producer gets but little more than the cost of the section, and he does not get even that much where a crate is given away with every dozen or two of sections.

#### WINTERING IN A HAY MOW,

R. RIVERS.—I put away seven hives of bees last fall and all are alive and well at present. While working with them the other day I failed to see a queen in any, though they seemed to be doing well. I cannot see how it is that so many talk of finding them so easily. I want to tell you one man's experience: He was an enthusiastic bee-keeper in a small way. Said he, "I began with a few bees, they did well through the summer and I planned to keep them well in the winter, so put them in an upstairs room but they came through so badly that the next winter I placed them in the cellar. (I thought sure I was right this time) and there they died with damp. Must try another plan, so put them in the hay mow, piled hay upon them. I thought, nice even temperature, dry, and quiet." So quiet I forgot all about them, but on going for hay one sunshiny day a peculiar buzzing refreshed my memory. Thinks I, they want to get out. I picked up a forkfull of hay when a sharp hint or two reminded me that they might be out already, and then I remembered I had not closed those entrances as I meant, and there was that hay just alive and swarming with bees, and it was not long before horses and man were quite aware they were in the stable." Well I laughed and says he, "Guess I'll put them in clamps, next with plenty of elbow room," but I haven't seen him since.

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We rather think your friend will try another plan next season. He must have had a lively time surely.

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