

room that a good many tried to see and failed, for the simple reason that I had a notice on the door "no admittance here." I have had bee-keepers very anxious to come about ten years ago, and who tried a good many ways to see it. I think, however, in our present day human nature is inclined to yield a little more, and so the last ten years I have been more inclined to let bee-keepers see what I have there if they come in a proper way to see it. As for a large honey room I won't agree to that, because you must have heat; nature's heat is what will cure honey in first-class shape. In regard to taking in the comb, one box at a time, I think would be very tiresome when extracting 1700 pounds a day. We have gone as high as that, but we begin by taking off as many as 20, 25 and 30. Of course we have a big supply of combs to do it.

Mr. Chrysler: It might be profitable to some to know how Messrs. Holmes Brothers get their extracting combs drawn out; how they get that quantity, and also how the uncapping is done, and what kind of arrangement they have for catching the cappings.

Mr. Holmes: That is a point that was passed very lightly over in the paper, how the combs are obtained. They are obtained by the use of full sheets of foundation, foundation in the super combs in the first place, and I might add in case of shortage of combs we insert odd frames filled with foundation here and there throughout the supers. We get them drawn out in that way.

Mr. Chrysler: But increasing those supposing you get about 50 to 100 the first year, and the second you wanted to take 400, would you advise putting two or three of the drawn combs, and the balance foundation or

starters? Would not starters answer after you got them to start?

Mr. Holmes: It might be that starters would answer as well. However, I have used the full sheets, and, therefore, I am not able to speak. With reference to the manner of uncapping I do not know whether I can describe the uncapping arrangement. However, it is a frame work that holds the comb, and the cappings drop into a square tin arrangement that is a little low to one side, and gives the liquid honey in the capping a chance to drain out.

Mr. Chrysler: Sometime ago there was a great deal of discussion upon bees wasting the wax, and if they have extracting combs all the time without having to build any they will waste the wax secreted and so I have considered it advisable where chances are good always to keep fresh frames with starters, probably one or two.

Mr. Holmes: I might say in that connection I wish to give my bees the very best possible chance while there is light honey to be gathered and stored; when the fall flow comes on, golden rod and buckwheat, I then give them more of a chance to work at comb building, I get a good many of my combs drawn out during the fall flow.

QUESTION BOX.

The Question Box was opened by Mr. J. B. Hall.

QUESTION—Does the mating of the queen affect her drone progeny?

Mr. Hall: I suppose by that is meant, is there any possibility of the young drone having any of the characteristics of the queen.

Mr. Post: We are told it does not, and I don't believe there is a man in the room that actually does know.

Mr. Hall: I do not know; my