

We should however advise the purchase of untested queens and Italianizing during the honey flow.

SIZE OF FRAME

What is the frame mostly in vogue today? Is it the Langstroth or Quinby?

NEW BEGINNER.

The Langstroth by a large number, but some very good bee-keepers use the Quinby. If you are beginning by all means take the Langstroth, if you have already a large number of Quinby hives stick to that frame unless you can sell your entire apiary.

DIFFERENT SIZES

Is it better in an apiary to get only one frame or to get two different frames?

NEW BEGINNER

We would far sooner work in an apiary with a number 12 foot on one foot and a number 8 on the other than with two sizes of frames, avoid it. If you have a bad size of frame and have only a few hives at present and it is your intention to increase very much, sacrifice on the few and start right otherwise make no change.

ITALIANS

Where can I get pure Italians?

This last question is the smallest and yet how difficult to answer. Purity of breed is desirable for this reason only. If you get a desirable working strain of blood from a pure breed, it will perpetuate itself for a greater length of time in the offspring. That is the only advantage it has over a bee not pure but having in its blood desirable strains.

On the other hand, if you get in the pure breed an undesirable strain, these bad qualities are just so much the more difficult to root out. When there is such a diversity of opinion amongst, shall we say professional, bee-keepers as to what a pure Italian Bee is, it is difficult to say who has *Pure Italians*. It is a delicate matter for us to answer this question, we breed queens, but over half the apiary is run for dollars and cents and this money must come through the honey secured by the sale of honey. We therefore cannot afford to get the best looking bees unless they also have the quality of being desirable as honey gatherers. There are probably quite a number just in this position. We in fact do not know how very many are situated in this respect. What should be desired is a record for honey gathering, if we can add to it beauty so much the better. Our most successful bee-keepers are not those using the most beautiful bees. We breed Italian bees we also have a few choice queens producing five banded bee, but from what we can learn of them, we do not feel justified in

allowing drones from these queens to fly. This question is however open for discussion. We admire the beautiful and other things being equal prefer it.

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