

one-eighth of an inch of the bottom foundation. He then cuts a bee-notch out of top sheet of foundation just above bottom strip in the centre, leaving one bee passage, which, he says, the bees will plug up just before they seal and make his sections firm. Has any one ever tried this plan? I have always used starters until this season, and I now use full sheets, which I like best.

PROF. COOK, Lansing, Mich.—I have not.

J. K. DARLING, Almonte, Ont.—Never tried it.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, Borodino, N. Y.—Have not tried it.

MARTIN EMIGH, Holbrook, Ont.—I have not tried this plan.

A. B. MASON, Auburndale, O.—None but your neighbor, I guess.

JAMES HEDDON, Dowagiac, Mich.—I have never tried the plan. Much would depend upon the nature of the foundation used.

DR. MILLER, Marengo, Illinois.—Yes, I use foundation at top and bottom, but cut no bee-notches. I hardly think it necessary.

WM. McEVoy, Woodburn, Ont.—I have never tried this plan. It is too much work, and I don't believe that it will pay for the trouble.

H. D. CUTTING, Clinton, Mich.—The plan you mention has been tried and proved successful by many persons. I am told it is a common practice in Canada.

ALLEN PRINGLE, Selby, Ont.—That neighbor of yours has evidently tried the plan. As to whether anybody else ever tried it, I cannot say. I never did. Life is too short.

J. E. POND, North Attleboro', Vt.—Never heard of it before, and don't think well of the idea. A true test can only be made of any plan by working it a number of years, for we all find that bees are curious "critters" and do many strange things.

EUGENE SECOR, Forest City, Iowa.—I have never tried this plan. I think it would secure well-filled sections, but there is too much "monkeying" about it to suit me. We must learn to handle our bees without too much fussing. Your plan is good enough for me.

G. W. DEMAREE, Christiansburg, Ky.—Too much fuss entirely, and no corresponding results. I would rather have a starter cut from a bit of natural comb one inch square and a half-inch thick, pure and white; than anything else, if it was possible to procure a sufficient quantity of such comb at reasonable cost. When I used to

produce but a few hundred sections I used such starters all the time. A hot tin platter was employed, the bits of comb were pressed to the hot tin, and then with a quick motion was placed in position in the section, where it would stick securely fast. But since so many sections are produced, the full sheets of foundation or starters made of the same material, used plain and simple, is decidedly the most economical.

It has been tried, and succeeds very well, but it takes too much time and is too much trouble. Full sheets are the best.

#### To Prevent Building of Drone Comb.

QUERY No. 215.—My bees are building too much drone comb when given starters. How must I prevent it?

A. B. MASON, Auburndale, O.—Give full sheets of foundation.

DR. MILLER, Marengo, Illinois.—Give them full sheets of foundation.

MARTIN EMIGH, Holbrook, Ont.—The surest way would be to use full sheets of foundation.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, Borodino, N. Y.—Give more surplus room above, and bee room below.

WM. McEVoy, Woodburn, Ont.—Crowd the bees on less frames and don't keep any old queens.

PROF. COOK, Lansing, Mich.—You must either use foundation or replace the queen with a younger one. Colonies with fewer bees accomplish the same result.

H. D. CUTTING, Clinton, Mich.—I presume you mean in brood chamber. If so, use young queens and full cases of sections well under way over the brood chamber.

JAMES HEDDON, Dowagiac, Mich.—Give full sheets of foundation. Read Hutchinson's excellent book to learn now to prevent the drone comb-building in another way.

ALLEN PRINGLE, Selby, Ont.—The preventives are young, prolific queens, contracted brood nest, lots of room for storing above brood nest, and comb there, that is, above, if possible.

EUGENE SECOR, Forest City, Iowa.—Have young queens that will keep the combs full of brood as fast as built, and there will be no trouble. Give the bees plenty of storing room above so that they will not need the combs below for that purpose.

J. E. POND, North Attleboro', Vt.—Cut it out and give full sheets of foundation. This is the surest and quickest method. You may accomplish it in various other ways, but ordinarily