

frames are in use, more especially in districts where the bees bring in a great deal of propolis. It is well to take every precaution that there is no danger of the top bar leaving the sides of the frame when manipulating heavy combs.

Strict attention must be given to wiring the frames. Many good combs are broken at the time of extracting through neglect to wire properly, and good wiring will allow the beekeeper to handle the combs freely without fear of the brood and honey falling out of the frame. The end bars usually contain three holes through which to thread wires. Cut the wire in lengths of about 60 in., and thread through the holes, draw tight, and fasten each end with a small tack. Some beekeepers advocate single wires in case the long wire gets broken, but if good wire is used the former method will prove satisfactory.

FITTING FOUNDATION IN FRAMES.

When fitting the foundation in the frames care must be taken to see that the sheets are properly sunk into the groove provided. Slip the sheet of foundation through the wires so that the centre one is on one side and the top and bottom one on the other. Put the foundation in the wide groove and the wedge, which should be broken in two pieces at least, in the narrow one. Sink the wedge, thus forcing over the tongue against the foundation, which will then be in the centre of the frame. This is a most important matter, as the correct position of the foundation alone ensures even combs. In order to make the foundation more secure a simple operation may be performed by the use of the spur-embedder. This small appliance forces the wires firmly into the foundation. It may be purchased for a few pence at any of the hive-dealers. A good method of securing the wires is to bring into use melted beeswax. The wax when molten may be applied to the wires by means of an ordinary paint-brush. The latter method is quicker, and prevents any danger of the wire cutting the foundation, as sometimes happens when the embedder is used with too much force.

THE FARM GARDEN.

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VEGETABLE-CULTURE.

Onions.—Though onion-seed will have been sown in many places, there are other locations where it should not have been put in yet. In order to make a commercial success of onions the soil should be of the best, yet in the smaller operations of a domestic