

TRAP NESTING.

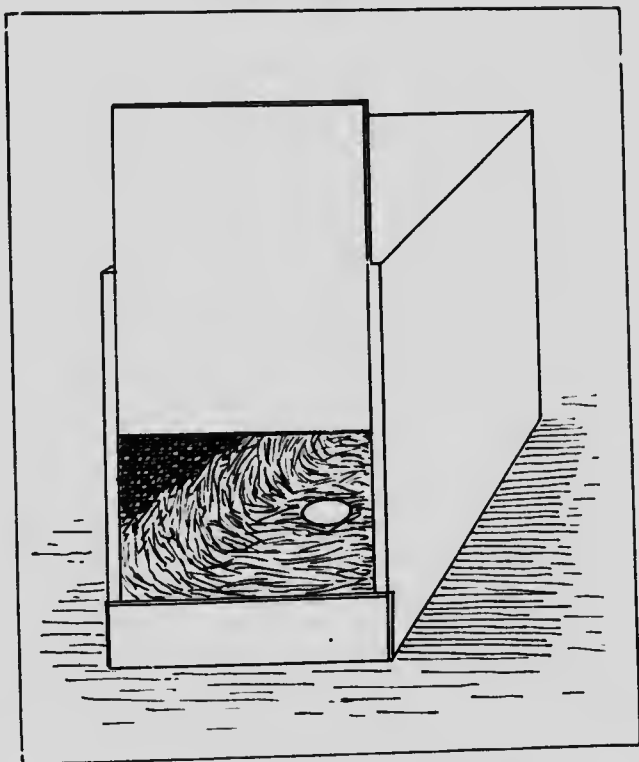


FIG. 11.—A simple and inexpensive trap nest.

In Fig. 11 is shown a simple and inexpensive trap nest. Trap nesting is followed by many poultrymen, and each hen that is being trap-nested wears a leg band which is stamped with her number. A record is kept of the number of eggs she lays, and by this method the unprofitable hen may be weeded out. This system, if followed, will give the exact record of what each hen is doing. It requires considerable time in keeping the record and in releasing the birds from the nest, though it has many distinct advantages. However, if this system of selection is applied, regardless of other considerations, the result cannot fail to be disastrous, as the tendency would be to breed from birds which are good layers, disregarding their stamina, and as the latter is essential to large egg production, and