

into the soil. The cage can be used out of doors as well as in the insectary, and without materially affecting the plant or disturbing the insects feeding upon it. When used with the wooden bottom the metallic base raises this above the damp soil, thus preventing the decay of the lower portion of the cage.

But "one supply reveals another want," and we soon found that there was a need of some method of keeping our notes and records conveniently attached to the proper cage to which they belonged, as well as

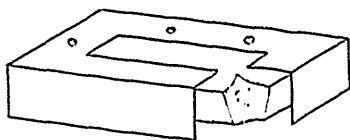


FIG. 26.

to protect them from being wetted whenever the benches were wet down with the hose. This led to the use of a holder of galvanized iron with a sliding glass front, fastened to the cages as shown at the left

in Figure 25, and also in actual use on the cages in Plate 4. The holder is two by three inches, the sides turned over, and one end over these, while the other end is left a little longer and rounded, with a small hole to pass over a small nail or brad, while the other end is held by a small screw-eye, such as are used on picture frames to which to attach the ends of the cord or wire. The note sheet is folded the proper size and placed in the holder, and the rather close-fitting glass slide pushed in over it. The sheet is so folded that all of the notes will come on the same side, and each space or page is consecutively numbered, and, being all of a uniform size, these sheets when filled or the record finished, can be filed away for permanent preservation. This holder cannot easily become detached from the cage to which it is fastened, the notes are preserved from being injured by wet, the galvanized iron does not rust them, and the last record can always be seen through the glass cover without removing it from the cage. With slight modifications, this holder can also be used out of doors on shrubs and trees. For this purpose, what shows as the lower end in Fig. 25 is cut square off and a similar triangular piece is soldered to the back of the upper end to accommodate a fine wire which is used not only to attach the holder to the object, but the end running downward along the back is hooked over the lower end of the holder, thus effectually preventing the glass slide from being shaken out by the action of the wind. On cages outside, it is of course used in the same way as in the insectary.