

course, expect the top price for new laids. Please do not believe you can deceive the dealer. By candling the eggs, which he always does, he can tell fairly closely what your eggs are like as to age, etc.

CANDLING EGGS.

Eggs are candled very easily. See Fig. 38. A new-laid egg when held between the eye and the light has a clear appearance, the yolk is practically invisible, and the air cell is about the size of a five-cent piece.

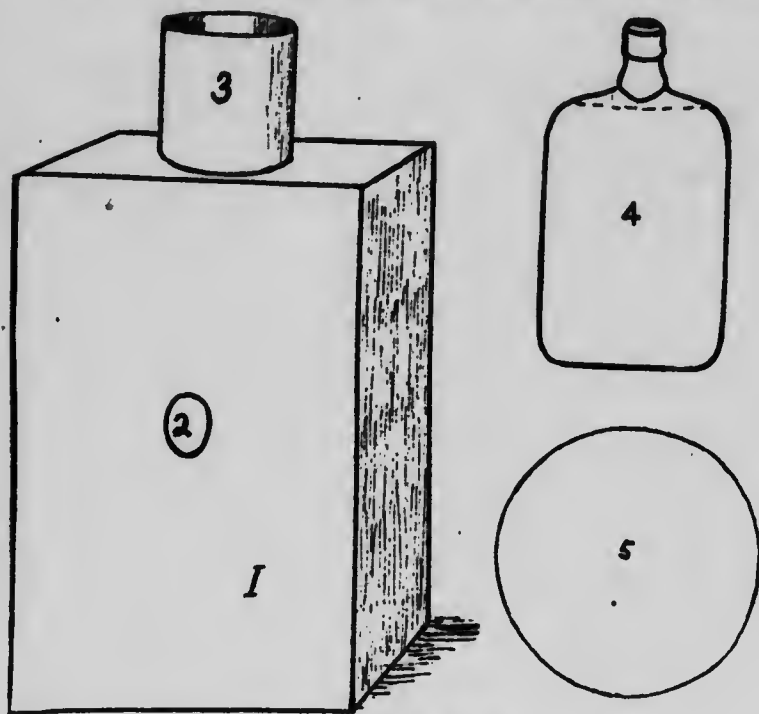


Fig. 38. The egg tester.

1. Egg-testing box.
2. Hole through which light shines and before which egg is held to be tested.
3. Chimney.
4. Bottle of water placed between light and No. 2.
5. Reflector to be placed behind light.

An ordinary lamp or electric light is placed in the box so that the light shines through No. 2. The bottle of water condenses the light, which makes the testing of eggs a comparatively simple matter.

Unless the eggs are put in pickle or held in cold storage, the air cell gradually increases in size, and the yolk becomes visible.

Cold storage and pickled eggs may have small air cells, but the yolks are conspicuous.