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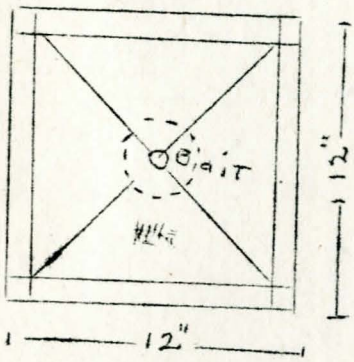

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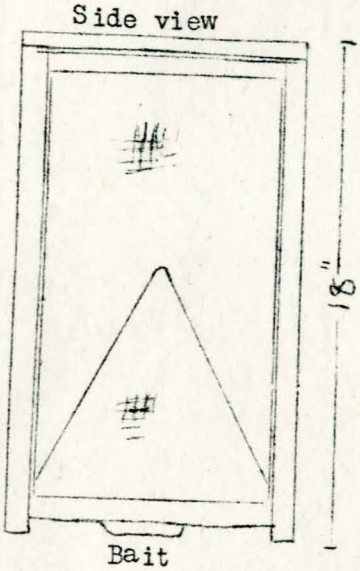

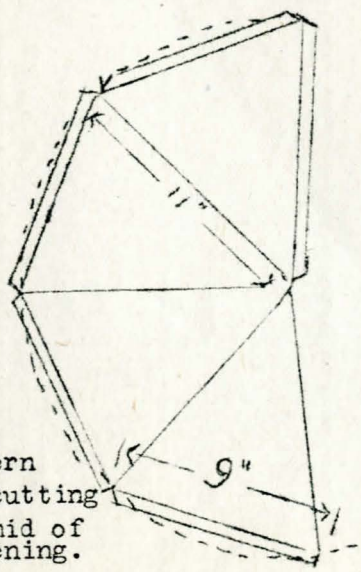

Pattern for cutting pyramid of screening.

The success of the fly campaign depends upon the prevention of breeding of flies by the removal of breeding places and the killing of the first flies in the spring. Unfortunately, there are always plenty of flies around and we have numerous devides for getting rid of them. One of the most effective is the fly trap. It is not only good for the house and the back porch where so many flies are attracted by the odor of the foods, but also excellent for use out of doors. It is inexpensive and can easily be made at home.

Much of the success of the trap depends upon the right kind of bait. A thin scattering of sugar around a plate of vinegar, placed beneath the cone, will tempt many flies. Different baits may be tried as an experiment. The flies enter the cone and are destroyed by smoking before being removed thru the hole in the top. If a poisonous bait is used, smoking is not necessary.

CONSTRUCTION

The general construction of the trap is a square framework covered with screening on four sides. The bottom is left open with a pyramid of screening extending up in the center. The pyramid is cut out according to the patterns given; is sewed together; bent at the corners; and then fastened around the side of the frame work. The dish of bait is set directly under the center of the pyramid.

The bottom framework must be near enough to the ground (3 to 4") so that the flies will fly upward instead of out. The lid is hinged so that the dead flies can be taken out easily.

A reasonably satisfactory one may be made by taking two small barrel hopps with three supports between. Cover with screening and put a cover on. For the cover a cheese box lid may be used. Cut a hole in the top and cover with screening. The inside trap would be a cone instead of a pyramid.