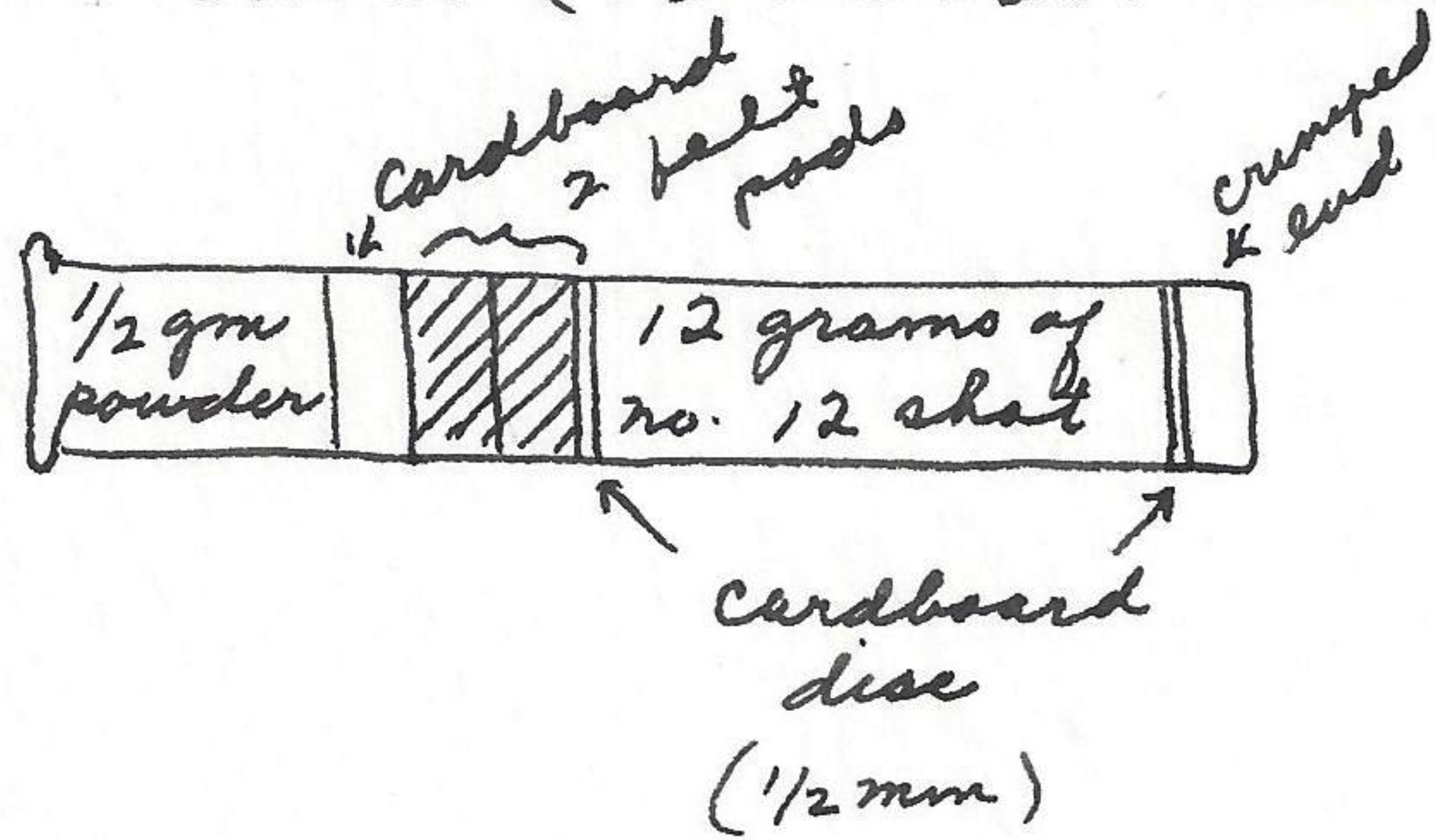


Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas  
May 28, 1965

650528-53

2 1/2 inch #10 shell (1/2 load) consists of:



Weight of screech owl no 650522-3 taken May 22 is 118 gms an increase of 21 grams since first weighed. It called today in a screeching voice for first time. It also flew as far as 5 feet and up to 3 feet high from horizontal level. The call is similar to a fox squirrel giving warning call. The head & neck vibrates with the call. The owl also preens itself, raises 'ears' when observing birds and sleeps flat on its chest, belly and chin with wings slightly relaxed. In this position it appears dead. Have been feeding this owl the lungs, liver, small intestine, testes, spleen of small birds. It will wilfully take each item from a cardboard but sometimes will nibble at paper as if blind, in areas where there is no meat. The first grab is abrupt and if it get the edge of the cardboard or paper feeding disc, will not let go but fight at it even though it loses traction and falls on its back. When hamburger is given after such a meal it will take one bite but then refuse additional hamburger as if it had a preference. It will, however, consume hamburger when offered alone. It prefers to be 'fed' and if the meat is placed on floor will not touch it for as long as overnight. It has a way of moving its head back and forth from side to side when concentrating on an object or preparing to take-off in flight. At twilight, it becomes active regardless of the inside lighting conditions of the time. When feeding will grasp food with claws and hold while consuming parts, however, it generally gulps the entire mass of food with a thrust of the head & beak against the food mass held in its beak. When defending itself will lean back against wall and thrust claws out and grab finger or hand, a grasp which is strong and slightly painful to ones fingers or hand.