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Fig. 1 -

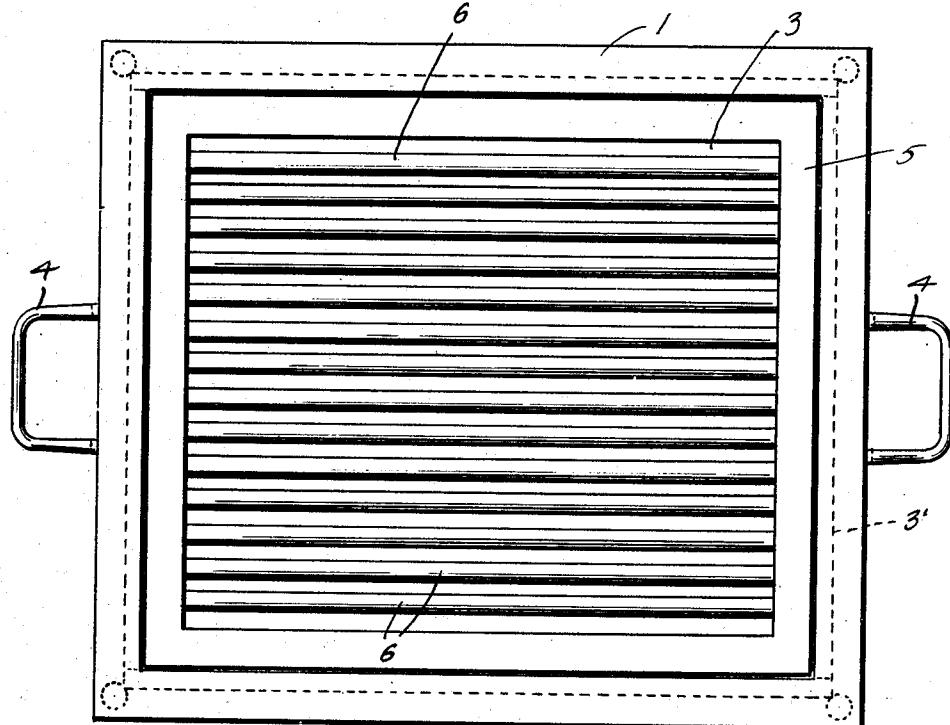
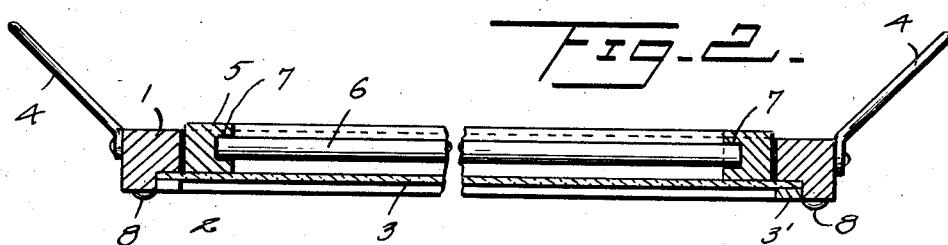


Fig. 2 -



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This invention relates to the class of kitchen and table articles and pertains particularly to an improved form of tray.

One of the primary objects of this invention is to provide a tray upon which bread or cake may be cut without permitting crumbs and particles of the article from being lost or scattered about on the supporting structure, such for example, as the table, as 10 is the case when using the usual flat bread or cake board.

Another object of the invention is to provide a tray designed to hold articles which are to be sliced for serving having the supporting surface so designed as to move under the knife so that the surface or supporting structure will not become cut up.

The invention broadly contemplates the provision of a tray including a main frame having a glass therein and an auxiliary frame designed to fit within the main frame and rest upon the glass and having therein a plurality of longitudinally extending parallel dowels, the dowels being relatively closely spaced and loosely mounted at their ends to permit of their rotating.

The invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing forming a part of the present invention with the understanding, however, that the invention is not confined to any strict conformity with the showing of the drawing but may be changed or modified so long as such changes or modifications mark no material departure from the salient features of the invention as expressed in the appended claims.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the tray embodying this invention;

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same looking toward the handles thereof.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the numeral 1 indicates the main frame of the present tray structure, the same being, as shown, of elongated rectangular contour, though it is to be understood that I do not wish to limit myself to a tray of this configuration, for it

is obvious that square trays may be employed or oval or round ones if desired, with equally satisfactory results.

The under face of the frame 1 at the inner edge thereof, is provided with a surrounding groove 2 in which the edges of a glass panel 3 fit, the panel of course, closing the frame.

The groove has fitted thereinto, after the tray is in position, a suitable retaining strip 3' by means of which the glass is held in place.

At opposite sides, the frame is provided with carrying handles 4 by which it may be conveniently lifted and carried when used for a serving tray, etc.

Designed to fit snugly within the frame 1 and to rest upon the glass 3 is an auxiliary frame 5 which is, of course, of the same contour as the main frame and extending longitudinally of and within the auxiliary frame 70 is a series of normally closely spaced parallel dowels 6, the ends of the dowels being loosely extended into receiving apertures 7 in the appropriate side members of the auxiliary frame to permit them to rotate.

In the use of the present tray, the article, as for example, a loaf of bread, is placed lengthwise thereon resting upon the dowels 6 and as the cutting knife is drawn through the loaf, the edge will slide across the dowels 80 causing the same to turn as a result of the contact therewith.

In this way slight resistance is offered to the passage of the knife over the loaf holding structure and the dowels are not appreciably cut.

It will also be readily seen that any crumbs which may be broken away during the cutting process will fall through the slatted auxiliary tray structure onto the glass body 3 90 therebeneath and in this manner will be collected and will not be scattered about over the bread supporting surface and swept off onto the table or other structure upon which the tray is resting. After finishing the 95 bread cutting operation the auxiliary tray 5 may be removed and the crumbs removed from the glass 3. The under face of the main frame 1 of the tray structure may be provided with suitable feet 8 which will support 100

the tray above a table surface when the tray is resting thereon and thus prevent the body of the tray frame from marring this surface.

Having thus described my invention, what

5 I claim is:—

1. A tray of the character described, comprising a main frame, a body within said main frame, an auxiliary frame removably positioned in the main frame, and spaced 10 longitudinally extending members within the auxiliary frame.
2. A tray of the character described, comprising a main frame, a glass panel fitted into said frame adjacent one face thereof, an auxiliary frame removably positioned within the first frame and resting upon the panel, and relatively closely spaced bars extending across the auxiliary frame.
3. A tray of the character described, comprising a main frame, a glass panel fitted into said frame adjacent one face thereof, an auxiliary frame removably positioned within the first frame and resting upon the panel, relatively closely spaced bars extending across 25 the auxiliary frame, said bars being in the form of dowels and having their ends loosely engaged with the supporting auxiliary frame to permit of their rotation.
4. A tray of the character described, comprising a main frame having a groove cut in one face adjacent and about the inner edge thereof, a glass panel having its edges positioned and secured in said groove, an auxiliary frame snugly removably positioned in 30 the main frame and designed to rest upon the glass panel, and a plurality of relatively closely spaced substantially parallel dowels extending across said auxiliary frame and having their ends loosely engaged in side bars 35 thereof to permit of their rotation.
5. A tray of the character described, comprising a main frame having a groove cut in one face adjacent and about the inner edge thereof, a glass panel having its edges positioned and secured in said groove, an auxiliary frame snugly removably positioned in 40 the main frame and designed to rest upon the glass panel, a plurality of relatively closely spaced substantially parallel dowels extending across said auxiliary frame and having their ends loosely engaged in side bars 45 thereof to permit of their rotation, and handle members attached to side members of the main frame.

55 In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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