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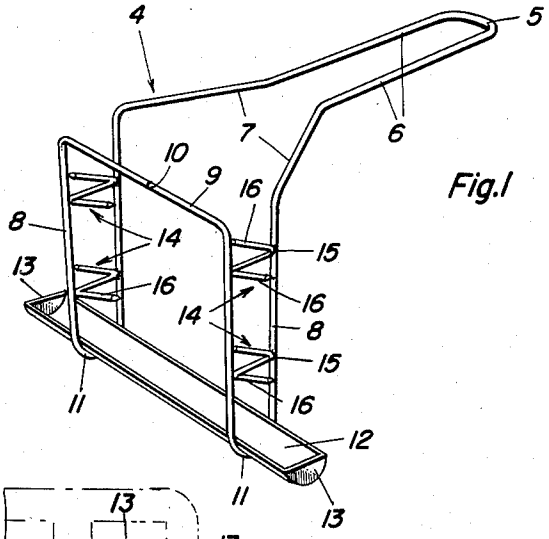


Fig.1

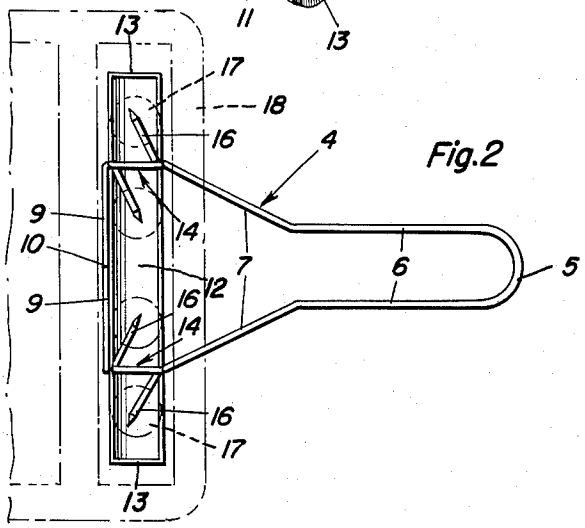


Fig.2

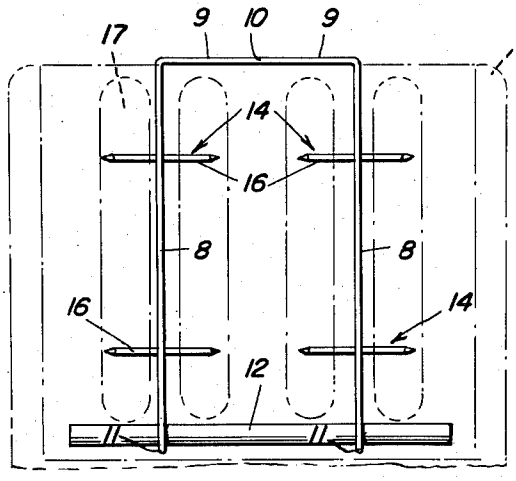


Fig.3

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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in wiener holders and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, novel means whereby a food product of this character may be rapidly and uniformly toasted, roasted or broiled in a conventional domestic bread toaster.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a holder of the aforementioned character which embodies unique means for firmly mounting the wieners on the device.

Still another important object of the present invention is to provide a holder of the character described comprising means for catching and retaining all juices which may drip from the wieners.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a wiener holder of the character set forth which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, compact, of light weight and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a wiener holder constructed in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2 is a top plan view, showing the device in use; and

Figure 3 is a front elevational view thereof.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises a frame formed from a single length of suitable wire which is designated generally by reference character 4. The frame 4 comprises a substantially U-shaped handle 5, the legs 6 of which include divergent forward portions 7.

Depending from the forward portions 7 of the handle legs 6 is a pair of transversely aligned, spaced substantially U-shaped hangers 8. The hangers 8 terminate, at one end, in right angularly inwardly bent end portions or arms 9 which are welded together, as at 10. Fixed as by welding in the bight portions 11 of the hangers 8 is a trough 12 of substantially semicircular transverse sections for the reception of juices, said trough comprising closed ends 13.

Mounted horizontally in the hangers 8 are pairs of vertically spaced, substantially reversed Z-shaped wiener brackets 14, also of suitable wire. The angles or bends of the brackets 14 are welded to the hangers 8 as indicated at 15. The end portions of the brackets 14 extend diagonally inwardly and outwardly from the hangers and provide prongs 16 on which the wieners, as indicated at 17, are impaled in a vertical position.

It is thought that the use or operation of the device will be readily apparent from a consideration of the foregoing. In Figures 2 and 3 of the drawing, reference character 18 designates a conventional electric bread toaster. Briefly, the wieners 17 are impaled vertically on the prongs 16 of the brackets 14 over the trough 12. Through the medium of the handle 5, the device with the wieners thereon is then lowered into one of the wells or chambers of the toaster 18. Of course, the toaster 18 is energized in the usual manner for broiling the wieners therein. Any juices dripping from the wieners are caught and retained in the trough 12. When the cooking or broiling operation has been completed, the device with the wieners thereon is lifted out of the toaster.

It is believed that the many advantages of a wiener holder constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood and although a preferred embodiment of the device is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of parts may be resored to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. A wiener holder for insertion in an electric toaster comprising a handle having a pair of divergent forward portions terminating in a pair of U-shaped hangers spaced apart by said portions in opposite relation and each having like sides and a bottom bight portion connecting the sides thereof, one side of each of said hangers forming angular depending continuations of said divergent portions, zig-zag members extending transversely between and connecting the sides of each hanger together and each having a pair of terminal prongs extending laterally oppositely out of said hangers for impaling wieners thereon, and a trough fixed in said bight portions below said zig-zag members for catching juices dripping from wieners impaled on said prongs.

2. A wiener holder for insertion in an electric toaster comprising a handle, a pair of spaced U-shaped hangers terminally and angularly secured to said handle, each of said hangers defining a bight portion, said bight portions being aligned, a trough mounted between and fixed to said bight portions, each of said hangers further defining spaced sides, zig-zag members extending transversely between and connecting the sides of each hanger together, each of said zig-zag members having a pair of terminal prongs extending laterally oppositely out of said hangers for impaling wieners thereon.

3. The combination of claim 2 wherein said handle and said hangers are formed by a single length of wire.

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