

(No Model.)

W. WOHLTMANN.
HAM COVER.

No. 465,742.

Patented Dec. 22, 1891.

Fig 1.

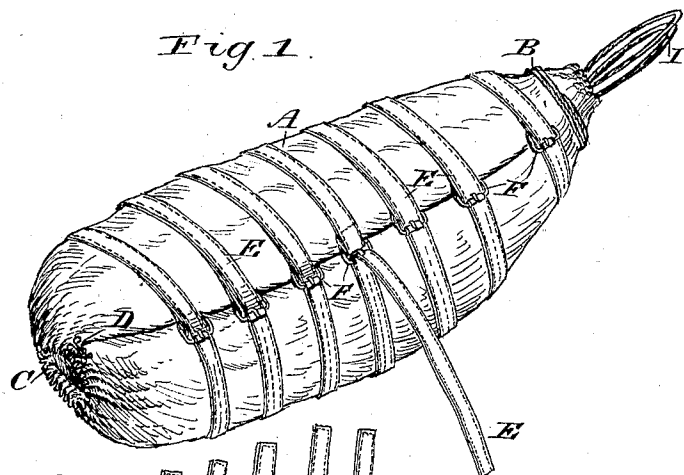


Fig 2

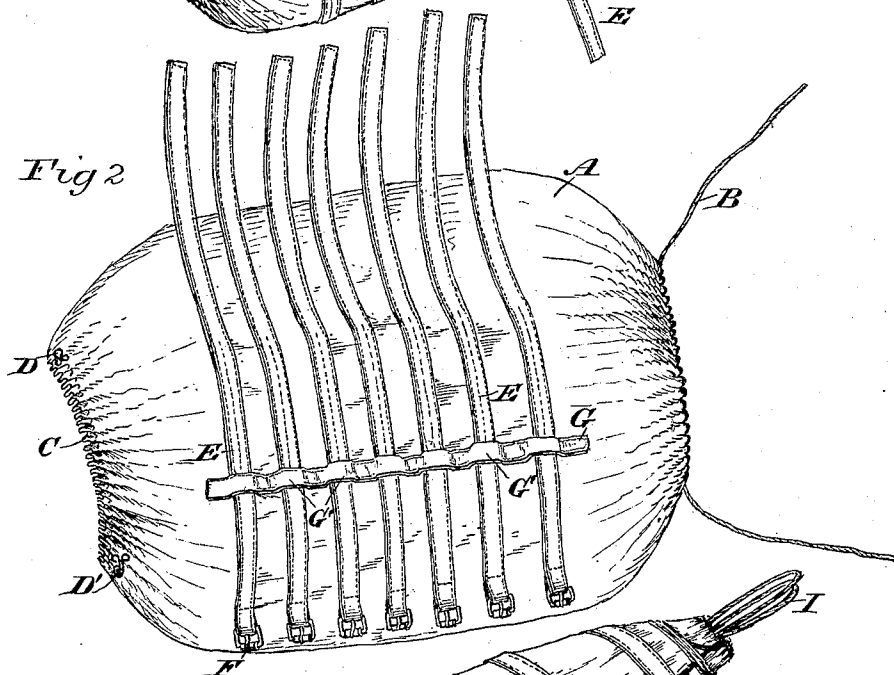
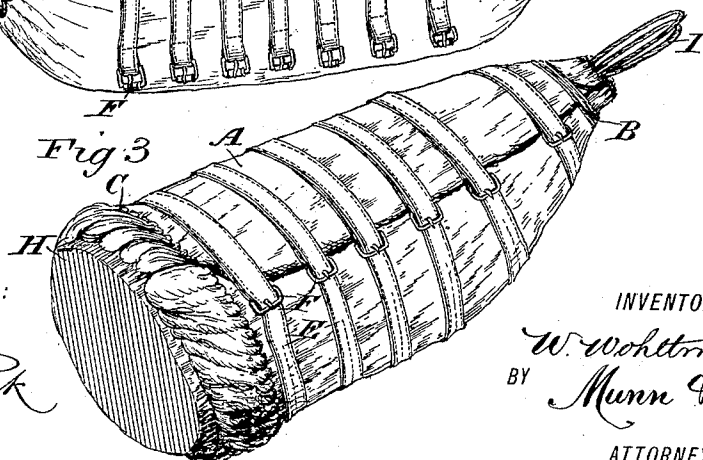


Fig 3



WITNESSES:

Paul Johst
C. Sedgwick

INVENTOR

W. Wohltmann
BY Munn & Co

ATTORNEYS.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

WILHELM WOHLTMANN, OF NEW YORK, N. Y.

HAM-COVER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 465,742, dated December 22, 1891.

Application filed June 3, 1891. Serial No. 394,959. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILHELM WOHLTMANN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Ham-Cover, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved ham-cover which is simple and durable in construction; protects the ham from dust, insects, mice, and other animals, permits of pressing the ham into the desired form, and allows the consumer to uncover part to conveniently cut off slices.

The invention consists of a covering-sheet made of a suitable fabric and arranged to inclose the ham, the sides of the sheet overlapping one another, and a series of buckle-straps secured on the back of the sheet and arranged transversely to close the ends of the sheet over the ham.

The invention also consists of certain parts and details and combinations of the same, as will be hereinafter described, and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement in closed position. Fig. 2 is an inverted plan view of the same in an open position; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the improvement as applied, with part folded back for slicing or cutting a ham.

The improved ham-cover is provided with a sheet A, made of a suitable fabric, preferably cotton, and of a shape indicated in Fig. 2. On one end of the sheet A is arranged a draw-string B and on the other end is held an elastic C for conveniently closing the ends of the sheet, as hereinafter more fully described.

On the end of the sheet A having the elastic C are arranged at opposite corners the hooks and eyes D and D', adapted to engage one another when the ham is in place. On the back of the sheet A are secured by stitches or other means a series of transversely-extending straps E, arranged parallel to each other, as plainly shown in Fig. 2, one end of each strap carrying a buckle F, adapted to be engaged by the opposite end of the strap.

Across the fastened part of the straps E is held a band G, secured to the back of the cover, the said band forming loops G' over each strap for the passage of the free end of the respective strap after the said end has passed through the respective buckle F.

The ham H to be inclosed in the sheet A is placed onto the same, and then the ends are folded around the ham, so as to overlap, after which the straps E are passed with their free ends through the buckles F, and then are drawn tight, as desired, so as to firmly inclose the ham within the sheet A. By drawing the straps E more or less tight any desired shape may be given to the ham, at the same time holding the ham securely in place in the sheet. The strings I, usually secured to one end of the ham, extend through the end of the sheet A, having the draw-string B, which latter is drawn tight and then passed around this end of the sheet and has its ends tied, as plainly shown in Figs. 1 and 3, so that the cover is securely closed at this end of the ham. The other end of the sheet A, having the elastic C, is closed by engaging the hook D' in the eye D. The elastic serves to draw this end of the sheet A close together over the lower end of the ham, so that the latter is securely inclosed within the sheet. The strings or loops A, projecting at the end of the covering-sheet I, permit of hanging up the ham in any desired place.

When it is desired to use the ham, then the operator unfastens the hook D' from the eye D and draws this end of the sheet A back over the ham, as plainly shown in Fig. 3, to enable the operator to cut slices from the lower end of the ham. As the ham is gradually used up, the several buckled straps are loosened one after the other, beginning with the one nearest the end of the sheet A, having the elastic C. By retaining the straps E in a buckled position the ham is securely held in place within the covering-sheet A, so as to enable the operator to cut slices from the uncovered end of the ham without danger of the ham falling apart, as the ham is securely bound in place by the buckled straps.

It will be seen that the covering prevents dust, insects, mice, and other animals from getting at the ham. At the same time the operator cutting the slices from the ham does

not touch with his hands the ham at all. When a desired number of slices have been cut from the ham, this end of the cover is again closed by moving this end of the cover
5 back to its former position and engaging the hook D' with the eye D, so that the elastic C draws the ends together over the cut end of the ham.

The ham may be readily hung up after the
10 slices have been cut by the loops or strings I.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. As an improved article of manufacture,
15 a ham-cover comprising a covering-sheet and adapted to secure the ham, straps secured on the back of the sheet and extending transversely, buckles held on the said straps for closing the sides of the sheet and binding the
20 ham in place within the sheet, an elastic held

in the lower end of the sheet, and a hook and eye secured at opposite corners at this end of the sheet, substantially as shown and described.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, 25 a ham-cover comprising a covering-sheet and adapted to secure the ham, straps secured on the back of the sheet and extending transversely, buckles held on the said straps for closing the sides of the sheet and binding the
30 ham in place within the sheet, an elastic held in the lower end of the sheet, a hook and eye secured at opposite corners at this end of the sheet, and a draw-string held in the other end of the sheet, substantially as shown and de- 35 scribed.

WILHELM WOHLTMANN.

Witnesses:

THEO. G. HOSTER,
C. SEDGWICK.