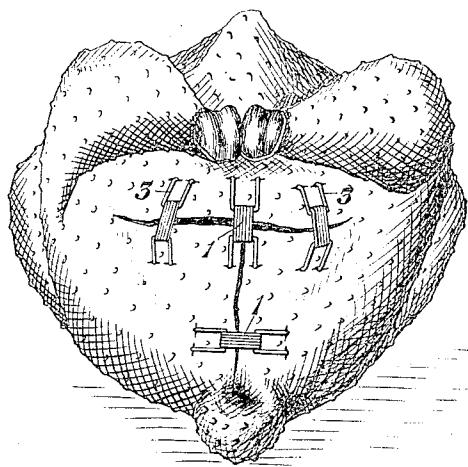


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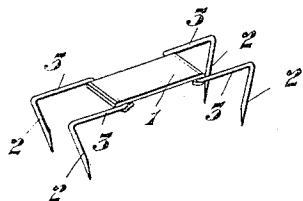
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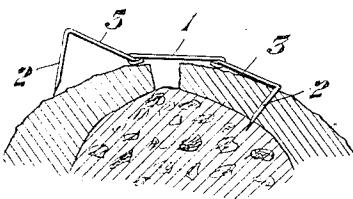
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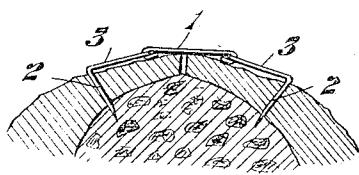
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 3.*



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY J. COFFMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Canton, county of Stark, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Securing Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in securing device adapted to temporarily secure adjacent edges of a cut, such as commonly made in fowls designed to be filled with dressing and roasted, but it will be understood that the invention can be used to secure various kinds of roasts.

The objects of my invention are, first, to provide simple means whereby the fowl or roast will not become disconnected during the process of roasting and second, to provide for the retention of the securing device during the process of roasting. These objects, together with other objects, readily apparent to those skilled in the art, I attain by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, although my invention may be embodied in a variety of other mechanical forms, the construction illustrated being chosen by way of example.

In the accompanying drawing—Figure 1 is a view showing a number of securing devices properly connected to a fowl. Fig. 2 is a detached perspective view of one of the securing devices. Fig. 3 is a section showing portion of a fowl or roast and illustrating the securing device properly applied. Fig. 4 is a sectional view showing one of the retaining tangs or members properly connected and the other tang or member in position to be connected to secure the retaining device in proper position.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawing.

In the accompanying drawing, 1 represents the body or plate portion which is formed of sufficient length to properly bridge the cut or opening and at the same time allow the tangs 2 to be set a sufficient distance from the cut or opening to prevent them from displacement by reason of any strain that may be brought upon them by reason of the expansion or contraction or changed conditions of the flesh during the time the roasting process is going forward.

The tangs 2 are preferably formed in pairs and are pivotally connected to the plate or

body 1 so that the same can be turned in proper position to be securely seated in the flesh of the fowl or roast. The tangs 2 are so arranged that the opposite pairs will be inclined inward as best illustrated in Fig. 2, thereby preventing the displacement of said tangs should any strain be brought upon the same by the tendency of the joined portions of the fowl or roast to separate or part during the time of roasting.

The tangs 2 are spaced apart a sufficient distance to allow the ends of the plate 1 to lie between the pairs of tangs. By forming the tangs 2 in pairs and pivotally connecting the same to the plate 1, there can be no lateral movement of said tangs either when released or in position to secure the roast by which arrangement the tangs are always in proper position with reference to the plate 1 to be properly inserted in the flesh and after they are inserted there is no liability of their becoming accidentally displaced, owing to the fact that the plate 1 is held in close contact with the outer surface of the flesh at its four corners.

The tangs 2 are bent at an angle to the members 3, to which members the plate 1 is attached, the tangs 2 being spaced from the ends of the plate 1.

For the purpose of properly connecting the device to a fowl or a roast the outermost portions of the tangs are formed straight throughout their entire length whereby the tangs proper can be connected or inserted into the flesh of the fowl or roast.

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

In a securing device for the purpose specified the combination of an elongated plate, tangs pivoted to the opposite ends of said elongated plate, said tangs consisting of integral members, the outermost portions of the tangs located at an angle to the portions pivoted to the elongated plate, said outermost portions formed straight throughout their entire length, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the above, I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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