The invention relates to a combination sandwich holder and knife guide by which a sandwich may be held, and accurately cut with a

The essential object of the invention is to provide a device by which the sandwich may be handled, and the cutting operation effected, without touching the sandwich with the hands.

The invention can best be seen and understood by reference to the drawing in which—

Figs. 1 and 2 show in perspective different forms of the device when made of bent wire. Fig. 3 shows in perspective a modified form of the device in which sheet metal is employed as one of the chief elements in place of wire. Fig. 4 is a sectional plan of the device shown in Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a cross section showing a detail of the construction of the device shown in Fig. 3, and Fig. 6 shows in cross section a modification of the device shown in Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawing—

As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, when the device is made of relatively heavy wire, the device comprises a handle 1 formed by bending the wire upon itself to form opposing arms 2 and 3, and loop forming end 4 connecting the arms, the arms and end combining to form the handle. Beyond the handle the arms 2 and 3 are extended by portions 5 and 6 to form an opening 7 for receiving a knife (not shown) introduced to pass between the portions 5 and 6 of the arms. The portions 5 and 6 of the arms are preferably rather widely separated in order to secure easy entry for the knife without the necessity of accurately positioning it. Beyond the opening 7 the arms are brought together by portions 8 and 9 to form a relatively narrow slit 10 into which the knife may be drawn down from out of the opening 7 into the slit, the portions 8 and 9 of the arms, or wire, then forming a guide for positioning the knife.

The outer open end of the slit 10, and outer ends of the portions 8 and 9 of the arms between which the slit is formed, lie within or immediately adjacent to the sandwich holding and knife guiding part of the device borne by the handle. This comprises feet 12 and 13 brought to bear against the sandwich by means of the handle for holding the sandwich in place, and between the feet a guide 14 for the knife adjacent the mouth of the slit 10 by means of which the sandwich may be accurately cut by the knife while the sandwich is being held pressed down by the feet borne by the handle.

The feet 12 and 13 and guide 14 are formed by a further bending of the wire. From the end of the portion 8 of the wire adjacent the slit 10 the wire is turned forward at right angles to form the portion 15 of the guide 14, thence the wire is turned outwardly and back to form the foot 12 and is again turned forward to the end of the portion 8 of the wire to form the portion 16 of the guide. Likewise from the end of the portion 9 of the wire adjacent the slit 10 the wire is turned back at right angles to form the portion 17 of the guide 14, thence the wire is turned outwardly and forward to form the foot 13, and thence again turned back to the end of the portion 9 of the wire to form the portion 18 of the guide.

The portions 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the wire forming the guide 14 extend fore and aft of the mouth of the slit 10. The respective portions 15, 16, 17, 18 are spaced from one another to leave a slit 19 between them which lies midway between the two feet and extends in alignment with the slit 10.

In using the device the feet 12 and 13 lying in a common plane are brought into contact with the top of the sandwich by means of the handle, and are held pressed against the sandwich by the handle, for holding it in place preliminary to cutting. A knife is then inserted into the opening 7 and brought down where its cutting edge will pass through the slit 10 into the slit 19 forming the knife guide, whereupon by further depression of the knife with accompanying drawing action the sandwich will be cross-cut as defined by the guide.

In Fig. 2 the device is made in the same way as in Fig. 1 excepting that the feet 12 and 13 are angularly bent, the combined feet forming a quadrangular square, or figure, whose sides provide guides by which the sandwich may be edge cut to conform to the square, or figure. It will be observed, also, that the guide 14 extends diagonally across the square, or figure, so that after the edge cutting of the sandwich it may be divided into two precisely similar triangular pieces as the knife is drawn through the guide as afore-said.

In Fig. 3 where sheet metal is employed in making the device instead of wire, a handle 20 preferably of wood is employed, the handle having a metal shank 21. That portion of the device forming the opening into which the knife is initially introduced, the guide for the knife during the cutting operation, and the feet for holding the sandwich in place when brought into engagement with the sandwich by means of the 21

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COMBINATION SANDWICH HOLDER AND KNIFE GUIDE

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handle, is formed of two squares of metal plate 22, 23. Each of these squares is bent at right angles along a bend extending diagonally across each square from corner to corner to provide two adjacent but spaced sectional portions 24, 25. These portions are preferably reinforced and strengthened by means of a central raised rib 26 therein made rounding, and the two said sectional portions 24, 25 are fastened to the handle by the shank extending into the top ends of the ribs of the respective sectional portions which are then spot welded to the shank. The respective sectional portions 24, 25 form between them an opening 27 into which the knife is initially introduced, and provide also a guide 28 with interposed slit 29 for the knife as it is brought down to cross-cut the sandwich. The out-turned sectional portions 30, 31 of the respective plates form the feet of the device brought to bear against the sandwich by means of the handle. Inasmuch as these combined sectional portions 30, 31 form a quadrangular figure or square the outer edges thereof will form a guide for edge cutting of the sandwich the same as in Fig. 2 where the device is made of wire. It will also be observed that the rib 26 is preferably extended onto the respective feet.

Instead of making the sectional portions 24, 25 of the device parallel with one another as shown in Fig. 3, a better opening 26 for the introduction of the knife may be obtained as shown in Fig. 6 where these portions are bowed outwardly to leave an ample clearance between them, but gradually approaching one another within the plane of the respective feet for forming a guide for the knife in the slit as aforesaid.

I claim:

1. A combination sandwich holder and guide for cutting, comprising, a handle, separate feet carrying members connected to the handle to extend therefrom and turned outwardly to form feet lying in a common plane whereby the feet may bear against the sandwich when they are brought into engagement therewith by means of the handle, said feet being spaced and co-operating with one another to form a knife guiding slit between them whereby the sandwich when the feet have bearing as aforesaid may be cross cut by a knife positioned within said slit, said feet carrying plates being spaced and co-operating with one another to form an opening above said slit communicating therewith for initially receiving the knife and directing it into said slit for making the cut aforesaid.

2. A combination sandwich holder and guide for cutting, comprising, a handle, separate feet carrying members connected to the handle to extend therefrom and turned outwardly to form feet lying in a common plane whereby the feet may bear against the sandwich when they are brought into engagement therewith by means of the handle, said feet combining to form a quadrangular figure with edges forming guides for edge cutting of the sandwich, said feet also being spaced and co-operating with one another to form a knife guiding slit between them whereby the sandwich when said feet have bearing against it as aforesaid may be cross cut by a knife positioned within said slit, said feet carrying plates being spaced and co-operating with one another to form an opening above said slit communicating therewith for initially receiving the knife and directing it into said slit for making the cut aforesaid.

3. A combination sandwich holder and guide for cutting, comprising, a handle, separate feet carrying plates connected to the handle to extend therefrom and bent outwardly to form feet lying in a common plane whereby the feet may bear against the sandwich when they have bearing as aforesaid may be cross cut by a knife positioned within said slit, said feet being spaced and co-operating with one another to form a knife guiding slit between them whereby the sandwich when the feet have bearing as aforesaid may be cross cut by a knife positioned within said slit, said feet carrying plates being spaced and co-operating with one another to form an opening above said slit communicating therewith for initially receiving the knife and directing it into said slit for making the cut aforesaid.

4. A combination sandwich holder and guide for cutting, comprising, a handle, separate feet carrying plates connected to the handle to extend therefrom and bent outwardly to form feet lying in a common plane whereby the feet may bear against the sandwich when they are brought into engagement therewith by means of the handle, said feet combining to form a quadrangular figure with edges forming guides for edge cutting of the sandwich, said feet also being spaced and co-operating with one another to form a knife guiding slit between them whereby the sandwich when the feet have bearing as aforesaid may be cross cut by a knife positioned within said slit, said feet carrying plates being spaced and co-operating with one another to form an opening above said slit communicating therewith for initially receiving the knife and directing it into said slit for making the cut aforesaid.

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