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BUTTERING DEVICE.

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FIG. 1.

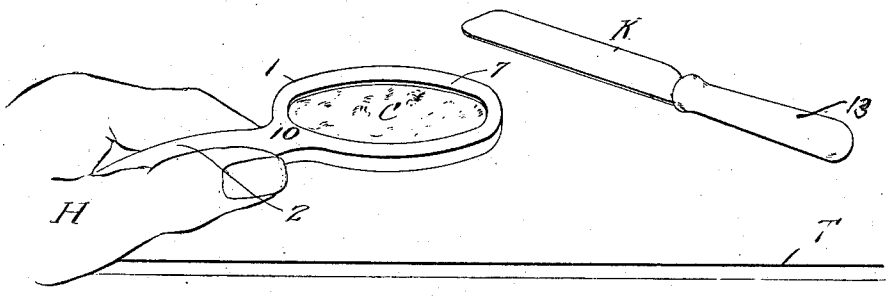


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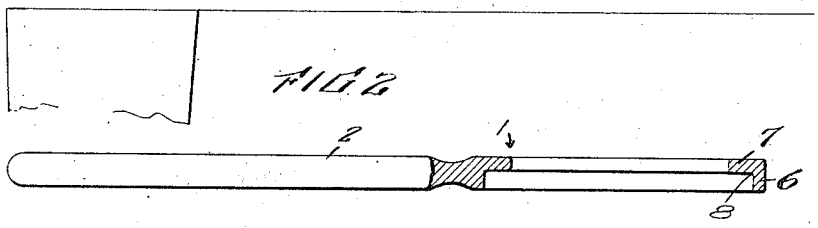


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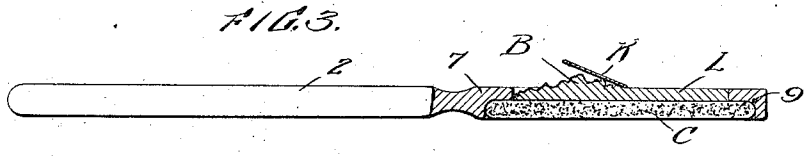


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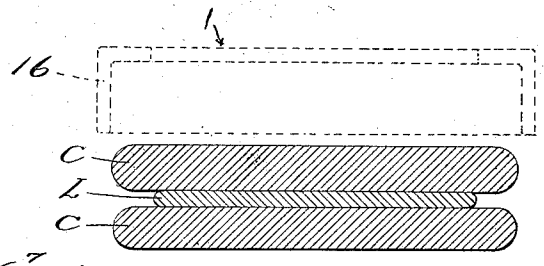
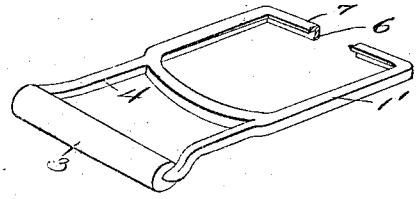


FIG. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMEL SINGLETON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atlanta, in the county of Fulton and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Buttering Devices; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to bread, pastries, crackers, and the like; and more particularly it is a device adapted for holding an article such as a slice of bread, a waffle, a wafer, or a cracker and buttering the same or supplying it with a coating of similar material. I have employed the device mainly in making peanut butter sandwiches and will so describe it, but it is quite clear that it could be shaped and used for holding a variety of articles or slices while the same were coated.

The following specification sets forth the preferred construction and uses of this device reference being had to the drawings wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing this device in use.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section through the simplest form of the holding implement.

Fig. 3 is a similar section through a slightly different form of the holder, showing it in use with the spreader.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view of a sandwich, above which in dotted lines is shown an amplified form of the frame.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a holding implement with its frame shaped to receive a slice of bread.

This device may well be made of metal, preferably aluminum for the sake of lightness and cleanliness, and it comprises a holder and a spreader. The former consists of a frame and a handle which for sake of cheapness and simplicity may be cast integral. Throughout the drawings the frame is designated by the numeral 1 and the handle by the numeral 2 where it projects radially from the frame, but when it is made in the shape of two rods 4 as seen in Fig. 5 their outer ends may be connected by a handhold 3. I may here say that the latter in this view is nearly rectangular so that it can be used over a slice of bread of the ordinary shape, but elsewhere in the drawings the frame is shown as round. Specifically the frame is an upright ring or band 6 with an inturned flange 7 at its upper end as best seen in Fig. 2. In this view the angle 8 between these elements is rather abrupt, but a curve 9 unites their inner faces in Fig. 3. In Fig. 4 the ring 16 is quite deep, but in all views the flange 7 is quite narrow. The handle 2 may be cast integral with the ring 6 in a neck at the point 10 as shown in Fig. 1, and this handle is shaped so that it may be grasped by the hand as indicated at H.

In the use of this device for making peanut butter sandwiches by interposing a layer of butter between wafers or crackers C, one of the latter is laid upon a flat surface such as a table T as seen in Fig. 1, the handle 2 is taken in the left hand and the ring 6 passed over the cracker as best seen in Fig. 3 and the whole implement borne down onto the table and held there. The ring now incloses the cracker and the flange 7 rests thereon—yet the operator's hand need not have touched it. Next a substance such as peanut butter B is placed within the opening in the flange and on the cracker C, and finally a spreader in the form of another implement such as a knife blade K is grasped by its handle 13 and its blade wiped across the flange so that surplus butter is removed and a film or layer L the thickness of the flange 7 remains. The holder and the buttered cracker are now moved to the edge of the table so that the tip of the handle may be depressed to raise its frame off of the cracker—yet without touching the latter; or, if the form of Fig. 5 has been used where the hand-hole 3 overlies the edge of the table while the handle-arms 4 lie flat thereon, such hand-hold is depressed with the same result. Another cracker is then placed on the butter layer L as seen in Fig. 4, and an ordinary sandwich is thereby completed; although it is obvious that a plurality of crackers and layers might be built or stacked up in the same manner by repeating the process. In that case another holder with a rather deeper ring 16 will be employed as shown in dotted lines in this view, although it would be possible to repeat the process with the holder elsewhere illustrated.

The utility of the device lies in the fact that the flanged ring holds the cracker on the base or table by confining its edge and covering the extreme periphery of its up-

per face, and the opening within the flange coacts with the exposed upper face of the cracker to produce a cup-shaped receptacle for receiving the plastic. Even if the latter should be quite soft, as cream cheese or the like, this receptacle would confine it while it is being spread, the size of the ring and the thickness of the flange would limit the amount of plastic possible to leave on the cracker when the knife or spreader was wiped across it, and finally when the holder is removed it will be found that there is none of the plastic around the extreme edge of the upper face—hence when another cracker is placed on the plastic and pressed down, little or nothing will ooze out around the edges.

While I have used and described this device as intended for use in making peanut butter cracker-sandwiches, it is obvious that is could be otherwise employed. It might be used for making bread sandwiches or even for buttering bread, if the frame 1′ were given the proper shape as shown in Fig. 5; but also in that case I would retain the angular disposition of the ring 6 and flange 7 as shown where the frame in this view is broken away. I have also made use of this view to show that I am not limited to a single handle as elsewhere indicated by the numeral 2, and in fact I might employ a plurality of handles if desired, but always I prefer that the neck and the handle or handles shall stand within the plane of the frame so that the holder may be laid flat on the table or base and the cracker (or the like, as possibly soft cake) shall not be crushed. Often the article C is quite soft as has been suggested, and I prefer that the ring shall entirely surround it and rest at its lower edge upon the table so that the pressure of the spreader upon the flange will not be imparted to the article C. If said article should stick within the ring when the latter is raised from the table, it can be tapped slightly on the edge of the table by inclining the entire holder so that the ring is above the table top and the handle is below the plane of said top and beyond the edge of the table, and the neck 10 is useful for this purpose. The ring could be made wider for the purpose above suggested, or when the article is thicker than an ordinary cracker or wafer. The flange could be made wider and therefore the opening within it smaller if it were desired to have the plastic material terminate at a farther distance from the edge, and this flange could be made thicker or thinner according to whether it was desired that the coating or layer L of plastic should be thick or thin.

What I claim is:

1. The herein described device for applying a plastic layer to crackers, cakes, etc., including a holder and a spreader, the former comprising a mold having in one face a pocket to receive the cracker to be coated and on the other side a coincident chamber closed at one end by an emplaced cracker and of less area so that the cracker is covered at its edge, the holder provided with a handle extending therefrom at one side; the spreader comprising a scraper slidably removable across the filling chamber and bearing upon the holder surface to smooth the filling flush with the mold top surface.

2. The herein described culinary hand tool for holding crackers and the like on a plane support while they are being buttered, the same consisting of a flat ring of L-shaped cross section and depth to wholly inclose the cracker lying upon this plane support, the inner periphery of the ring defining an area smaller than that of said cracker, and a handle connected to the side of the ring and having one side in the plane of the bottom of the recessed side of the ring, the inturned flange of the ring forming a mold chamber in which a layer of plastic may be compressed flush with the top of the holder.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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