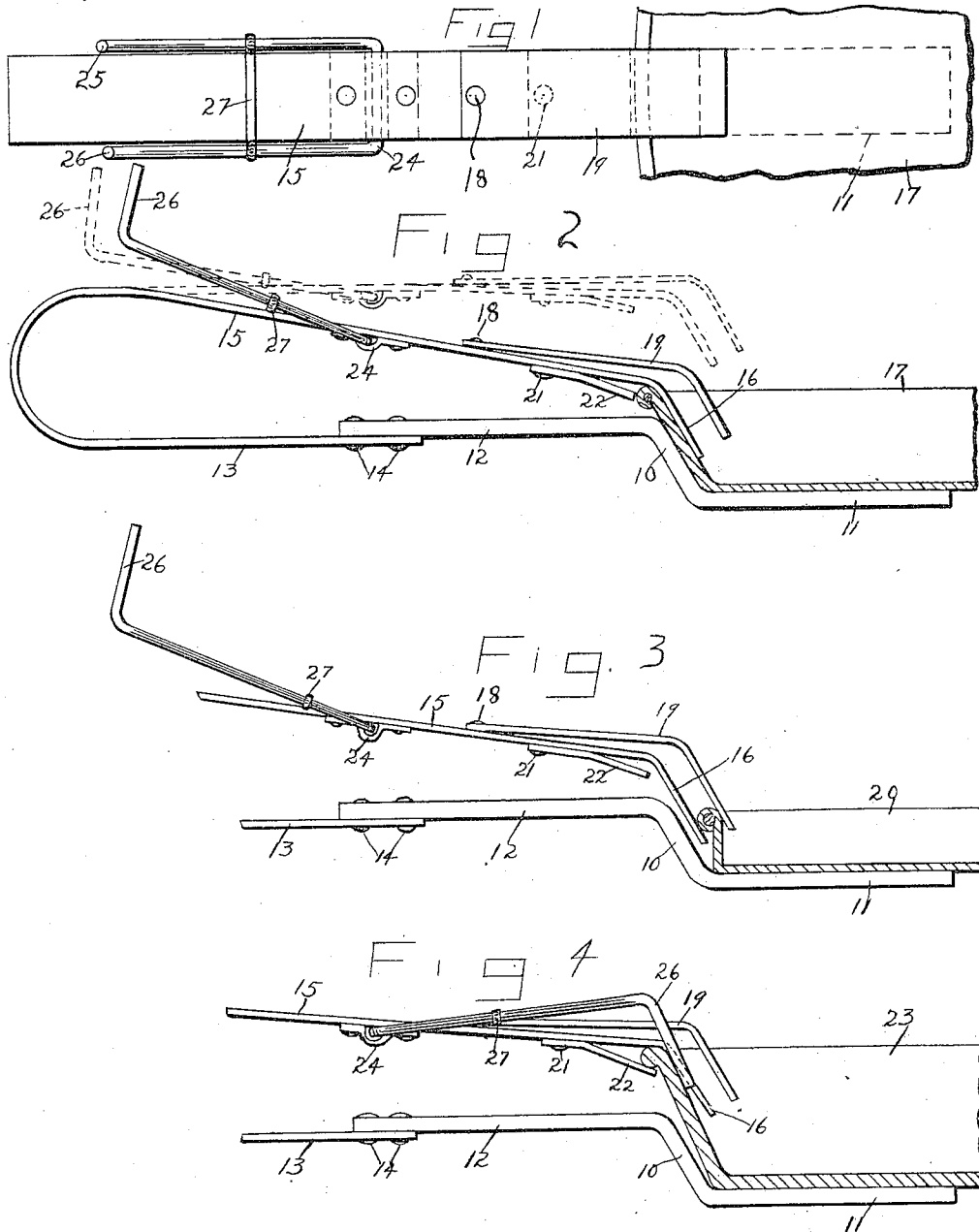


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, DAVID O. HENRY and ALLEN R. HENRY, citizens of the United States, residing at Weleetka, in the county of Okfuskee, State of Oklahoma, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pan-Lifters; and we 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 implements employed for handling culinary vessels, more particularly pans and similar utensils, and has for one of its objects to simplify and improve the construction and increase the efficiency and utility of devices of this character.

With this and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereafter shown and described and then specifically pointed out in the claims, and in the drawings illustrative of the preferred embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a plan view of the improved implement, and Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, with a portion of a pie tin shown in position in connection therewith. Fig. 3 is a detail representing the manner of employing the improved implement when handling a jelly pan. Fig. 4 is a detail representing the manner of employing the improved implement when handling a pudding dish.

The improved device comprises a lower member formed with an intermediate vertical offset 10 whereby a forward portion 11 and a rearward portion 12 is produced, the forward portion being adapted to be inserted beneath the pan or other vessels to be lifted. The portion 12 extends rearwardly of the pan and constitutes a portion of the handle of the implement.

The base member 10—11—12 is formed from a single piece of metal, of sufficient thickness to possess the requisite rigidity and in practice the base member will generally be constructed from a strip of metal one inch wide and about one-sixteenth of an inch thick, but these dimensions may be varied if required.

An upper member forms a portion of the improved implement and is formed from a single strip of resilient metal bent into

substantially U-shape with the legs of unequal length, the shorter leg 13 being secured rigidly to the free end of the portion 12 of the base member, by rivets or other suitable fastening means 14, and with the forward end 16 of the longer leg 15 of the upper member directed downwardly or toward the offset portion 10 of the lower member, so that when the portion 11 of the base member is inserted beneath a pie tin, indicated at 17, the offset portion 10 will bear against the outer inclined side of the pan and the downwardly directed terminal 16 will enter the pan when the upper member is compressed as shown in Fig. 2. By this means the pan is held at one side between the offset and the terminal 16. The member 13—15 is constructed from relatively thin metal, preferably steel, so that the upper leg member is readily compressible toward the rigid base member by the hand of the operator, to grip the pan 17 and hold it.

Connected rigidly to the member 15 by rivets 18 or other suitable devices, is a metal strip 19 extending forwardly of the portion 16, and adapted to coact with the latter when a jelly pan 20 is to be supported as shown in Fig. 3. When thus employed the plate 19 is compressed with the thumb of the hand which compresses the members 14—12 toward each other.

Connected at 21 to the underside of the leg 15 by a rivet or other suitable fastening device is a clip 22 adapted to bear beneath the rim of a pudding dish represented at 23 in Fig. 4. Swinging at 24 from the member 15 is a wire holding device bent into substantially U-shape and with the outer portions of its sides directed downwardly as shown at 25—26. The sides of the U-shaped member are connected intermediate their ends by a loop 27, to maintain them in position. The downwardly directed portion 25—26 when depressed, enter the dish 23 and coact with the clip 22 to hold the dish in position, the wire member being held in its depressed position by the same hand which holds the members 15—12, as will be understood.

It will thus be obvious that a simply constructed and convenient implement is provided, which may be inexpensively manufactured, and employed for holding dishes

of various kinds, and readily adapted without material structural changes to the dishes of various kinds.

What is claimed is:—

- 5 1. An implement of the class described comprising a lower supporting member having a vertical offset intermediate its ends, a yieldable upper holding member connected to the lower member and provided with a
10 downwardly directed terminal adjacent to said offset and a clip connected to the holding member and spaced from the down-turned end of the same.
- 15 2. An implement of the class described comprising a lower supporting member having a vertical offset intermediate its ends a yieldable upper holding member connected to the lower member and provided with a
20 downwardly directed terminal adjacent to said offset portion, a yieldable arm connected at one end to said upper supporting member and with its free end downwardly directed in advance of the down-turned terminal of the upper member.
- 25 3. An implement of the class described comprising a lower supporting member having a vertical offset intermediate its ends a yieldable upper holding member connected to the lower member and provided with a
30 downwardly directed terminal adjacent to said offset, a clip connected to the holding member and spaced from the down-turned ends of the same, an arm connected to swing at one end to the upper member and with its
35 outer portion directed downwardly and

adapted to be located in advance of the clip when the swinging arm is depressed.

4. An implement of the class described comprising a lower relatively rigid member having a vertical offset intermediate its ends, 40 a yieldable upper holding member bent into U-shape with legs of unequal length, the terminals of the longer leg being directed downwardly, means for rigidly securing the shorter leg of the upper member to the lower 45 rigid member, and a clip connected to the holding member and spaced from the down-turned ends of the same.

5. An implement of the class described comprising a lower relatively rigid member 50 having a vertical offset intermediate the ends, a yieldable upper holding member bent into U-shape with legs of unequal length, the terminal of the longer leg being directed downwardly, means for rigidly securing the 55 shorter leg of the upper member to the lower rigid member, a clip connected to the holding member and spaced from the down-turned end of the same, an arm connected to swing at one end to the upper member and 60 with its outer portion directed downwardly and adapted to be located in advance of the clip when the swinging arm is depressed.

In testimony whereof, we affix our signatures, in presence of two witnesses.

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