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ATTACHMENT FOR TRAYS.

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Fig. 1.

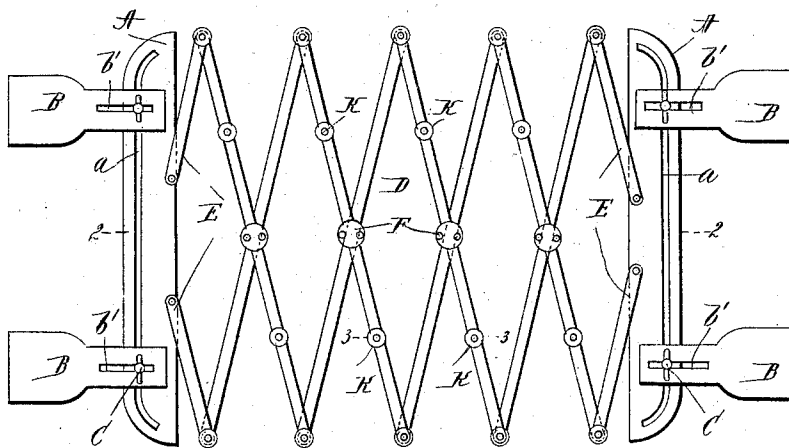


Fig. 2.

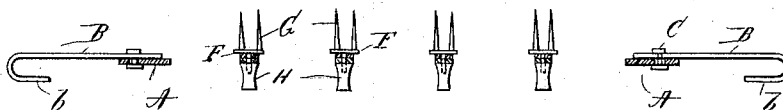
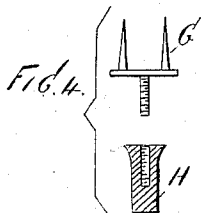
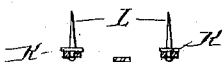


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN SELLMAN, a citizen of Sweden, and a resident of Stockholm, Sweden, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Attachments for Trays, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding
10 parts.

This invention relates to trays or similar devices on which it is customary to serve meats or similar articles; and the object thereof is to provide an attachment for this class
15 of devices which is adapted to be placed over the top thereof and to be secured thereto and to hold the meat which it is desired to carve and to serve in a stationary position upon the tray; and with this and other objects in view
20 the invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which—
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Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved attachment for trays; Fig. 2, a section on the line 2 2, and Fig. 3 a section on the line 3 3. Fig. 4 shows the support detached and partly
30 in section.

In the practice of my invention I provide two end pieces A, which may be of any desired shape and which are preferably formed so as to correspond with the ends of the tray, and said end pieces are provided with longitudinally-curved slots *a*, and connected with
35 said end pieces, and preferably transversely thereof, are sliding or movable clamps B, the outer ends of which are provided with hooks *b*, which are adapted to overlap the edges of the tray, and said clamps are provided with longitudinal slots *b'*, through which pass thumb-screws C, which also pass through the slots *a* in the end pieces and by means of which
40 said clamps are free to slide in said slots *a* and be fixed thereto.

The end pieces A are connected by means of a set of lazy-tongs D, which in general construction and operation are the same as
50 other devices of this class, and the connection thereof with the end pieces is made by means

of two arms E, which are pivotally connected with said end pieces and with the lazy-tongs, and secured to said lazy-tongs, at the central pivotal connection of the separate sections thereof, are thumb-screws F, provided
55 in the upper part with upwardly-directed prongs or projections G, and the central separate sections of the lazy-tongs are connected with downwardly-directed supports H, which
60 are adapted to rest on the bottom of the tray and to support the lazy-tongs, and preferably at each side are secured to the alternate arms of the separate sections of the lazy-tongs corresponding plates K, provided with
65 upwardly-directed prongs or projections L, these features of construction being most clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

The means by which the plates F and K are secured to the lazy-tongs consist of a
70 pivotal screw, which passes through the separate prongs or arms of the latter and to which the supports M are secured, and it will thus be seen that my entire device is simple in construction, and the operation thereof will
75 be readily understood from the foregoing description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings. The attachment is placed upon the tray by connecting the clamps B with the ends thereof, as will be readily
80 understood, and when so connected the lazy-tongs will be supported by the supports H, and the meat or other article which it is desired to carve or serve is placed thereon and will be firmly held in place by the prongs or
85 projections G and L, and the slipping and turning thereof will be avoided and the meat may be more easily and quickly carved, as will be readily understood, than when placed on a tray in the usual manner.
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My invention is not limited to the exact form and arrangement of parts shown and described or to the means for connecting the attachment to the tray, and I therefore reserve the right to make all such changes
95 therein and modifications thereof as fairly come within the scope of the invention.

Having fully described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—
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1. An attachment for trays comprising a set of lazy-tongs, end pieces or plates pivot-

ally secured to the lazy-tongs and provided with clamps the lazy-tongs being adapted to be connected to a tray, substantially as described.

- 5 2. An attachment for trays comprising a set of lazy-tongs which are adapted to be connected therewith, slotted end pieces or plates pivotally secured to the lazy-tongs, clamps upon said end pieces adapted and arranged
10 to move within the slots thereof, substantially as described.

3. An attachment for trays comprising a set of lazy-tongs adapted to be connected therewith, end pieces or plates pivotally se-
15 cured to said lazy-tongs, clamps upon said end pieces, said end pieces being provided with longitudinal slots in which said clamps move, and the under surface of the lazy-tongs to

rest upon the bottom of the tray, substantially as described. 20

4. An attachment for trays comprising a set of lazy-tongs having longitudinally-slotted plates pivoted to their ends, clamps movably engaged in said plate-slots and provided with hooks or analogous devices, all constructed and arranged substantially as and
25 for the purposes described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 11th
30 day of October, 1895.

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