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Fig. 1.

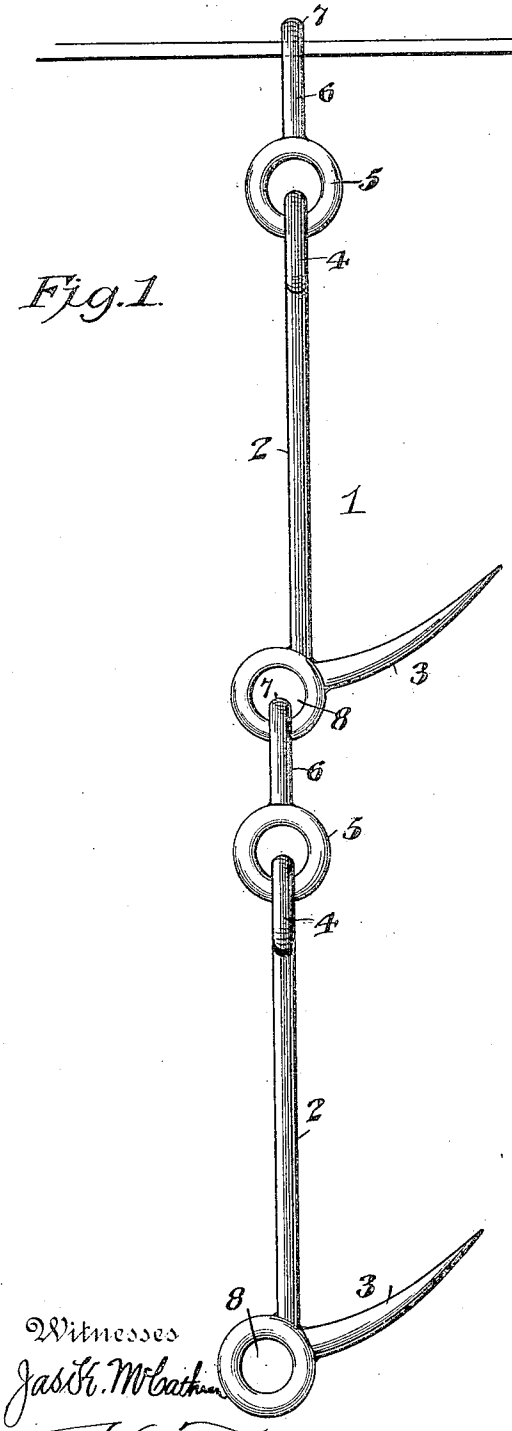
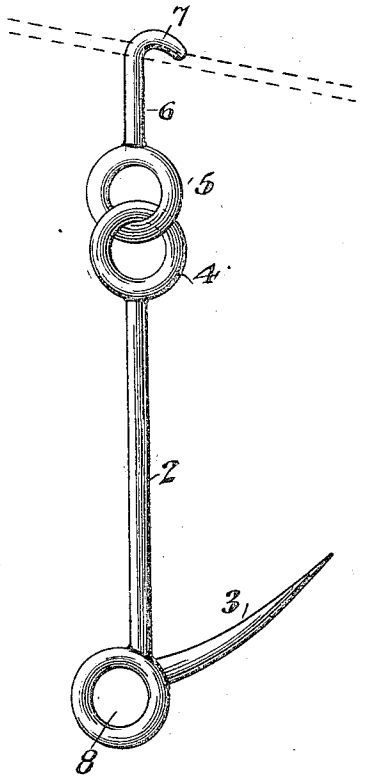


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DIO LEWIS WALLS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Meat-Hook, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in meat-hooks.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of meat-hooks, and to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient device of this character designed particularly for hanging hams and other small meats in smoke houses or departments and other places and adapted to keep such meats cleaner and hold them safer than when suspended from a string and capable also of effectually preventing meats from falling and becoming burned or ruined, as is often the case when strings are employed.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device adapted to increase the holding capacity of a meat-rack and to enable a greater quantity of meat to be hung on a rack than when strings are employed for hanging the meat.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a pair of meat-supporting devices constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the meat-supporting devices.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in both the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a meat-supporting hook consisting of a vertical stem or shank 2 and a forwardly-projecting integral meat-engaging bill 3, extending upward from the lower end of the shank or stem at an inclination. The meat-engaging bill 3 is curved slightly and is tapered to a point to enable it to readily penetrate the meat. The upper end of the shank or stem 2 is provided with an eye or opening 4, which is preferably in the form of a ring and which is linked into a corresponding ring 5 of a supporting hook or hanger 6. The supporting hook or hanger 6 is shorter than the meat-receiving hook and is provided at its upper end with a short bill 7. The ring 5 forms an eye or opening and is located at the lower end of the shank or stem of the hook 6. The bill or engaging portion 7 of the supporting hook or hanger is curved downward slightly, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2 of the drawings, and it is adapted to engage a bar or other supporting portion of a meat-rack. The supporting hook or hanger enables the device to be readily hung from various kinds of supports.

The meat-receiving hook is provided at the lower end of the shank or stem at the angle formed by the same and the meat-receiving bill 3 with an eye or opening 8, preferably formed by an integral ring and adapted to receive the supporting hook or hanger of a similar device, so that a plurality of meat-supporting devices may be suspended one beneath the other, as indicated in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The integral bottom ring 8, which is arranged in a plane coincident with the plane of the meat-engaging bill 3, is adapted to receive the finger or several fingers of the operator to facilitate handling the device, and as it projects downwardly at the junction of the shank and the bill 3 it forms a convenient handle or grip for enabling the hook to be held stationary while a side of beef or other meat is being engaged with the bill.

The device may be of any desired length, and a series of any desired number may be suspended from a single support.

By this construction and arrangement the capacity of a meat-rack is greatly increased, and when the device is used in a smoke-house or smoke department there is no liability of hams or other meats accidentally falling, as is the case when strings are employed for suspending them, the strings often burning through and allowing the meat to fall and become injured or ruined. Also, the device, besides being safer, is adapted to keep the meat much cleaner than when strings are used. The device is readily removable from a meat-rack or from another meat-hook and may be quickly suspended from a scale when it is desired to weigh the meat.

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

In a device of the class described, the combination of a short inverted hook provided at the top with a downwardly-curved bill for engaging a bar and having an eye at the bottom, said eye being arranged at right angles to the bill of the short hook, and a

meat-supporting hook having its shank provided with an eye at the top arranged at right angles to and linked into the bottom eye of the short hook, said meat-supporting hook being also provided at the bottom with an upwardly-extending integral pointed bill for engaging the meat, and an integral eye located at the junction of the bill and the shank in a plane coincident with the plane of the same, the last-mentioned eye extending downwardly from the said junction and forming a grip or handle and adapted to receive the finger of the operator, whereby the meat-supporting hook may be held stationary while meat is being placed on the pointed bill.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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