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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAURA E. POPE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Stockton, county of San Joaquin, State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Slicers and Decorators; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the characters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this application.

This invention relates to a device for cutting butter, ice-cream, cake and similar articles of food of a more or less soft or plastic nature.

My principal object is to provide a device of this character having a cutting edge so formed that the cut edges of the food sliced with my implement will present a decorative and pleasing appearance. My device therefore is adapted to be used by confectioners, bakers, housewives, and in fact by any person who dispenses the above named articles of food, and desires to give the cut slices a pleasing and decorative appearance.

This device is also constructed in such a manner that the cutting member may be used to cut in a straight or curved line, as may be desired.

A further object of the invention is to produce a simple and inexpensive device and yet one which will be exceedingly effective for the purposes for which it is designed.

These objects I accomplish by means of such structure and relative arrangement of parts as will fully appear by a perusal of the following specification and claims.

In the drawings similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views:

Fig. 1 is a perspective elevation of the device in its natural form.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same showing the cutting or slicing blade bent to assume a curved form.

Fig. 3 is a fanciful view of a piece of food cut or sliced with my device.

Referring now more particularly to the characters of reference on the drawings, the numeral 1 denotes a strip of metal of greater length than height and formed throughout its height and length with vertical and transversely extending corrugations or ribs 2, thereby forming the member 1 into a continuous zig-zag shape. The strip 1 is somewhat thin so as to serve as a cutting blade, and is preferably of flexible metal so that while normally extending in a straight line it may be bent at will to have any desired curvature from end to end, as shown for instance in Fig. 2. On one end of the strip is fixed a rigid handle 3 which extends substantially as a continuation of the plane of the strip. At the other end of the strip is a vertical stem 4 surmounted by a pad or button 5. The purpose of this additional pad is to enable the user to exert an equal pressure at both ends of the blade or strip, since otherwise owing to the relatively great length of the latter it might tend to bend or warp out of when cutting through a somewhat solid block of food. This button also enables the strip to be bent and held in a curved or straight position, as may be desired.

From the foregoing description it will be readily seen that I have produced such a device as substantially fulfills the objects of the invention as set forth herein.

While this specification sets forth in detail the present and preferred construction of the device, still in practice such deviations from such detail may be resorted to as do not form a departure from the spirit of the invention, as defined by the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and useful and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A slicer comprising a strip, formed with vertical and transverse corrugations throughout its length, and a handle at one end of the strip, said strip being longitudinally flexible and being free to flex horizontally from a straight vertical plane in any direction.

2. A slicer comprising a strip, formed with vertical and transverse corrugations throughout its length, a handle projecting from one end of the strip in substantial alignment therewith, and a press-button whose axis lies in a vertical plane, at the opposite end of the strip.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

LAURA E. POPE.