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Fig. 1.

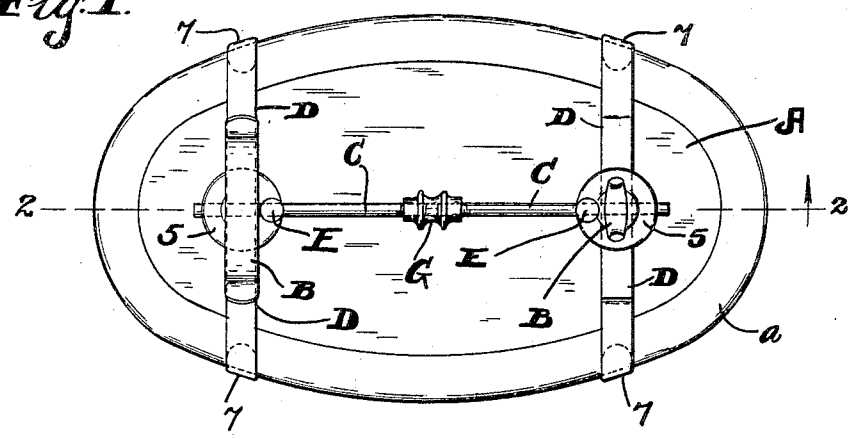


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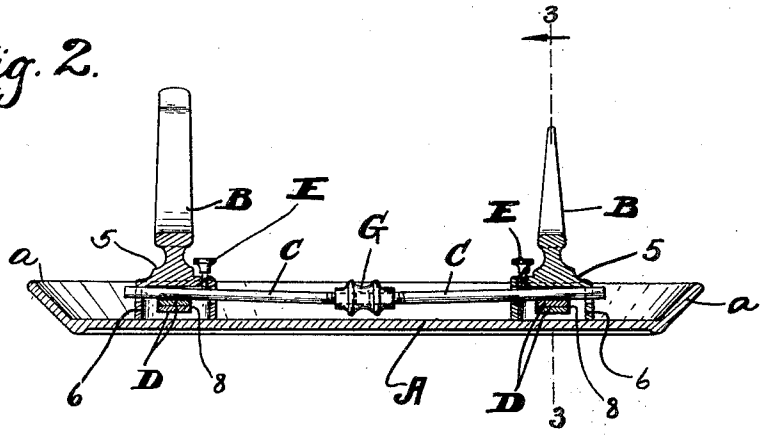
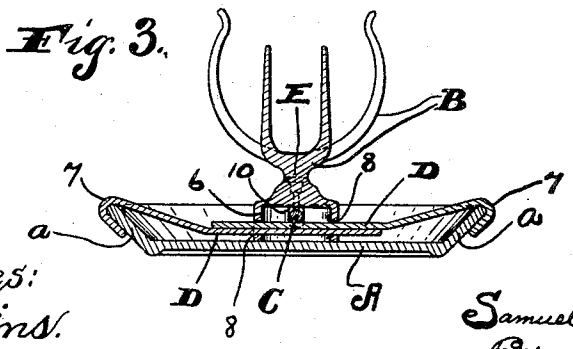


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL A. MITCHELL, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Spokane, in the county of Spokane and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supporting Devices; and I 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 pertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in supporting devices, and pertains more especially to a device for supporting and retaining a fowl in position over an oval platter while being carved.

The primary object of this invention is to materially improve the supporting device disclosed in U. S. Letters Patent, No. 345,528, granted July 13, 1886, to Hiram Mitchell.

Another object is to provide means whereby two spaced saddles, which are instrumental in receiving and supporting a fowl to be carved, may be readily adjusted relative to and efficiently retained in position on the platter.

Another object is to render the component parts of my improved supporting device capable of being assembled with facility and readily kept in a clean condition.

With these objects in view, and to the end of rendering the construction simple and durable, this invention consists in certain features of construction, and combinations and arrangement of parts, hereinafter described, pointed out in the claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is a top plan of a supporting device embodying my invention and shows said supporting device applied to an oval platter. Fig. 2 is a vertical section on line 2—2, Fig. 1, looking in the direction indicated by the arrow. Fig. 3 is a vertical section on line 3—3, Fig. 2, looking in the direction indicated by the arrow.

Referring to said drawings, A indicates the bottom of a platter, and *a* the rim of the platter. My improved supporting device, employed in supporting and retaining a fowl in position over a platter while being carved, comprises two saddles B and B which are suitably spaced. Each saddle B consists preferably of a metal casting and has an integral base 5. In the supporting device illustrated the saddles B and B are relatively contoured and arranged to receive the neck and the rump or body respectively of a fowl which is to be supported and retained in place by said supporting device while being carved over the platter. The base 5 of each saddle is shown resting on the bottom A of the platter and is provided interiorly with a chamber 6 which extends upwardly from the lower extremity of said base. Said base is provided with a rod C extending interiorly and transversely of the base in a substantially horizontal plane and from said base toward the other saddle. Said base is also provided with two arms D and D extending transversely of the rod C of the base interiorly of the base and arranged the one next above the other within said base, and said arms are preferably arranged below and substantially at a right angle to said rod. Said arms are adjustable endwise of each other and terminate in hooks 7 arranged to hook over the rim *a* of the platter, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. Preferably said base is provided above the lower end of its chamber 6 with oppositely arranged slots 8 which extend laterally and outwardly from said chamber to the exterior of said base and are engaged by the arms D of said base and have their bottoms forming seats for said arms. Said base is also preferably provided with oppositely arranged holes 10 which extend substantially at a right angle to the aforesaid slots laterally and outwardly from said chamber to the exterior of the base and are engaged by the rod C of said base. A set-screw E is screwed into the top wall of said chamber over and into engagement with said rod C, and said set-screw clamps said rod downwardly against the upper of the arms D of said base so that said arms and said rod are clamped by and between said set-screw and the seats formed for the lower of said arms. The holes 10 in said base are of course large enough vertically and arranged as required relative to the slots 8 in said base to permit the clamping of the rod C and the arms D of said base by and between the set-screw E of the base and the seats formed for the lower of said arms by the bottoms of said slots. It will be observed therefore that my improved supporting device comprises simple and efficient means whereby said arms and said rod of said base are secured in place relative to said base in the desired adjustment of said arms, and the provision of said

base with the interior chamber 6 and the extension of said chamber to the lower extremity of the base render said base readily cleanable interiorly.

Means whereby the two saddles may be simultaneously actuated from or toward each other comprise the rods C of said saddles and means, such, for instance, as a turnbuckle G, whereby the rods may be relatively readjusted to cause the saddles to approach or recede from each other while said rods and the arms D of the saddles remain secured in place relative to the bases of the saddles. Preferably said rods are arranged in line endwise and the turn-buckle is arranged centrally between the saddle-bases and couples said rods together. Obviously only manipulation of the turn-buckle is required to cause the hooks 7 of the arms D of the saddle-bases to efficiently clamp or release the rim of the platter, and preferably the set-screw E of each saddle-base is arranged between said turn-buckle and the arms D of said base.

By the construction hereinbefore described, it will be observed that the set-screw E of each saddle constitutes means arranged at one side of the pair of arms D of said saddle for exerting pressure, at one side of said pair of arms, downwardly upon the rod C connected to said saddle, so that when said set-screw has been manipulated as required to clamp said rod downwardly against said arms the outer end of said rod is simultaneously caused to tightly bear upwardly at the opposite side of said pair of arms against the base of the saddle, and consequently said rod and said arms are adequately secured to said base without necessitating any movement or manipulation of said base.

What I claim is:—

In a supporting device of the character indicated, two spaced saddles each of which has a base having an interior chamber and provided with oppositely arranged slots extending laterally and outwardly from said chamber, a pair of arms which extend through each of said chambers and through said slots and are arranged the one next above the other within said chambers and terminate in hooks arranged to hook over the rim of the platter, a turn-buckle intermediately of the saddles, a rod extending through each of said chambers and across the upper of said arms and operatively connected with the turn-buckle, and means separate from the saddles for exerting pressure downwardly on the rods at one side of each of the aforesaid pair of arms to clamp said rods and said arms to said saddles.

In testimony whereof, I sign the foregoing specification, in the presence of two witnesses.

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