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MEAT DRAINING DEVICE.

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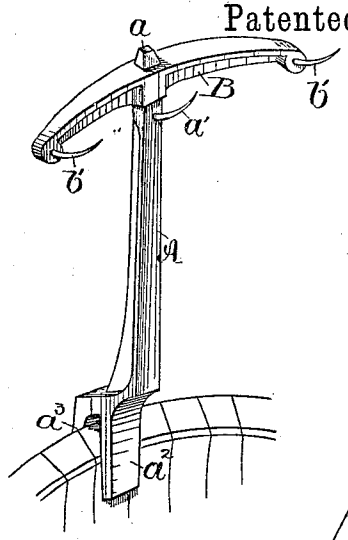


FIG. 1.

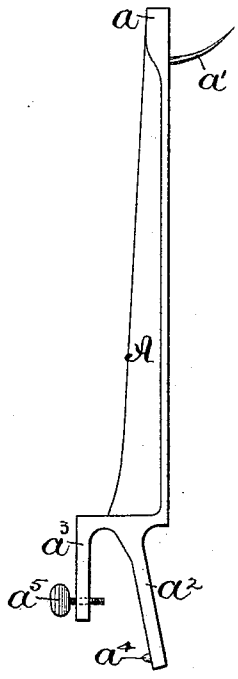


FIG. 2.

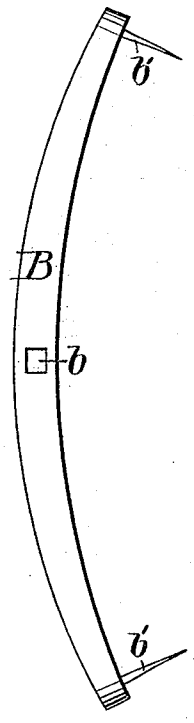


FIG. 3.

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MEAT-DRAINING DEVICE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER SPRINGSTEIN, of Valatie, in the county of Columbia and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Meat-Draining Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a removable device to be affixed to a barrel or other vessel containing meat, fish, or other articles in brine or pickle; and the objects of my improvements are, first, to afford facilities for suspending the fish, pieces of meat, &c., over the vessel in which they were contained, so that the brine or pickle dripping from them will fall into the said vessel; and, second, to provide a device for the purpose described, that may be readily applied to and removed from a barrel, so that it can be used on different vessels, as occasion requires. These objects I attain by means of the appliances illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention applied to the chine of a barrel; Fig. 2, a side elevation of the standard of my device, and Fig. 3 a plan view of the cross-head.

As represented in the drawings, A is the standard of the device, provided at its upper end with a tapering portion, *a*, and one or more hooks, *a'*, the latter projecting from the inner face of the standard, and at its lower end with the jaws a^2 and a^3, arranged in relation to the body of said standard as shown in Fig. 2—that is to say, in such manner that the upper end of the standard will fall inside of the plane of the jaw a^2. The inner jaw, a^2, is furnished with a projecting point or spike, a^4, which, by entering the wood of the barrel, gives greater stability to the device when fixed in place. A binding-screw, a^5, is inserted in the jaw a^3, for the purpose of clamping the standard in place on a barrel or other vessel.

The cross-head B is provided with a mortise, *b*, which fits snugly upon the tapering end *a* of the standard and forms a mode of connecting the two parts together, as shown in Fig. 1. The said cross-head I preferably make with a curvature, as shown in Fig. 3, so that its extremities may be better brought over the open top of a barrel when the device is used thereon. The inner edge of said cross-head is furnished with two or any other required number of hooks, *b'*.

The standard A is secured to the chine of a barrel, as shown in Fig. 1, by screwing up the binding-screw a^5, and when so secured the several hooks *a'* and *b'* will hang over the open top of the barrel. Fish, pieces of meat, or other articles contained in the barrel may then be hung on the hooks of the device in such manner that any brine, pickle, or other liquid dripping from the suspended articles will be caught in the barrel.

In some cases, as when used for domestic purposes, the standard A, with one or more hooks, may be used by itself without the cross-head B.

I claim as my invention—

1. The standard A, provided with one or more hooks, *a'*, jaws a^2 and a^3, and binding-screw a^5, as and for the purpose specified.

2. The combination, with the standard A, provided with jaws a^2 and a^3 and binding-screw a^5, of the detachable cross-head B, provided with the hooks *b'*, all constructed and arranged to operate as specified.

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