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Fig 4.

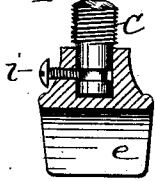


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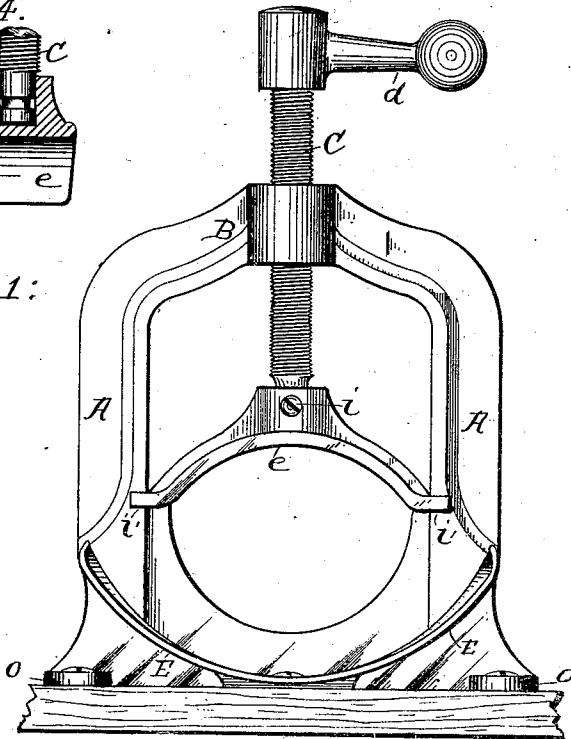


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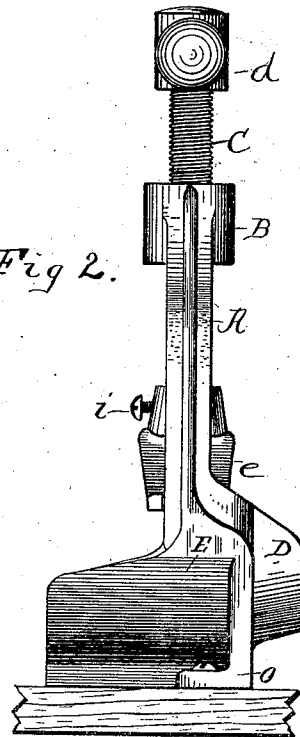


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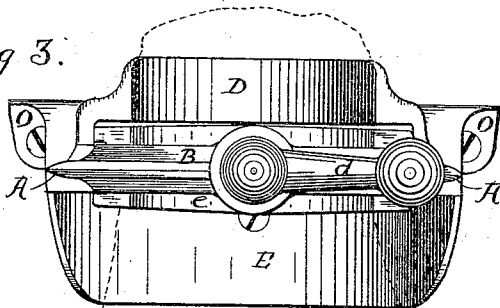
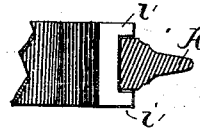


Fig 5.



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HAM-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES C. UMBENHAUER, of Miamisburg, county of Montgomery, State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ham-Holders; and I do 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in ham holders.

The object of my invention is to provide substantial means for conveniently securing and holding a ham, leg of mutton, beef or like article, while the same is being sliced, or cut by the retail dealer; to this end I provide a device that may be secured to the meat table or block, and that occupies but a small space thereon; that holds the ham, leg of mutton or other article in a vise-like manner while the same is being cut, thereby guarding the possibility of cutting the hands by the slipping or dislodgment of said article.

The drawings herewith, illustrate my invention.

The same letters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views of which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the device; Fig. 2, a side elevation; Fig. 3, a plan view, showing in broken lines, the outlines of a ham; Fig. 4, a detached, detail view showing the set screw that secures the clamp *e* to the screw *C*, the clamp appearing in cross section and the screw broken off; Fig. 5, a cross section of one of the standards and a portion of the clamp.

A A represent upright standards terminating upwardly in an arbor or arched portion B, through the center of which is a screw-threaded opening in which the screw *C* with the hand crank *d* is placed. A curved clamp *e* is secured to the lower end of the screw *C* by means of a socket in said clamp in which the end of the screw is inserted and secured by a set-screw *i*. This clamp is provided with slots in the ends thereof in which the sides of the standards fit; the parts *i' i'* of said clamps project slightly on the sides of the

standards and serve to guide the clamp and keep it in place.

At the base of the standards and integral therewith curved ledges *D* and *E* of a contour conforming to the shape of the shank and shoulder of the ham, are provided, and also feet *O O* by which the device is secured to the table or block by screws or other suitable means. There is also a hole through the center of ledge *E* through which a screw may be placed and the device thereby secured to the table near its center. The ledges *D* and *E* are essential features of the device, as by their construction, as is shown, the ham is maintained most rigidly when the clamp *e* is brought to bear thereagainst, and frequent tightening is unnecessary as the screw *C* is not affected by the operation of cutting or sawing the ham, and again, the ham is not in the least mutilated by being secured in this manner. The shank of the ham is placed on the ledge *D* which has a capacity for any sized shank when the clamp *e* is lowered thereon. The ledge *E* is constructed with a greater area of surface as the ham is tightened at this point by the clamp. Therefore this ledge is required to meet the entire pressure, which it does in a successful manner.

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

1. The device herein described for holding a ham, consisting of a base having the curved ledges *D* and *E*, the latter having an extent of surface greater than the former, and the shapes of both ledges conforming to the shape of the shank and shoulder of a ham, the screw *C*, and the clamp *e* adapted to be depressed against the ham to secure the same, substantially as herein described.

2. In a ham holder, the combination with the standards having at their base the curved ledges *D* and *E*, feet *O O* by which it is attached to a table, and at its top an arch; of the screw *C*, with the crank *d*, the curved clamp *e* fixed to said screw, and maintained in position by guides *i' i'*, substantially as herein described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of April, 1893.

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