My present invention provides a new article of manufacture in the nature of a sanitary prearranged paper folder and bacon parcel. In this parcel, the thinly cut bacon strips are laid flat and preferably slightly overlapped at their edges, so that the several strips form, in effect, a continuous flat sheet. The paper wrapper is in the nature of a flat, quite thin, but preferably quite stiff, paper folder that is folded into a flat rectangular shape completely encases the bacon strips, leaving the folder open at both ends. The various advantages of this arrangement will be more fully discussed after having first described the same in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view, with some parts broken away, showing the complete parcel or article of manufacture; Fig. 2 is a plan view showing the bacon strips placed on the folder before the folder has been completely folded around the bacon; and Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the parcel shown in Fig. 1.

The thin bacon strips are placed on the normally flat rectangular paper folder, and the folder is then bent into flat formation around the bacon, so that it completely encases the same, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, leaving the folder open at both ends.

As is well known, it is difficult and practically impossible to cut bacon into thin even strips when the bacon is warm and, hence, the bacon is, as a matter of practice, usually cut into thin strips while near the freezing point or at least while very cold and, hence, while quite hard or stiff. These thin bacon strips, immediately after they are cut and while cold, may be very easily laid in the arrangement illustrated and encased within the paper folder and, thereafter, a very parcel of prearranged bacon strips, ready for broiling or frying, is afforded. The folder affords a casing that keeps the bacon strips as prearranged therein, and affords a parcel of such stiffness that it may be handled and kept in form, even when the bacon is warm. Thin bacon strips, when individually handled and when warm, are hard to keep in shape, and it requires considerable care to place the same flatwise on a hot surface and, moreover, the strips will, in cooking, curl up so that it is impossible to produce an even frying throughout, even when great care is taken to frequently turn the same. The strips held in the paper folder, however, cannot curl up but will be held flat during the entire frying or cooking operation. Moreover, by placing the paper-wrapped parcel of bacon on an inclined hot surface, with one of the open ends of the folder downward, the grease from the bacon will continuously run therefrom so that the bacon, when properly fried, will be dry or relatively free from grease. Also, even frying of bacon throughout is insured and the fried bacon will be delivered in smooth flat condition. The fried bacon may be delivered to the customer in its original parcel or it may be removed and otherwise served. The bacon thus fried in the folder, being kept in flat condition, will cover more sandwich surface and will give a better appearance as to quantity and, more important still, the bacon will retain all of its best flavor and, as experience has shown, will be more palatable than when fried or cooked in any other way.

It has been found that packers recommend a device of the above character, first because it facilitates the original packing thereof and, second, because the bacon fried in the folder will retain the best flavor of the finest bacon. It has been the comment of packers that they take great pains to produce bacon of the finest quality and flavor and that this fine flavor is largely lost, due to the hitherto customary methods of frying the same.

The bacon parcel described is especially designed and particularly desirable for use in connection with electrically heated or other devices for broiling bacon, wherein the hot surfaces are arranged on an incline so that the grease may run from the bacon during the cooking operation. A device of this character is illustrated in my pending application Serial No. 164,640, filed January 29, 1927, and allowed December 9, 1927. In a device such as that of my prior application just noted, it is an easy matter to insert the paper-wrapped bacon parcel into the tubular receptacle therein provided, but it would be practically impossible to insert bare or uncovered bacon strips into the same receptacle.

What I claim is:

1. A new article of manufacture comprising a flat open-ended paper folder and within the same a plurality of thin strips of meat thereby held together in flat formation and said folder affording a sanitary casing for
2. A new article of manufacture comprising a flat open-ended folder formed from a single sheet of paper, and within said folder a plurality of strips of thinly cut overlapped strips of bacon thereby held together in flat formation, said folder affording a sanitary container for shipping and handling and serving to hold the bacon strips in flat condition while permitting the grease to run therefrom during the cooking operation.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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