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Dried Beef Cutter.

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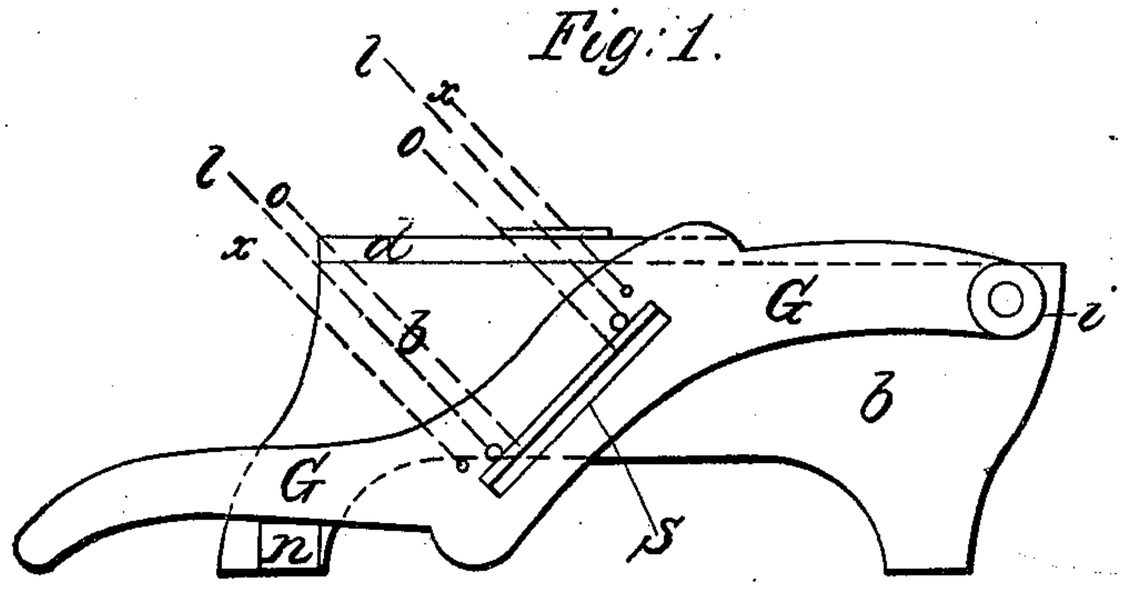
Fig: 1.



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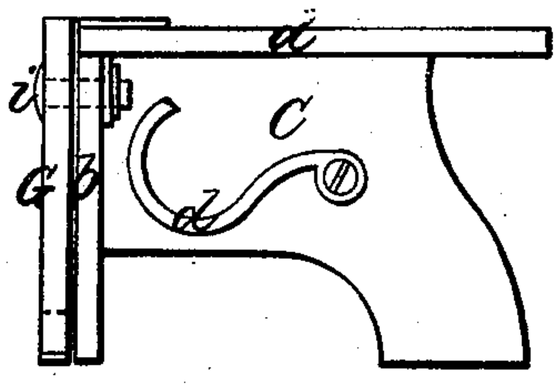

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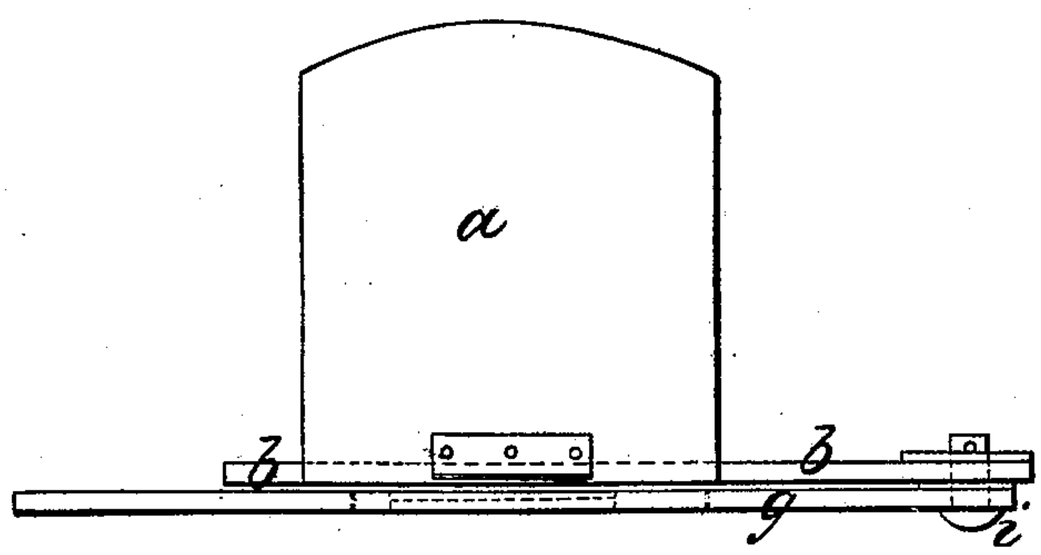

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IMPROVEMENT IN DRIED-BEEF CUTTER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CHESTER J. HOLMES and DAVID C. HOLMES, of Stafford Springs, in the county of Tolland, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Dried-Beef Cutters; and we declare the following to be a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference thereon, forming a part of this specification.

The same letters always indicate the same parts.

Figure 1 is an end elevation.

Figure 2 is a side elevation.

Figure 3 is a plan view.

The cutting-device is supported upon a small wooden table, three or four inches high, seven or eight inches long, and six or seven inches wide, supported by the end piece *b*, and the rib-piece *c*.

a is the top of the table.

The letter *g* designates the swinging arm, with a handle at one end, and hung at the other end on the pin *i*.

In the middle of the swinging arm is the straight slot *s*.

The inside of the arm, just over the slot, is so made as to allow a flat steel knife, *o*, to be fastened to it, in such fashion that the exposed surface of the knife and the surface of the arm shall form almost a continuous level.

This flat knife is fastened to the swinging arm by two screws driven through it into the arm. The points of these screws, *x x*, appear on the opposite side of the arm in fig. 1.

Two otner screws, *l l*, are driven through the arm, and bear against the inside surface of the steel knife.

These screws are used for the purpose of regulating the cut of the knife. When driven in they will make the knife take a deeper cut, and *vice versa*.

The operation is as follows:

Place the dried beef upon the top of the table, keep it with a gentle pressure against the knife, at the same time vibrating the swinging arm, and the beef will be rapidly and finely cut.

The slot *s* and the knife *o* are set at an angle of forty-five degrees to the plane of the top of the table, so as to give the knife a drawing cut.

n is a stop for the arm.

The letter *d* designates a wire hook, swinging by a screw from the rib-piece *c*, by which hook the whole device can be quickly and conveniently fastened to the edge of the top of a table.

We claim, as our invention—

The combination of a table, made as described, having the hook *d*, with the swinging arm *g* bearing the knife *o*, fastened and regulated as described, all for the purpose herein set forth.

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