

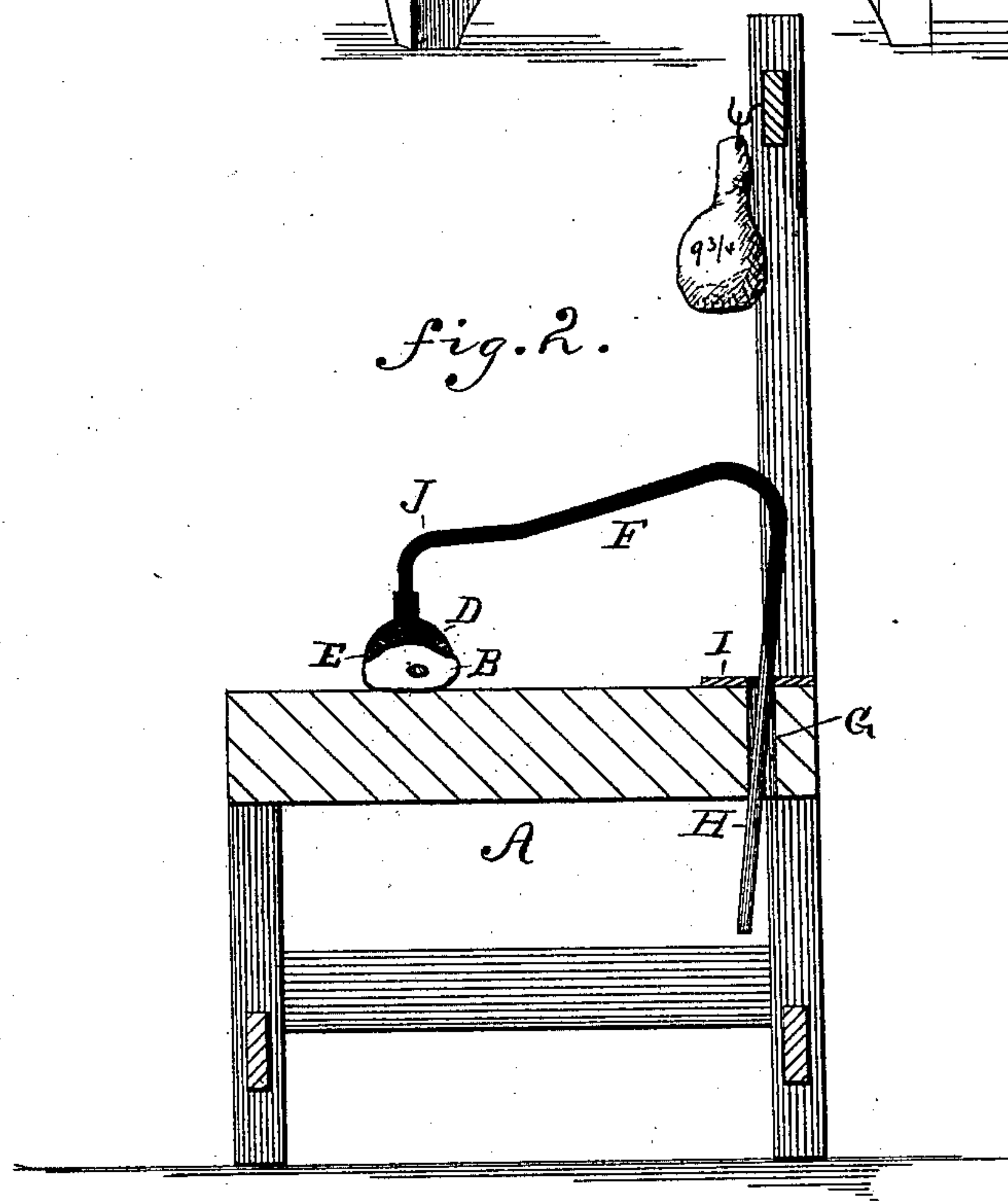
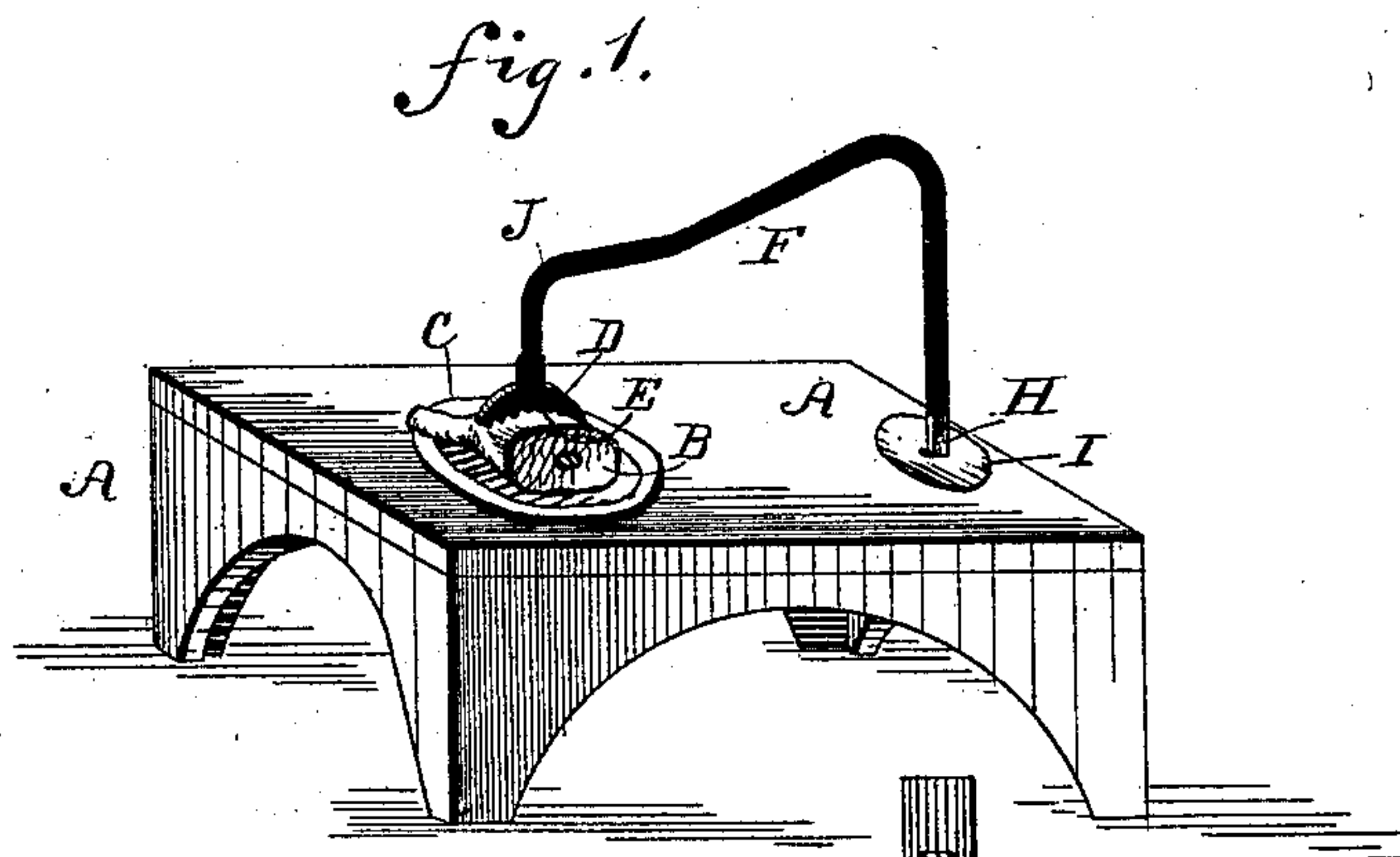
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MEAT-CLAMP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH H. TABONY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Meat-Clamps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of devices used for holding hams, &c., to be sliced. The usual method practiced by meat-venders in holding hams and other meats while slicing the same is to fasten the ham to the bench by driving long iron spikes through the ham into the bench. These spikes make large holes in the meat, frequently staining and damaging both its appearance and flavor. At the same time they roughen and wear the bench.

The object of my invention is to hold meat and other articles for slicing without in any way damaging its appearance or quality or the table it rests on.

To this end my invention consists in a device adapted to be attached to a butcher's bench, or to a small bench to be set on a table to hold hams, &c., either laid directly on the bench or on a dish upon the bench, as hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my meat-clamp attached to a portable table; and Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section, part in elevation, of a butcher's bench with my invention attached thereto.

A represents a bench of any usual construction, as shown in Fig. 2, or in a small portable form, as in Fig. 1, suitable to be set on another bench or table to hold a ham, B, resting on a platter, C.

D is the jaw of the clamp, which is curved concave on its under side to fit the form of a ham, and provided with teeth or corrugations E to hold the ham by indenting it, without cutting into it. This clamp-jaw is provided

with a bar, F, which, after curving upward and backward in any desired form, passes down through a hole, G, in the bench. The upright portion H of the bar is squared or flattened to form a shank, and the hole is made of corresponding form, to prevent the jaw from swinging sidewise. Instead of forming the hole G to fit the shank, I may bore a round hole through the bench, large enough for the shank to pass freely through, and place around it a plate, I, perforated with a hole to fit said shank H.

In use, the ham is placed on the bench, or on a platter on the bench, the jaw D is brought down on it, and the bar is pressed or struck a downward blow at J, causing its shank, H, to bear against the back edge of the hole at the top and against the forward edge thereof at the bottom, thus cramping the shank and holding the clamp firmly on the ham. A light stroke either forward or upward at J will pry the shank loose, using the ham as a fulcrum.

This meat-clamp may be made of sizes suitable to hold quarters of beef for slicing and sawing the bone, or it may be made in connection with a small table to be used for holding ham, dried beef, bread, or any other body of material which is to be sliced.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with the curved bar F, having the straight shank H, and the concave corrugated jaw D, of the bench A, having a vertical hole somewhat larger than shank H, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. A meat-clamp consisting of the curved bar F, having the straight shank H, and the concave corrugated jaw D, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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