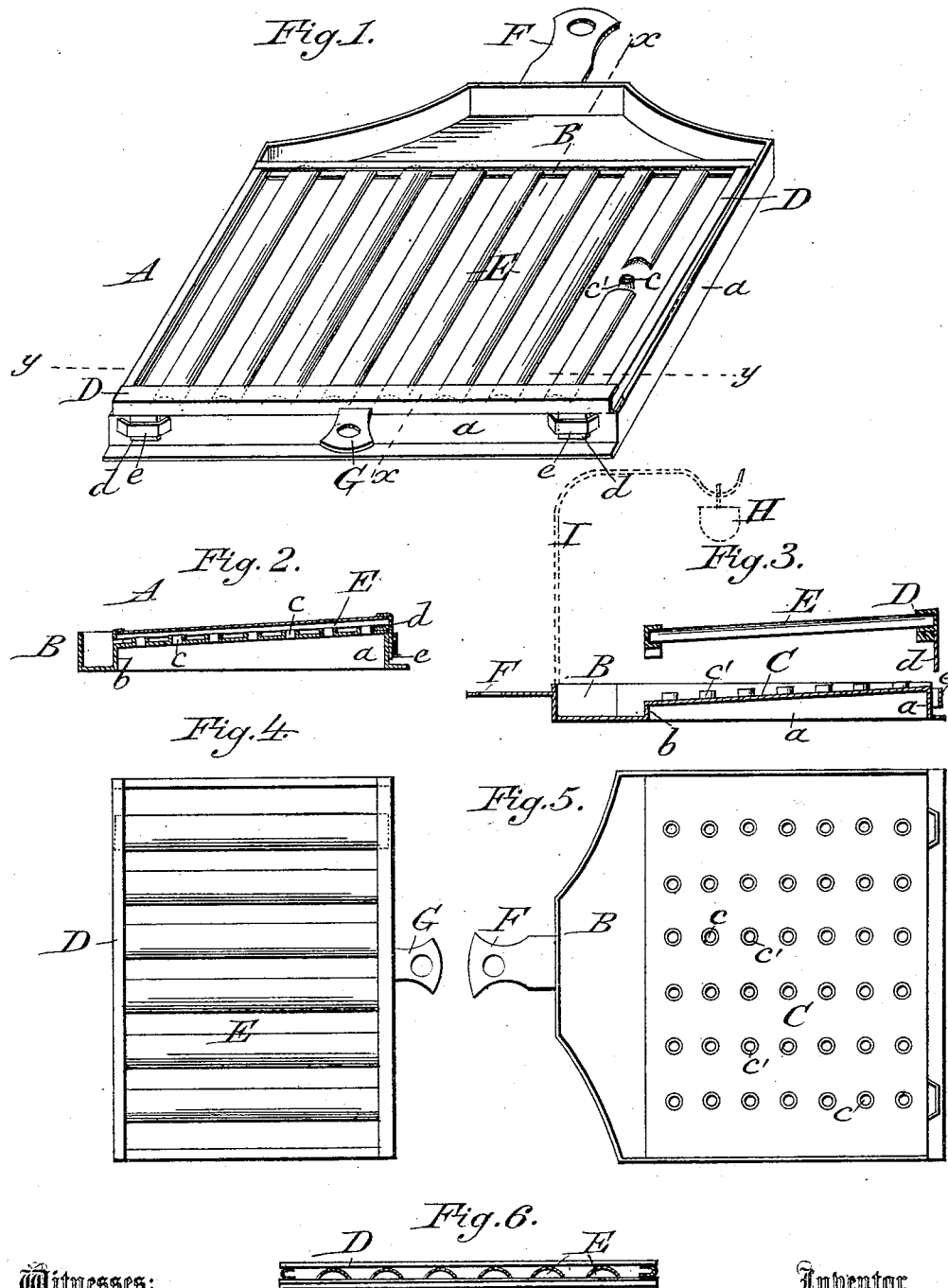


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GIDEON W. COTTINGHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Marianna, in the county of Lee and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Gridirons, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in gridirons or other devices for broiling meats; and it consists more particularly in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the annexed drawings, which fully illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device. Fig. 2 is a cross-section. Fig. 3 is a cross-section on line *x x* of Fig. 1, showing parts detached. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the rack. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the part forming gravy-receptacle and bed-plate, and Fig. 6 is a cross-section on line *y y* of Fig. 1.

Like letters indicate like parts in the several views.

The letter A represents the gridiron, which is composed of the gravy-receptacle B and the raised and inclined bed or plate C. The gridiron A is provided with walls *a a* and a downwardly-projecting flange, *b*, which bounds the front of the gravy-receptacle B. A bed or plate, C, having holes or openings *c* stamped in it in such a manner as to have collars or rims *c'* surrounding them, is attached to the top of the gridiron, and is supported upon the front wall, *a*, and flange *b* of said gridiron. By means of the bed C thus raised above the bottom of the gridiron a chamber is formed between the walls *a* and the flange *b*, which collects the heat rising from the fire. The front wall, *a*, of the gridiron is provided with ears or loops *e e*.

D is a rack or frame, which is provided with curved bars E and downwardly-projecting lugs *d d*. When the rack D is placed in its proper position upon the gridiron A the lugs *d* will enter into the ears *e* upon the front wall, *a*, of said gridiron, and thus hold the two parts to their proper connection, and the concave portions of the bars E will fit over

and partially surround the projecting openings *c* of the bed or plate C.

The gridiron A and the rack D may be provided with handles F G, by means of which they can be readily operated.

When the parts A and D are connected, as before described, the meat to be broiled is placed upon the bars E of the rack D, and the device set upon a stove or placed over a fire, and the heat arising from said fire will be collected in the chamber beneath the bed or plate C and pass upward through the holes *c*, and thence around beneath the meat, thus cooking said meat in an even manner. By the lower edges of the curved bars E projecting below the openings *c* the flames which arise from the fire will be prevented from coming into direct contact with the cooking meat, and thus the liability of burning or singeing the meat, which ordinarily occurs in the broilers now in use, is overcome. Another advantage possessed by this arrangement of the gridiron A and rack D is that the gravy dripping from the cooking meat will fall upon the unperforated portions of the bed C, and, as said bed is inclined, will be caused to flow into the gravy-receptacle B. Thus not only a great amount of gravy is saved, but the disagreeable odors and smoke which are caused in the ordinary broiler by the gravy dripping into the fire and upon the stove are entirely obviated.

I attach an upwardly-projecting hook, I, to the gridiron A, as shown in Fig. 3, to which a cup, H, having a perforated bottom to hold seasoning, is attached. By this means the seasoning can be evenly distributed over the meat.

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

1. In a device for broiling meat, the combination of the gridiron A, having gravy-receptacle B, raised plate C, having projecting openings *c*, and the rack D, having covering-bars E, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a device for broiling meat, the combination, with the gridiron A, having perforated raised plate C and handle F, of the rack

D, having bars E and handle G, and the perforated cup H, depending from hook I, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a device for broiling meat, the combination, with the gridiron A, having gravy-receptacle B, walls *a a*, flange *b*, ears *c c*, handle F, and raised plate C, having perforations *c*, with rims *c'*, of the rack D, having curved

bars E E, lugs *d d*, and handle G, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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