

hanging bacon is provided by this invention, one which will hold the meat without mutilation and permit it to be sliced uniformly.

SHIRT.—Bennett Berenstein, New York City. A sleeve piece, according to this invention, extends beyond the armholes and forms the sleeves, extending also over the shoulder and down the back and front, being stitched adjacent to the armholes and at its lower front and rear edges, the central portion forming a bosom and reinforce for the back and shoulders of the shirt.

WHISTLE DRUM.—Orville R. Noble, Granville, Mass. On the inside of the shell of a drum, according to this invention, a small casing is secured by an eyelet, thus forming an air passage to the inside of the casing, on an annular shoulder in which is secured a whistle. The whistle is so supported as not to be damaged or injured by a child, and the beating of the drum causes a whistling sound to be produced.

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