To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. WOODSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Egg Poachers and Placers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an egg poacher and placer and the main object thereof is to provide such a device by means of which eggs may be properly poached without breaking and conveniently placed on toast or a plate to be eaten. Another object of the invention is to provide an egg poacher and placer which will be simple in construction, efficient in operation and cheap to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages will appear hereinafter, and while I show herewith and will describe a preferred form of construction, I do not limit myself to such preferred form, but that various changes and adaptations may be made therein without departing from the spirit of my invention as hereinafter claimed.

My objects are attained by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view illustrating a preferred form of my invention in closed position for poaching eggs,

Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1 and in the same position as said figure,

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but in open position or in the position it assumes in placing the eggs,

Fig. 4 is a partial plan view of my invention.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In the drawing 1 indicates a frame comprising a strap of metal bent in the form of two parallel side members 2 and 3 and rounded end members 4 and 5 and divided transversely in the middle by a partition strip of metal 6, said frame being mounted on four legs 7, two of which are secured to side member 2 and two to side member 3, each leg being secured near an end of a side member.

Pivotal mounted within the frame 1 within the spaces between the partition 6 and the ends respectively of said frame are a pair of dished egg receptacles 8 and 9 respectively, which receptacles are semi-circular in cross section. Each receptacle 8 and 9 is composed of two sections 10 and 11, which are quarter-circular in cross section and meet at their inner longitudinal edges to close the receptacle. Each section 10 and 11 is pivoted at its ends at the intersections of its inner and upper edges by screw pivots 12 and 13 which extend loosely through said intersections, the screw 12 seating in the partition 6 and the screw 13 seating in an end member 4 or 5, there being washers 12a and 13a, respectively, on said screws between one end of said sections and said partition and between the other ends of said sections and said end members respectively. Stripers 14 and 15 fit within the egg receptacles 8 and 9 respectively, and each stripper is formed in two sections 16 and 17 fitting against the inside at the upper edges of the receptacle sections 10 and 11 respectively, the sections of said strippers being secured at one end to partition 6 and at their other ends to the frame end members 4 and 5 respectively.

A standard 18 is formed with a fork 19 at its lower end which straddles the upper edge of the partition 6 at the middle thereof and the members of said fork are secured to opposite sides of said partition so that said standard stands up from said partition. A sleeve 20 surrounds said standard 18 and a spring 21 surrounds the standard above said sleeve, bearing at its lower end against the upper end of said sleeve and at its upper end against a knob 22 secured on the upper end of said standard, which spring normally holds said sleeve in the lowermost position with the lower end against the upper edge of partition. Rods 23 and 24 are connected at their upper ends to lugs 25 and 26 respectively on the upper end of sleeve 20 and at their lower ends to arms 27 and 28 on the inner ends of the sections 10 and 11 respectively of receptacle 8.

Rods 29 and 30 are connected at their upper ends to lugs 25 and 26 and at their lower ends to arms 31 and 32 on the inner ends of the sections 10 and 11 respectively of receptacle 9. A pair of depending arcuate arms 33 and 34 are formed on the upper end of sleeve 20. The receptacles 8 and 9 are provided with perforations 35 in their sections 10 and 11.

The device is placed in a kettle of water and an egg broken in each receptacle 8 and 9 and poached therein. The device is then
removed from the kettle, (the water passing out of said receptacles through the perforations 35), and placed on two pieces of toast or over a plate, whereupon the operator places the palm of one hand upon knob 2 and with his first two fingers pulling upwardly on arms 33 and 34 raises the sleeve 20 against the tension of the spring 21, which, in turn, through rods 23 and 24 and rods 29 and 30, swings the sections 10 and 11 of receptacles 8 and 9 respectively upwardly 90°, as shown in Fig. 3, and the eggs are stripped by strippers 14 and 15 from said receptacles and delivered therethrough and placed on the toast or plate.

Upon releasing the arms 33 and 34 the spring 21 returns the parts to their normal position as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 4.

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

1. A device as disclosed including a frame, a dished receptacle split longitudinally into two sections for poaching the eggs, said sections being pivoted at their meeting corners to said frame, a standard upstanding from said frame, a sleeve slidable on said standard, a knob on the upper end of said standard, a spring surrounding said standard above said sleeve and bearing at its ends against said sleeve and said knob, arms on said sleeve to be engaged by the fingers to raise said sleeve against the tension of said spring, and rods connected to said sections and to said sleeve for swinging said sections and to said sleeve for swinging said sections apart to deliver the egg from said receptacle when said sleeve is raised.

2. A device as disclosed including a frame, a dished receptacle split longitudinally into two sections for poaching the eggs, said sections being pivoted at their meeting corners to said frame, a standard upstanding from said frame, a sleeve slidable on said standard, a knob on the upper end of said standard, a spring surrounding said standard above said sleeve and bearing at its ends against said sleeve and said knob, arms on said sleeve to be engaged by the fingers to raise said sleeve against the tension of said spring, and rods connected to said sections and to said sleeve for swinging said sections apart to deliver the egg from said receptacle when said sleeve is raised, and a stripper engaging the inside of said sections for stripping the eggs from the receptacle when said sections are swung apart.

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