

Title (en)

EATING UTENSIL FOR HOLDING PIECES OF FOOD AND DISPENSER ASSEMBLY CONTAINING SUCH UTENSILS

Title (de)

ESSGERÄT FÜR DIE AUFNAHME VON STÜCKIGEN SPEISENBESTANDTEILEN SOWIE KOMBINATION AUS EINEM SPENDER UND DARIN GEHALTENEN ESSGERÄTEN

Title (fr)

USTENSILE DE TABLE PERMETTANT DE TENIR DES MORCEAUX D'ALIMENT ET ENSEMBLE DISTRIBUTEUR CONTENANT DE TELS USTENSILES

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