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## Gadgets, Gear & Grub

Welcome to Gadgets, Gear & Grub, a weekly spotlight of what's new for the cook, kitchen and table. This week, a book with an overview of the maple sugar world, a spoon clip instead of spoon rest, guide for bread slicing and all the trimmings for wedding cupcakes.

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### Sweet reading

Maple syrup is not just a treat on pancakes. It's a natural food, a gift of the trees and a matter of pride for states like Ohio, which is among the top five producers. In the handsome little book, "Maple Sugar: From Sap to Syrup, the History, Lore and How-to Behind This Sweet Treat," author Tim Herd takes you from A to Z with bonus recipe suggestions for Maple Walnut Muffins and Maple Candy Apples. Don't resist. (\$12.95; amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, Storey Publishing; 144 pp.)



### Less mess

What's with those spoon rests? There's still a mess to clean up whether you use one or not. Here's a better idea: the Silicone Pot Clip that attaches to a pot up to 1/4-inch thick and holds the spoon over the pot to catch drips. (\$5.95; Lehman's, 4779 Kidron Road, Dalton; lehmans.com)



### Wedding plans

If you can make a good cupcake, you can make the "cake" for a small wedding, thanks to these decorative paper cups, plus bride and groom toppers. (sale price of \$7.95; suits up two dozen cupcakes; crateandbarrel.com or Crate & Barrel, Legacy Village, 24405 Cedar Road, Lyndhurst; 216-297-3500.)



### Even slicing

With Easter bread season coming up, it would be nice to slice all those homemade goodies evenly, and in smart portions. This adjustable Bread Slicer and Cutting Board also works on meats, lemons and onions. Dishwasher safe. (\$6.95, does not include knife; Lehman's, 4779 Kidron Road, Dalton; or lehmans.com, 1-877-438-5346.)

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