**4.3.1 Search Activity - Finding the patent document for the pop-up toaster**

The best thing since sliced bread, but it was actually invented before sliced bread. See if you can find the application number, and locate the patent document of the pop-up toaster by Charles Strite applied for in 1920.

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| **1** | Choose a search site and indicate why you’ve chosen it. | We do not know the nationality of the inventor. Therefore we have chosen a multi-country database, ESPACENET, that is likely to go a long way back in time. [*http://worldwide.espacenet.com/advancedSearch?locale=en\_EP*](http://worldwide.espacenet.com/advancedSearch?locale=en_EP) |
| **2** | Enter your criteria. | We enter *strite, charles* in the inventor field and find 19 patents. The most likely patent is US1394450. |
| **3** | Find the original document that protected the toaster 100 years ago | The European Patent Office does not contain the original document. To get this you can go to the USPTO site, or search *Google patents US1394450*, and download the PDF copy of the original patent.. Change the coverage to 1790 to present [entire database] Note that there are two other toaster patents in the name of Charles Strite.  |