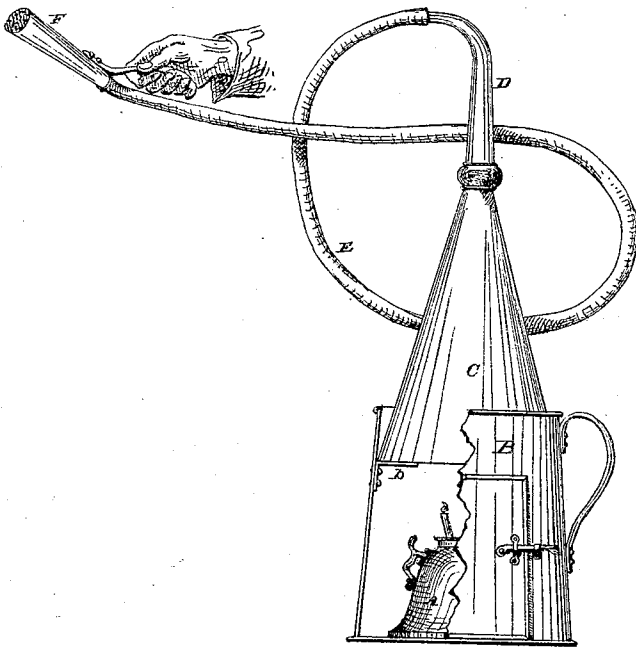


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. WEAVER, of the city of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Fruit-Renovator; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, in which the construction is shown.

The object of this invention is to provide a portable means, for the use of grocers and confectioners, to renovate prunes, raisins, and the like when they become dry and sugar-coated, instead of washing in warm water and draining them—a tedious and unsatisfactory process heretofore in use by retailers.

For this purpose I provide a copper or other conical vessel, C, with a flat bottom, to the apex or upper end of which I attach a curved neck, D, by means of a screw or other tight-fitting connection. To the curved end of said neck I apply a flexible tube, E, of any desired length, and terminated by a nozzle or jet-cap, F, as shown. Water is put into the vessel, which is either set on or into a stove when convenient, or, what is better, set into a lamp-holder, B, provided with a handle, and an inner ledge, b, to support the bottom of the ves-

sel C over a lamp, A, by which the water is heated to generate steam. By means of the flexible tube a jet or jets of steam are thrown on, under, or among the fruit to be renovated, by which the candied or sugar-coated surface of the fruit will be melted, and the heat and moisture cause them to swell, so as to restore them to their original plump and glossy appearance, completely renovating them in a superior manner with ease and dispatch.

I do not claim the lamp-stand B, nor indeed the vessel C with its spout and flexible tube, separately considered, as such have been used in various ways for various purposes; but I am not aware that the combined arrangement was ever employed for the purpose of renovating fruit, or anything substantially like it.

What I do claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A portable fruit-renovator, provided with a perforated bell terminus, F, flexible tube E, in combination with the vessel C, neck D, and stand B, all arranged substantially in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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