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Fig.1

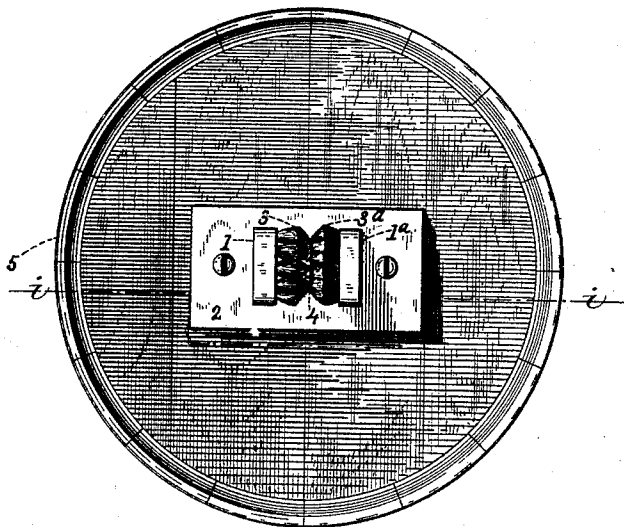
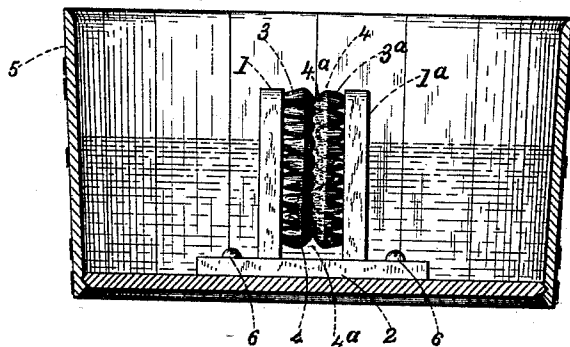


Fig.2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AARON L. WHEELOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing in Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Vegetable-Cleaners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful device for cleaning potatoes, roots, or other vegetables, and will be fully and clearly hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the device complete. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation showing a section through the tub in which the device is secured in or about line *ii*, Fig. 1.

The invention consists of two vertical frame-pieces 1 and 1^a, fastened to a base 2 by mortising or in any well-known way. To each of the upright pieces 1 and 1^a are secured in the ordinary way the brushes 3 and 3^a. The brushes are beveled off, as shown at 4, so as to leave an inclined entrance-opening 4^a between them, substantially as shown. This construction affords a more easy entrance for the vegetables to be washed, and the open space 4^a between the brushes permits the ends of potatoes to be easily cleaned. The entrance-opening also keeps the bristles composing the brush from being bent out of shape by continued use.

The device is secured at the bottom of a suitable vessel adapted for holding water—something in the shape of a wash-tub 5, for instance. It is firmly secured to the interior, at the bottom, by screws 6, which pass through the base and can be easily released by re-

moving the screws. When cleaning a vegetable—a potato, for instance—it is passed down through the brushes and rapidly moved until cleaned. Every portion can thus be rapidly cleaned by turning it, so as to present different portions, as will be readily understood. It is also adapted to clean roots or other vegetables or articles adapted to be passed through it.

For very large devices of this kind, when bristles are not long enough, broom-corn, wood splints, or other suitable material can be used instead of the bristles.

In most cases it is desirable and it is preferred to use water in the vessel 5; but it can be used or not, as may be desired. If desired, the portions 1 and 1^a and their brushes can be made removable and adjustable to or from each other, so as to be used for cleaning larger or smaller articles. For instance, a series of holes may be put in the base to receive the uprights 1 and 1^a, (shown by dotted lines 6 in Fig. 1.)

I claim as my invention—

A device for cleaning vegetables, consisting of two vertical holding-frame pieces 1 and 1^a, rigidly secured to a base-piece 2, and brushes 3 and 3^a, secured to the frame-pieces and having their sides, top, and bottom beveled, substantially as shown, the faces of the brushes being in contact, in combination with a water-holding vessel 5, inside of which it is removably attached, substantially as described.

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