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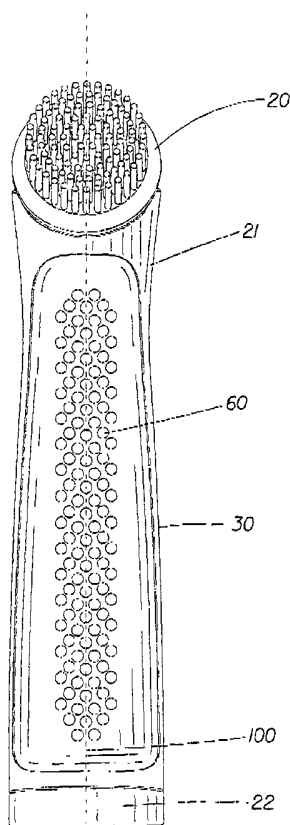
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(57) Abstract: A motorized stain-removal brush is provided. A method of using motorized stain-removal brush for cleaning inanimate surfaces is also provided. The motorized stain-removal brush includes a handle (30) having a motor (23) disposed therein, a head (20) having a longitudinal axis, and a neck (21) disposed between the handle and the head. Bristle holders are associated with the head. The motor is operatively connected to the bristle holder.



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