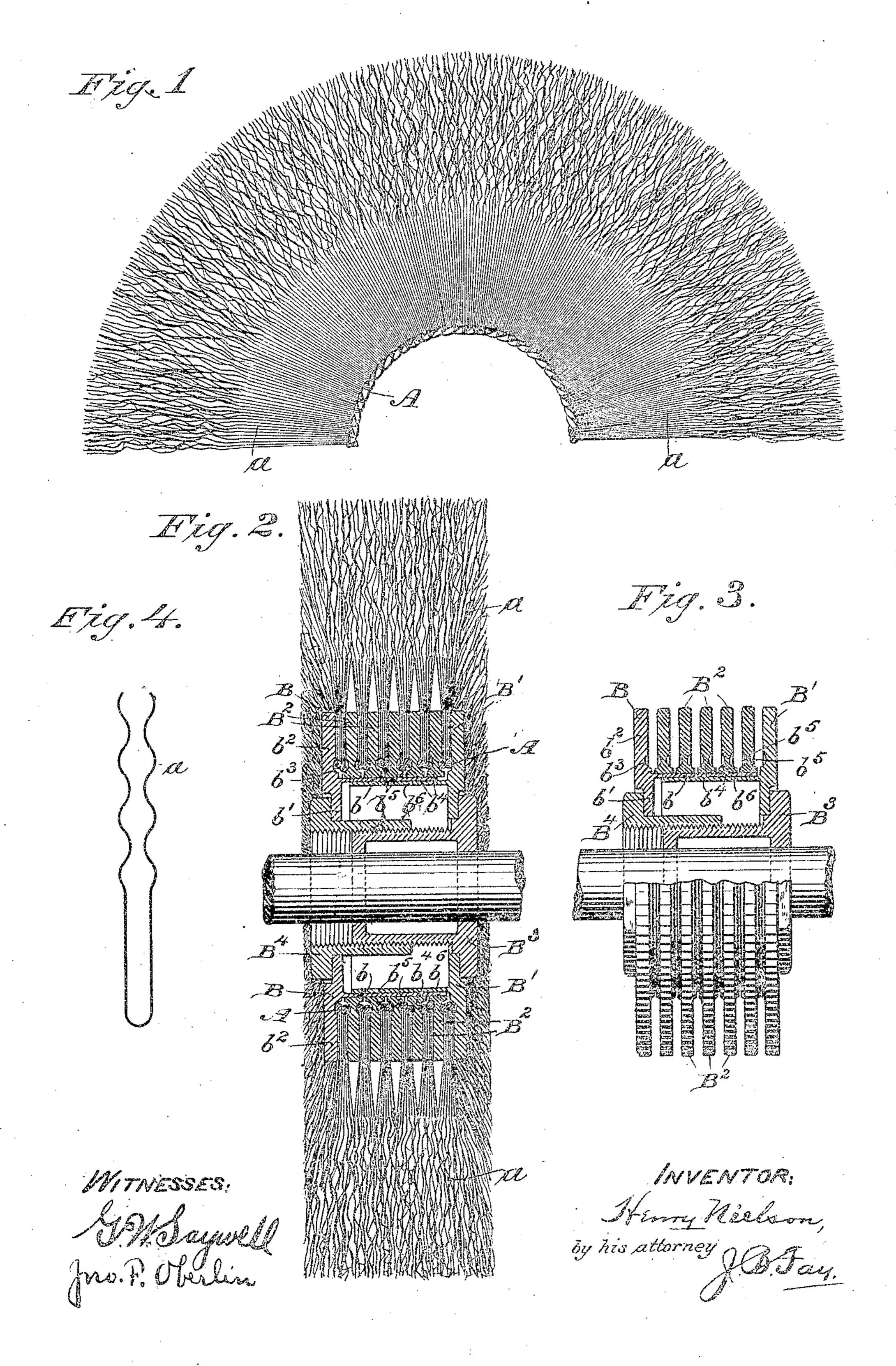
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Henry Nielson, a subject of the King of Denmark, and a resident of Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga, and 5 State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Rotary Brushes, of which ! the following is a specification, the principle of the invention being herein explained and the best mode in which I have contemplated 10 applying that principle so as to distinguish it from other inventions.

My invention relates to rotary brushes, its object being to provide a brush structure which is readily assembled, efficient in its op-15 eration, durable, and economical in its con-

struction.

Said invention consists of means hereinafter fully described, and particularly set forth in the claims.

The annexed drawings and the following description set forth in detail certain mech- its barrel be is of a diameter such that it will 75 anism embodying the invention, such disclosed means constituting but one of various | the whole structure together consists of an mechanical forms in which the principle of 25 the invention may be used.

In said annexed drawings, Figure 1 represents an elevation of one-half of one of the brush-sections. Fig. 2 represents a vertical axial section of a complete brush. Fig. 3 30 represents a partial vertical axial section and partial elevation of the hub and separatingrings, and Fig. 4 represents one of the bristles

of the brush.

The brush complete consists, primarily, of 35 the bristle-sections and the hub. Each section comprises a circular bristle-base A, consisting, preferably, of two twisted strands of wire and a mass of doubled undulate interlocking bristles a, secured at their bases be-40 tween the said two strands. The end portions of each bristle are given an undulate formation, as shown in Fig. 4, there being provided a great number of such bristles, so that they are crowded in thickly together 45 and interlocked with each other, thus binding them all into one compact mass and enabling them to withstand wear for a longer period by distributing all strains equally throughout said sections. The bristles stand 50 out radially from the bristle-base, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and when all the sections are assembled, as shown in Fig. 2, the corrugations of contiguous sections will intermesh and support each other, so that all the sec-

tions are united into an interlocked struc- 55 ture. It will be readily noted that this interlocking is caused by the corrugations of the bristles catching and retaining each other and that the number of points at which the bristles thus catch, and consequently the 60. force with which the bristles are bound together, will be dependent upon the number of undulations in the contiguous bristles.

The hub consists of two outer members B and B' and means for binding the same to- 65 gether. Member B consists of a cylindrical barrel b, having an outer diameter substantially equal to the inner diameter of the bristle-bases A, such barrel being provided with an end web b' and a flange b^2 , the inner side of 7csaid flange being formed with a circular groove b^3 near its junction with the barrel, as shown. The other end member B' is similar in construction to member B, excepting that slip inside barrel b. The means for binding elongated nut B4 and an externally-threaded sleeve B³, such nut and sleeve each provided with a hexagonal head. Intermediately of 80 the flanges of members B and B' are alternately placed a series of separating-rings B2 and the brush-sections A. Each ring B2 is formed with an inner bead b^4 , one on each side, and a groove b^5 contiguous to each bead, 85 so that each two contiguous rings will form. an annular space having an inner enlarged portion and an outer contracted portion. When the parts are assembled, the bases A lie in the enlarged portions of said spaces and 90 the bristles project through the contracted portions. Such construction securely fixes each bristle-base and leaves all that portion of each bristle projecting from the base free from extreme pressure or becoming deformed 95 through the pressure. I have found that said structure materially increases the life of the bristles, reducing the liability of crystallization and consequent breakage of the bristles near the hub.

The bristle ends being substantially united. or linked throughout the entire brush, separation thereof does not occur in the same degree it occurs in the ordinary brush during use, the strain due to the engagement with 105 the work operated upon being distributed throughout the whole structure instead of being confined to a small portion thereof.

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Having described my invention in detail, that which I particularly point out and dis-

tinctly claim is-

1. In a rotary brush, the combination of a 5 plurality of bristle-sections, each comprising a circular base and bristles attached thereto; separating-rings, one bet een each two contiguous bristle-sections, provided with grooves adapted to receive the bases of said 10 bristle-sections and with outer flat portions adapted to bear against and support the bristles of said sections; and a hub adapted to receive said bristle-sections and separatingrings, such hub comprising two members reg-15 istering one within the other, and provided with flanges adapted to bear against and secure the outer bristle-sections respectively. and means adapted to secure said two members together.

20 2. A rotary brush comprising the combination of a plurality of bristle-sections; a separating-ring between each two contiguous sections, said rings adapted to receive and support the bristle-sections and each provided with an inner bead; and means for binding said sections and rings into a unitary structure comprising two telescoping barrels, upon the outer one of which said beads are mounted, each having a flange adapted to bear against and support the outer bristle-sections respectively, and an end web; and a locking member comprising two coöperating parts provided with flanges adapted to bear upon said end webs, respectively.

35 3. A rotary brush comprising the combination of a plurality of bristle-sections, each section consisting of a bristle-base and bristles attached thereto; a separating-ring be-

tween each two contiguous sections having an inner bead, each two contiguous rings 40 forming an annular space comprising contracted outer and inner portions and an intermediate enlarged groove, said rings adapted to receive and support the bristle-bases in said grooves and the bristles in said contracted outer portions; and means for binding said sections and rings into a unitary structure comprising two telescoping barrels, upon the outer one of which said beads are mounted, said barrels being provided with flanges 50 adapted to bear against and support the outer bristle-sections, respectively; and a locking member for telescoping the barrels.

4. A rotary brush comprising the combination of a plurality of bristle-sections each 55 composed of a circular base formed of twisted strands and doubled bristles secured at their bases between said strands; separating-rings, one between each two contiguous bristle-sections, adapted to secure the bases 60 and to support the bristles of said bristle-sections; and a hub comprising means for binding said sections and rings together, such means consisting of two barrels one adapted to register within the other, upon the outer 65 of which said sections are mounted, each such barrel having a flange adapted to bear against and secure the outer bristle-sections and means adapted to secure said two barrels together.

Signed by me this 14th day of June, 1904.

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