

Photo courtesy Edmonton Journal

The perfectly shaped potatoes can be stuffed with premixed flavors.

MASHED POTATO IS INJECTED INTO FAKE SKIN Canadians Invent The "Perfect Baked Potato"

They're calling it the "perfect baked potato" and you'll soon be seeing it in restaurants and in the frozen food section of your local supermarket.

Jireh Industries, Edmonton, Alberta, worked with scientists at the University of Alberta to develop the process and the machine needed to produce the new-style stuffed potato. The result is every food sellers dream: a baked potato with no irregularities of size and no surprises inside.

Peter and Arthur Dubbeldam of Jirch Industries designed the new machine which forms fake potato skins out of a batter of bran and starch and then fills the half skins with mashed potato. The finished product is then frozen and shipped in trays. It can be stuffed with various premixed flavor combinations and easily heated in a microwave.

"The machine will create a market for cull potatoes," says Peter Dubbeldam, noting that the company hopes to get into full-scale production with the machine this summer. The company's next project is to create a "spudsicle" machine that will create spiral potato shapes that can be mounted on a stick and then deep-fried.

New-Style Aquarium Hangs From The Wall

"Our new Fish House makes for a unique wall hanging and provides an interesting 3-dimensional window to the sea," says Denise Erdman, Brooklyn Park, Minn., who, along with her husband Roger, designed and is now marketing the wall aquarium.

Made from acrylic plastic—so it's easy to clean and tough to break—the 10 by 18-in. oval aquarium extends out 6-in. from the wall. It hangs flat against the wall using a 2-in. finishing nail driven into a stud. The scenic background is actually a printed 4-color sheet, cut in the shape of the aquarium, which hangs behind the unit on the 2-in. nail.

"Basically, the Fish House is for rough fish, such as goldfish or guppies that come to the surface for air and don't need aerators. However, aerators can be put in for other type of fish," Denise points out.

Unit holds 1 1/2-gal. of water and weighs 12-lbs, when full. An access hole at the top makes it easy to feed fish and to change the water.

Sells for \$19.95, plus shipping.

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A 4-color poster provides the 10 by 18-in. aquarium's scenic background.

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A 2-way power winch loads the boat onto the upper half of boat-car trailer.

ONE PERSON OPERATION TO LOAD OR UNLOAD

Motor Home Trailer Carries Car, Boat

Here's good news for every camper-fisherman who's been looking for a way to tote a car and boat behind a motor home.

It can be done. Wayne Hauptli, Glencoe, Minn., demonstrated how at the recent 1987 Minnesota Inventor's Congress.

"One person working alone can load and unload it," says Hauptli of the unique combination car-boat trailer he invented. First, a two-way power winch loads the boat, positioning it high in the air (11.1/2-ft. off the ground). A compact car is then driven onto the bed which tilts to form its own drive-on ramp, then drops back to horizontal when the car has driven all the way forward on the tilting bed.

"The car and boat balance each other,

making it easy to tow the loaded trailer down the road behind our motor home," Hauptli told FARM SHOW. "You could haul a car without the boat, but it wouldn't work to haul a boat only in the upper level without having a car below it to help balance the load," he points out.

Hauptli would like to hear from persons interested in possibly buying one of his car-boat trailers, and from manufacturers interested in building and marketing them commercially.

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