UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. \_\_\_\_)\*

The Middleby Corporation (Name of Issuer) Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities) 596278101 (CUSIP Number)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

Schedule 13G

Item 1(a) The Middleby Corporation
(b) 1400 Toastmaster Drive
Elgin, Illinois 60120

Item 2(a) Corbyn Investment Management, Inc., et al.
(b) Suite 108
2330 W. Joppa Road
Lutherville, Maryland 21093
(c) Incorporated in the State of Maryland

- (d) Common Stock
- (e) 596278101

Item 3(h) The filer is a group consisting of an Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and an Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.

Item 4

- (a) 1,056,975
- (b) 11.8%
- (c) (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote of all 1,056,975 shares (iii) Sole power to dispose of or direct the disposition of all 1,056,975 shares

Item 5 N/A

Item 6 N/A

Item 7 N/A

Item 8 (a) The group consists of an Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (IA) and an Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act (IV).

Item 9 N/A

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Item 3(e) The filer is an Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

Item 4

- (a) 744,775
- (b) 8.3%
- (c) (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote of all 744,775 shares (iii) Sole power to dispose of or direct the disposition of all 744,775 shares
- Item 5 N/A
- Item 6 N/A
- Item 7 N/A
- Item 8 N/A
- Item 9 N/A

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Item 2(a) Greenspring Fund, Inc.

- (b) Suite 110 2330 W. Joppa Road Lutherville, Maryland 21093
- (c) Incorporated in the State of Maryland
- (d) Common Stock
- (e) 596278101

Item 3(d) The filer is an Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.

Item 4

- (a) 312,200
- (b) 3.5%
- (c) (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote of all 312,200 shares (iii) Sole power to dispose of or direct the disposition of all 312,200 shares
- Item 5 N/A
- Item 6 N/A
- Item 7 N/A
- Item 8 N/A
- Item 9 N/A

Item 10 By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

January 3, 2002 Signature Charles vK. Carlson, President Name/Title

CUSIP No. 596278101 13G

 Name of Reporting Person SS Identification No. of Above Person

Corbyn Investment Management, Inc. et al n/a

- 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Control Group (a) [x] (b)  $[\ ]$
- 3. SEC Use Only
- 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Suite 108 2330 W. Joppa Rd. Lutherville, MD 21093

Number Of 5. Sole Voting Power
Shares 1,056,975
Beneficially 6. Shared Voting Power
Owned By
Each 7. Sole Dispositive Power
Reporting 1,056,975
Person With: 8. Shared Dispositive Power

- 9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 1,056,975
- 11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9 11.8%
- 12. Type of Reporting Person 00- Group Consisting of IA and IV

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 Name of Reporting Person SS Identification No. of Above Person

Corbyn Investment Management, Inc. 52-0964322

- 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Control Group (a) [x] (b)  $[\ ]$
- 3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

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Number Of 5. Sole Voting Power Shares 744,775 Beneficially6. Shared Voting Power Owned By Each 7. Sole Dispositive Power Reporting 744,775 Person With:8. Shared Dispositive Power

- 9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 744,775
- 10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares  $[\ ]$
- 11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9 8.3%
- 12. Type of Reporting Person IA

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 Name of Reporting Person SS Identification No. of Above Person

Greenspring Fund, Inc. 52-1267740

- 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Control Group (a) [x] (b)  $[\ ]$
- 3. SEC Use Only
- 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

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Number Of 5. Sole Voting Power
Shares 312,200
Beneficially6. Shared Voting Power
Owned By
Each 7. Sole Dispositive Power
Reporting 312,200
Person With:8. Shared Dispositive Power

- 9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 312,200
- 11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9 3.5%
- 12. Type Of Reporting Person IV