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CLEANSING COMPOUND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES A. LESTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Interlaken, in the county of Seneca and State of New York, have invented new and useful cleaning compounds to be used for the removal of mud and dirt from the varnished surfaces of railway-cars, automobiles, carriages, and other vehicles without injury to the varnish.

My composition consists of the following ingredients in the proportions stated, viz:

Mineral oil-----one gallon
Wood alcohol, or its equivalent---one quart

The oil which I use for my composition is a mineral oil lubricating distillate, such as is sold by the Standard Oil Company under the name of Winter Black lubricating oil. Crude mineral oil I find is too thick to work freely. These ingredients are to be thoroughly mixed by agitation. I do not, however, confine myself strictly to the proportions as above specified.

In using this composition, the liquid is applied to the surfaces to be cleaned, preferably with a flannel cloth, and after the mud and dirt have been removed, the surfaces

should be rubbed with a clean, dry cloth. The oil cuts the mud and dirt so that it is easily rubbed off; it also lubricates all particles of grit in the dirt, thereby preventing the scratching or marring of the surface as they are removed. The alcohol is prevented, by the large proportion of oil in the mixture, from cutting the paint or varnish, and acts in conjunction with the oil to renew the polished surface, and give it a bright appearance. The oil alone would leave the surface dull and dirty in appearance. The composition as so applied will not injure the finest varnished surface, but will give to it a bright renewed finish.

I claim—

The herein described cleansing compound consisting of mineral oil lubricating distillate and wood alcohol, mixed together in the proportions of four parts of oil to one part of alcohol, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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