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Sheeding Wollaway's Letters Patent

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent containing a description in the words of the said Sheeding Wollaway himself of his improvement in Razor Straps,

The Strap is composed of wood and leather of a diamond or other form, and may consist of 1. 2. 3. or 4 sides around a centre with the hereon after mentioned and described ingredients for the purpose of grinding honing, polishing or smoothing and setting a fine edge to razors or other instruments requiring the same. The composition for making or covering the leather after being glued to the Stock is made and applied as following viz. Take one part 3 parts Spermaceti or mutton tallow 3 parts. Rosin one part to be mixed together, and run into a cake with which the several different sides of the Strap are to be rubbed until the leather is well saturated with it. Then for and upon the coarsest side intended for grinding denominated No 1. Emery of a suitable coarse grain is applied by dressing it through Book muslin, and rubbed or worked into the composition or coating upon the leather by means of a glass roller until it becomes smooth, repeating the application of the said composition. Dressing with emery and rolling or rubbing it in until the leather or surface of the Strap is completely covered. for No 2. or the side designed for sharpening. A small portion of Prussian blue finely pulverized is to be added after a coat of emery of fine grain, the first coat to be dressed on separately and alternately in like manner, through muslin of a corresponding fineness rolled and worked in with composition same as before. No 3. or third side for setting a sharp edge smoothing &c. A light coat of the flower of emery is to be dressed as before through muslin of a still finer quality proceeded by an equal quantity or coat of flour of emery repeated and worked in alternately with the composition same as before. The last side or No 4. is to be lightly rubbed with the cake and then polished down to the most perfect smoothness with the glass

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soller after which a small portion of prussian Vermillion is applied & rubbing it over with a fine velvet or silk puff until the whole surface is evenly covered. What the said Gooding Holloway considers as his improvement and for which he seeks a patent is embraced in the following particulars. First in preparing a composition with additional ingredients of rosen Shumack or Sadlers which produces a thin adhesive quality, and of such permanency that it will not be subject to change decay or affect the leather but on the contrary grow firmer by using. thereby retaining and preserving on the upon the surface or face of the sharp its superior polish for a great length of time. increasing its utility and value beyond any other sharp hitherto manufactured or known

Secondly by the additional use of prussian Blue the pores of the second side are more perfectly filled up rendering it solid and permanent and of the nature of a sharp [illegible] Thirdly the application and use of the flower of emery which besides its fine polishing or smoothing properly holds permanently an exceeding sharp and fine grit of a softer nature than Emery imparting and preserving an indispensable qualification to the third side of the sharp. And lastly the prussian Vermillione which especially in giving the finishing stroke or finest possible edge and also prevents the dampness of the last and delicate side of the sharp from clogging all which I claim as my improvement

Cheshire January 2. 1829

Witness
J. S. Richardson
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Gooding Holloway

(April 2. 1829)