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COMPOSITION FOR REMOVING PAINT OR VARNISH FROM WOOD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE L. BALL, of Allegheny, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful composition of matter to be used for the instantaneous removal of varnish from wood and also for cleaning or removing paint from surfaces whereon it has become dried, of which the following is a specification.

My composition consists of the following ingredients combined in the proportions stated, viz: benzol, four ounces; fusel oil, three ounces; alcohol, one ounce. These ingredients are to be thoroughly mingled by agitation.

In using the above mentioned composition, the liquid is applied by a brush or like means upon the varnished or painted surface that is to be denuded of such a coating, which will speedily render hard paint or varnish soft and detach it from the wood or metal whereon it was dried.

It is claimed that this compound will dissolve and completely remove any kind of varnish from metal, or hard or soft woods, and also remove the filling used on wood to close the pores; stains can be taken out of any ar-

ticle with the composition, paint brushes can be quickly renovated, or oil stains taken out of stone work.

The composition will not discolor the material it is applied upon, can be varnished upon as soon as dry, and does not have an injurious effect upon the hands of the operator.

While it is preferred to combine the ingredients of this composition in the proportions stated, it is not desired to limit the relative proportions to the exact formula hereinbefore mentioned, as good results are secured by slightly changing the quantities to produce the improved composition of matter.

Having described my improvement and set forth its merits, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent,—

The herein described composition of matter for removing paint and varnish from wood or other substances, consisting of benzol, fusel oil, and alcohol, mixed in about the proportions stated.

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