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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent, and making part of the same containing a description in the words of the said William Wagaw himself of his improvement in the manufacture of paper from straw, hay or other vegetable substances. for which Letters Patent were granted to said William Wagaw bearing date on the 8th day of March 1828. and on the 22d day of May in the same year, which Letters Patent being hereby cancelled on account of defective Specifications.

This improvement or discovery consists in the use of ley and its salts in preparing straw, hay or other vegetable substances for the manufacture of paper in the following manner viz.

To one hundred and twenty pounds of the straw or hay take the ley procured from three or four bushels of ashes, or from fifteen or twenty pounds of the salts of ley according to the quality, dilute it with a sufficiency of water to boil the straw or hay which must not be all immersed at the commencement as it will sink during the process of boiling. boil the materials together until the vegetable matter and knots become soft or pulpy, or steep the materials in the solution several days until the same effect is produced. drain off the remaining liquid and wash the materials to cleanse them from any dirt or sediment, then grind them in the usual way to be manufactured like rags into paper. The petitioner claims as his exclusive improvement or discovery the use of the ley and its salts and the mode of preparing the materials so as to render them fit for the manufacture of paper.

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