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IMPROVEMENT IN WATER-PROOF BLACKINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, **HIRAM D. JEWETT** and **ISRAEL D. JEWETT**, of St. Omer, in the county of Decatur, in the State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Composition for Polishing Boots, Shoes, and leather of every description, making the leather water-proof, and giving it a finish equal to that of patent-leather; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof.

The nature of our invention consists in a self-polishing and water-proof blacking for boots, shoes, leather, &c., leaving a polish not easily effaced by mud or water.

To enable others skilled in the art to compound and use our invention, we herewith furnish the several ingredients employed, manner of compounding, and mode of application.

To compound this fluid or mixture, take gum-mastic, five grains; gum-shellac, one ounce; resin, one-fourth of an ounce; gum-

camphor, one-half ounce, and color with lamp-black, or other suitable coloring matter. The quantities named are about the proportions employed. Dissolve the gums in a suitable quantity of alcohol over a slow fire. When the gums are properly incorporated add the coloring matter, agitate well, then bottle for use.

The blacking may be applied to the leather in the usual manner by a sponge or brush.

We claim as our invention—

The self-polishing water-proof blacking composed of gum-mastic, gum-shellac, resin, gum-camphor, and lamp-black, or other suitable coloring matter, compounded with alcohol, in the manner and in about the quantities specified, for the purpose named.

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