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SOAP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEF BANKMANN, (a member of the firm of CALDERARA & BANKMANN,) a subject of the Emperor of Austria, and a resident of Vienna, in the Empire of Austria, have invented an Improvement Relating to Soap, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to furnish soap in the form of thin perforated sheets or tablets, so that a single piece may be torn off for each washing of the hands or face. It is preferred to make each sheet about three inches long and two inches broad and perforated crosswise, so as to form four tablets. The sheet has then about the thickness and portability of postage-stamps. About one dozen of such sheets may be arranged in a packet in the form of a pocket-book. The packet will then contain the material for forty-eight separate washings.

The soap-sheets are manufactured by first planing off thin shavings from a block of soap, then smoothing these shavings by means of a roller, and, finally, perforating them so that each shaving or sheet may be easily divided into correspondingly small pieces.

The soap may, if desired, be made to contain carbolic acid, tar, or other medicinal materials.

I am aware that it has been before proposed to impregnate paper or other tissue with soap in order to form thin soap-sheets; but the sheets manufactured according to the present invention are essentially different, more especially therein that they leave no insoluble residue after use.

I claim—

Soap in thin sheets, essentially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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