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DEPILATING COMPOUND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORACE S. BLINN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Omaha, in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Depilating Compounds; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention or discovery relates to a composition for the purpose of weakening or permanently preventing the growth of hair on any part of the human body by being applied to the skin in such a manner as to attack and destroy the roots of the hair. This new composition consists, preferably, of about sixty parts of powdered sulfur, thirty parts of hyposulfite of soda, and about ten parts of oil of turpentine mixed together to form a thick paste.

In the use of my new composition for the destruction of hair roots or follicles the hair is first preferably removed by applying a composition consisting of calcium oxid or quicklime and red orpiment in about the proportions of nine parts of quicklime to one part of red orpiment, these ingredients being mixed with water to form a paste which is applied to the skin and allowed to remain in place a sufficient length of time—say from ten to forty minutes—and in this time the hair above the surface of the skin is dissolved, and the depilating compound is then removed, taking the hair with it, and the skin may then

be washed with water. Immediately thereafter my new compound or paste for destroying the roots of hair is to be applied to the skin and allowed to remain for a period of time, preferably from over thirty minutes to three or four hours, after which it may be brushed off or removed in any suitable manner. Several applications of the hair-follicle-destroying paste or composition at intervals of a few days will usually be required to permanently destroy the hair roots or follicles, the number of applications of the compound varying somewhat with the subject or the character of the hair to be removed and permanently destroyed.

Having thus described my invention or discovery, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The herein-described composition for destroying the roots or follicles of hair in the human skin, the said composition consisting of sulfur, hyposulfite of soda and oil of turpentine, in substantially the proportions stated.

2. The herein-described composition for permanently destroying the roots or follicles of human hair, said composition consisting of about sixty parts of sulfur, thirty parts hyposulfite of soda and ten parts of oil of turpentine.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

HORACE S. BLINN.

Witnesses:

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