To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FLORENCE G. MARK, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Diego, in the county of San Diego and State of California, have invented a certain new and useful Shoe-Cleaning Composition and Process, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a shoe cleaning composition and method, more particularly adapted for nubuck, reinskin, canvas, etc., and is particularly adapted for white, gray, or brown suede or light colors and the objects of my invention are: first, to provide a novel shoe cleaning composition for cleaning white or other light colored shoes; second, to provide a composition of this class which is very economical to compound; third, to provide a novel method of cleaning shoes of this class; fourth, to provide a composition and method of this class which is very simple and economical of application and fifth, to provide a combined composition and method for cleaning shoes.

With these and other objects in view as will appear hereinafter my invention consists of the certain novel composition and method as will be hereinafter described in detail and particularly set forth in the appended claims.

My invention consists in preparing a composition to be used on the exterior of shoes for cleaning white or light colored shoes.

In preparing the composition I mix the following ingredients in the following proportions, dry weight: precipitated chalk, one-half part; powdered talc, one-quarter part and cornstarch, one-quarter part, forming a powdered mixture which may be placed in a receptacle and used as desired.

The composition is applied to the shoes as follows: The mixture is applied to the outer surface of the shoe with a brush or like instrument covering the outer surface of the shoe and then vigorously rubbed with number two sandpaper. It is preferred to use small pieces of number two sandpaper of oval shape about one inch by three inches. With this preparation a clean surface is produced on nubuck, reinskin, canvas or colored suede shoes making them appear like new.

In connection with my composition and method a powdered coloring matter may be used to provide the proper color for the shoes to be cleaned, for instance, for brown suede a powdered ochre may be used and in connection with gray shoes a mineral gray may be mixed to provide the proper tint for the cleaner.

Though I have shown and described a certain composition and a certain method of cleaning shoes I do not wish to be limited to this particular composition or method but desire to include in the scope of my invention the composition or method substantially as set forth in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A shoe cleaning composition comprising precipitated chalk, one-half part, powdered talc, one-quarter part and cornstarch, one-quarter part.

2. The herein described method of cleaning a shoe consisting in mixing precipitated chalk, powdered talc and cornstarch, then covering the surface of the shoe with said mixture, then rubbing the coated surface by means of sandpaper.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at San Diego, California, this 9th day of September, 1921.

FLORENCE G. MARK.