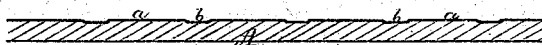


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Improvement in Ornamenting Leather.

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References.

A. Sheet of Leather.

a. Coating of wax.

b. b. Indents by heated iron.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS WOLFSON, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Mode of Ornamenting Leather or the Soles of Shoes, and do hereby declare the same to be fully described, as follows:

In carrying out my invention I cover with a thin coating of beeswax the sole or leather surface to be ornamented, after which, with a hot iron or a heated die, I mark or print on the waxed surface the figure or figures, device or devices, that may be desirable to effect the ornamentation. The heated iron or die changes the color of the wax to a dark brown, and sets the wax into the leather so as to permanently fix the color. Finally, the whole surface so treated is to be polished or burnished with a polishing device or burnishing-tool, after which it will present a

pleasing appearance, and, if desirable, may be varnished. My invention is specially useful for ornamenting the soles of shoes, or the backs and covers of books, or various other articles of leather.

In the accompanying drawing, A denotes a section of a piece of leather; *a*, the surfacing or stratum of wax; *b b*, the inducts made by the heated iron.

I claim—

The method described of ornamenting a leather surface, viz., by the employment of wax and a heated iron or die, and subsequently polishing or burnishing the surface, all substantially as explained.

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