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COMPOUND FOR TREATING HAIR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, RAUL DIEZ MURO and ALEJANDRO LIMA Y BOYZ, citizens of the Republic of Cuba, and residing in Habana, Cuba, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Compounds for Treating Hair, of which the following is a specification.

The object of our invention is to provide an article of manufacture adapted to modify the superficial structure of the hair, specifically by straightening and uncurling or unkinking the hair, and also imparting a a softness and lustre thereto. The invention is particularly applicable to the hair of the Negroid races which is naturally coarse, curly or kinky and generally lustreless.

A further object of our invention is to provide such an article of manufacture which, while effective, is not injurious to the hair, is not expensive, and is easily applied without the use of heat.

As an example:—

We take two ounces of ordinary wheat flour, two grains of alum, two grains of bicarbonate of soda and one half pint water. This mixture is then boiled until it is reduced to a soft paste. The paste is then placed in containers, preferably airtight, to prevent excess evaporation of the moisture.

The paste has somewhat the consistency of petroleum jelly, and is applied by rubbing it over the hair, after the hair and scalp have been moistened with water, after which the hair is combed, and then, preferably after a few minutes of time, the hair is thoroughly washed, which completes the operation. The hair will then be straight, soft and lustrous and will remain so for a substantial period of time.

It will be understood that while the example given above specifies the preferred proportions of ingredients, variations may be made in the same without departing from the spirit of our invention, what we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent being as follows:—

1. As an article of manufacture, a compound for the hair comprising a cereal flour, alum, bicarbonate of soda and water.

2. As an article of manufacture, a compound for the hair comprising a cereal flour, alum, bicarbonate of soda and water, reduced by heat to a paste.

3. As an article of manufacture, a compound for the hair comprising wheat flour, alum and bicarbonate of soda in the proportion of two ounces of flour, two grains each of the alum and bicarbonate of soda, and sufficient water to form a paste of the whole.

In testimony whereof, we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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