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## IMPROVED SALVE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM SLAPE, of Salem, Salem county, New Jersey, have invented an Improved Salve; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My improved salve is composed of linseed-oil, red lead, (in powder,) and red oil, or olive-oil, and the blossoms of the St. John's wort, (*Hypericum perforatum*,) the different materials being used in such proportions as may be found expedient. In most instances, however, I prefer to combine them in about equal proportions. Each of the materials is then heated separately, or all are mixed together and boiled until the mass becomes of a dark brown color. It should then be removed from the fire and deposited in boxes to harden, when it will be ready for use. In removing the composition from the box a heated knife or other instrument should be used, the salve being then applied in the same manner as an ordinary salve.

I have found, after repeated experiments, that this salve is very efficacious when applied to burns, cuts, and other wounds and sores for which salves have been heretofore generally used.

The blossoms or roots of many plants possessing curative properties may be sometimes advantageously added to the mixture.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A salve composed of the within-named ingredients, compounded substantially as set forth.

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

WILLIAM SLAPE.

Witnesses:

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