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## IMPROVED COMPOSITION FOR IMITATION WOOD.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, HENRY CARTER, of Taunton, Bristol county, Massachusetts, have invented a new and improved Composition for Imitation Wood; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a box which is coated with my improved composition.

Figure 2 is a view showing the metal shavings used by me.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new composition for imitating wood, and consists in so treating and preparing saw-dust that that kind of wood from which the saw-dust is prepared can be fully imitated.

The material is made plastic, and can then be easily applied on furniture, boxes, and other suitable articles, and can, by pressure, be hardened so that it will be as beautiful, but far more durable, than veneers, which are now generally used. By the addition of metal shavings the durability as well as the beauty of the composition can be greatly increased.

The composition is made of a mixture of saw-dust and common glue, which are compounded in the proportions necessary to make the desired appearance. It is then applied to the wood or other material which it is to cover, and is then pressed to the material in the same manner, *i. e.*, with wood-screws, as common veneering is put on. The shavings of metal, as they fall off the lathe or from under the file, can be mixed with this composition, and will add to its good appearance. This material, when applied, will be of very great strength and durability.

All the variations of wood can be imitated, not only by taking the dust of particular woods, but also by mixing different kinds of dust. The metal shavings can, of course, be taken from any suitable kind of metal.

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

1. Making imitation wood by combining saw-dust and glue, substantially as herein shown and described.
2. The above in combination with metal-dust and shavings, substantially as herein shown and described.

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