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IMPROVEMENT IN BLACKINGS FOR SHOES, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES L. SNEED, of Frankfort, in the county of Franklin and in the State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe-Blacking; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My compound for shoe-blackening consists of the following ingredients, in about the following proportions: One pound of coke from coal, ground as fine as flour; three ounces of molasses; three ounces of vinegar; one ounce of litharge; and one-half ounce of sperm-oil. These ingredients are thoroughly mixed together, and stirred frequently for four days, at which time it is fit for use. This forms a good and cheap paste-blackening, which will

give the leather a fine polish and not injure it, as there is no acid in the blackening.

I do not confine myself to the above proportions of the ingredients, as they may, perhaps, be varied somewhat.

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

The within-described compound for shoe-blackening, consisting of the ingredients substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 22d day of September, 1873.

Witnesses:

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