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IMPROVEMENT IN PERFUMING UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AARON PITMAN, of Mattawan, county of Monmouth, in the State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Compounds for Perfuming Beds, Upholstered Furniture, Railway-Cars, &c., of which the following is a specification:

Take of white-balsam twigs, myrrh, fenu-greek seed, about four ounces for a mattress, and a like amount for unholstered furniture. For an ordinary-sized cushion, one ounce will serve, which should be well mixed with the hair or other materials used for such purposes.

I would remark that hops, cassia buds, lignum-vitæ, sandal-wood, spikenard, tonka-bean, lavender flowers, Canada snake-root, cedar, &c., may be adopted in the same manner and in the same proportions.

The balsam twigs, hops, and lavender flowers will readily form a part of the elastic materials, as hair, moss, &c., usually employed for upholstering purposes, although, when granulated, it may be advisable to secure the same in small sacks, to prevent the waste that would be apt to arise when used in mattresses and cushions, which are often turned and sometimes beaten. In this case the number of sacks employed should be in proportion to the size of the article. In a cushion, one would serve, while in a mattress from two to four would serve, as these ingredients are directly applied with the hair or other materials used for stuffing. It serves as a preventive to the ravages of vermin.

I would remark that the ingredients named or before mentioned may be adopted in accordance with the varied tastes of the consumers by mixing of the same in such proportions as will produce an odor that may please the most fastidious.

The object of my invention is to produce a compound of various woods, seed-roots, &c., which, in their nature, possess lasting perfuming properties that, when mixed and applied directly with the hair and other materials used in upholstering, serve a very useful purpose, namely, the prevention of the ravages of moths or similar vermin, as well as imparting a last-

ing or perpetual fragrance, without being necessary to replenish for years, or the duration of the article so prepared with it, &c.

It will become apparent to all that railway-cars, parlors, as well as other places where upholstering is adopted, are thus made agreeable and healthy by the use of the aforesaid ingredients, while upward of fourteen months' trial and experience have proved its great value.

I am aware that beds have been perfumed to be made more agreeable to the sense of smell, &c. This has been done by the application of liquid extracts, which require to be renewed often. While this is objectionable, it is also an expensive luxury.

I am also aware that the stuffing materials for mattresses have been subjected to the fumes of the combustion or vapors of aromatic substances. These I do not claim, as my invention differs very materially from the above, inasmuch as I apply my compound directly within the articles upholstered, the same forming a part with the hair or other filling materials, thereby lessening the expense of the application, and insuring a more lasting aroma than is believed to be produced otherwise; and, also, the direct application prevents the ravages of the vermin, as many of the articles named are destructive to insects.

Having thus set forth my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure Letters Patent of the United States for, is—

1. The employment of aromatic substances by mixing the same with hair or other materials used in upholstering apartments, furniture, &c., substantially as herein described.

2. The employment of the aromatic substances herein named, when granulated and inclosed in sacks, for the purposes substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto signed my name before two subscribing witnesses.

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