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## IMPROVEMENT IN COMPOUNDS FOR CLEANING PAINTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SEMELE SHORT, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio, have invented a new and useful Detergent or Cleansing Compound, of which the following is a specification.

I take, by weight, as follows: Bicarbonate of soda, three parts; fine granulated or pulverized lump-sugar, one part; all reduced to impalpable powder and thoroughly blended. I first remove any loose dirt by duster or otherwise, and in using my detergent I dust the same, by means of a dredge-box, upon a piece of sponge or rag, wetted, and rub the door, wainscot, mantel-piece, or other painted article to be cleansed. The surface thus treated is

then wiped off with a wet sponge, and the work is accomplished without any splashing, or necessity of removing furniture or carpets, and almost without labor, and leaving a fine gloss on the surface.

I claim—

The detergent or cleansing compound herein described.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

SEMELE SHORT.

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