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## IMPROVEMENT IN SHOE-DRESSINGS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN I. EASTMAN, of the city of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain Compound called "Shoe-Dressing," of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to that class of compounds used to dress, blacken, and restore the color of the leather of boots and shoes, and thus give to them an appearance of newness; and it consists in a composition formed by mixing Brazil wood, caustic soda, soluble Prussian blue, gum-shellac, and water. To prepare the shoe-dressing, boil five ounces of Brazil wood in one quart of water for ten or fifteen minutes and decant the liquor. Repeat this until a gallon is obtained. Add to this solution (or extract) a small piece of caustic soda as large as a pea, and boil for a few minutes. Dissolve one ounce of an article sold by druggists as soluble Prussian blue

in one pint of water. Add this to the solution of Brazil wood and caustic soda. Mix this solution with an equal quantity of gum-shellac dissolved in alkali.

I do not claim an alkaline solution of shellac in combination with a solution of logwood.

The given proportions are only approximate and must be varied according to the quality of the articles used.

I claim as my invention—

The within-described ingredients, mixed or compounded in about the proportions and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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