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## OINTMENT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. HALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nora Springs, in the county of Floyd and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Ointment for Sweat-Pads, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists in an ointment for medicating sweat-pads for horse-collars, &c.; and it consists of the following ingredients, which are compounded in about the proportions specified, to wit: linseed-oil, two ounces; skunk's oil, two ounces; oil of origanum, two ounces; oil of amber, two ounces; Venice turpentine, five ounces; oil of citronella, (for perfume,) one-half ounce; mutton-tallow, seven pounds.

All of the above ingredients, except the mutton-tallow, are first placed in a bottle or other suitable receptacle, and are warmed or heated and thoroughly mixed by agitation or other means. The tallow is placed in a suitable receptacle, and is melted over a fire, when the compound formed of the other ingredients is added, and the whole preparation is then ready for use, as hereinafter specified.

In preparing my improved medicated pads the sheep-skin or other material of which the face of the pad is to be formed is first rubbed and wrinkled to render it soft and pliable, and one of its surfaces can then be colored with aniline or other suitable coloring material, so that it will present a neat appearance when made into the pad. The sheep-skin is now ready to be medicated, and the preparation is applied to both sides of the same by rubbing with a cloth that has been dipped in the compound while it is still warm. The compound will soak into the sheep-skin and will thoroughly impregnate the same, while a portion of the compound will remain on the surface. This portion of the compound on the surface of the sheep-skin is then heated into the latter by holding the skin near a fire, after which it is rendered soft and pliable by rubbing, and is wiped off with a dry cloth. The sheep-skin is now ready to be made in a sweat-pad, so that it will come against the body of the horse, the pad being filled with hair in the usual manner.

The turpentine in this improved compound assists in drying the same into the pad, and the mutton-tallow is of a hard, cool, healing nature. The oils have a soothing and healing effect on the skin of the horse and soften the tallow, so that a little of the compound will rub off from the pad onto the sore or shoulder of the animal from time to time, and the animal heat will always keep the pad soft and pliable, so that it will be smooth and slippery and will move on the shoulder of the horse without irritating the same in any way, while the compound which will rub off will heal and cure the sore or prevent the formation of one.

The temperature at which the compound is heated into the pad is of course greater than any temperature that it will be subjected to, and the compound will not therefore be too rapidly drawn out of the pad.

The pad can be readily cleaned by washing off with a cloth saturated with water.

I wish it to be understood that I herein make no claim to a pad medicated as above described, my claim being only for the herein-described compound for medicating sweat-pads, as set forth.

I am aware that most of the ingredients comprising my improved compound for medicating sweat-pads have been used before in ointments, &c. I therefore wish to be understood as claiming specifically only the combination of all the ingredients herein set forth.

I claim as my invention—

The herein-described preparation for medicating sweat-pads for horse-collars, &c., consisting of mutton-tallow, linseed-oil, skunk's oil, oil origanum, oil amber, Venice turpentine, and oil of citronella, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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Witnesses:

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