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WRAPPING FOR MEATS, CLOTHES, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JEAN ANTOINE MATHIEU, of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Wrappings for Meats, Clothes, &c., of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in a wrapping or cover made of two sheets of paper or other suitable material, (cloth, &c.,) having between them a film of disinfecting or antiseptic material.

I take a sheet of cloth or paper and coat one side thereof with a thin film of coal-tar, wood-tar, or other known disinfectant or antiseptic, and then fasten another sheet of cloth or paper on the coated side of the first.

I am aware that cloth and paper has been saturated or coated with coal-tar or other disinfecting material; but such cloth or paper is dirty and greasy, and is unfit for use on any articles which must be kept clean. Cloth or paper so prepared could be advantageously used to wrap up articles of food to protect the same from attack by insects, or to protect clothing from moths; but as heretofore made it is unfit for such use. By preparing it in the manner above described I obtain an article which is free from the objectionable qualities enumerated, but which retains all the beneficial qualities.

I am aware that a water-proof article has been made composed of two sheets of paper

with rubber or a composition of rubber and paraffine between the sheets; but such an article is not my invention.

I am also aware that a wooden box or crate having double sides, top, and bottom has been provided with an inner absorbent lining and with a layer of tar-paper or other antiseptic material placed between the double sides, top, and bottom of the box. An insect-excluding device or wrapper has been made by placing camphor, tar, tobacco, or other odoriferous material between layers of wadding or batting and inclosing the whole by an external covering of perforated boards, veneer, or paper, which will permit the odor of the inclosed material to be diffused, and yet prevent such material from escaping or getting into contact with contiguous articles. These, however, I do not claim.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a wrapping made of two sheets of paper, cloth, or other suitable material inclosing a film of disinfecting or antiseptic substance, substantially as described.

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