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BLACKING.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE PRICKETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsfield, in the county of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Compounds for Blacking and Polishing Boots or Shoes, of which the following is a specification.

My compound consists of the following ingredients, combined in about the proportions stated, to wit: pulverized soapstone, one hundred pounds; bone-black, one hundred pounds; neat's-foot oil, eight gallons; glycerine, two gallons; sulphuric acid, two quarts; and molasses, two quarts. These ingredients are thoroughly mixed by being ground together, and the compound is supplied to the market and applied to the shoes in the usual form and manner.

I am aware that prior to my invention numerous compounds for blacking and polishing

boots or shoes have been devised; but they were all open to objections, the principal one being that they cracked and destroyed the leather and gave a rough appearance to the shoes. This objection is overcome in my compound by the use of the pulverized soapstone, which renders the leather, in a measure, waterproof and makes it soft and pliable, thereby preventing its cracking and increasing its durability.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A shoe-polish consisting of pulverized soapstone, bone-black, neat's-foot oil, glycerine, sulphuric acid, and molasses, substantially as specified.

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