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ROOF-PAINT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GERMAN J. MATSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Buffalo, in the county of Berrien and State of Michigan, have discovered a new and useful Improvement in Roof-Paints; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of my discovery, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My improvement relates to roof-paints, the object being to make a cheap, durable paint that has much more body than those heretofore used, and one that never cracks or peels. I first form a liquid shellac by using three and one-half pounds common gum-shellac, one gallon water, one and one-half ounce potash, put together and boiled as glue is melted. Take one gallon of this prepared shellac, four gallons linseed-oil, ten ounces balsam of fir, four pounds white-lead to fifteen pounds of

flour of emery, or enough to thicken to the consistency of thick paint. Stir well together and use with a brush.

For colors I use red, green, or any desired color in the common way.

I claim—

A liquid slate-paint compounded of common gum-shellac, water, and potash, in the quantities and manner described, in combination with linseed-oil, balsam of fir, white lead, and flour of emery, in quantities named, substantially as shown, and for the purpose set forth.

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

GERMAN J. MATSON.

Witnesses:

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