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## COMPOSITION FOR SHARPENING RAZORS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS C. MAURER, of Brooklyn, New York, have invented an Improved Composition for Sharpening Razors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved composition adapted to be spread upon a strop and designed for sharpening articles of cutlery, particularly razors.

My improved composition consists of the following ingredients: one part emery, (flour,) one part emery, (wash-flour,) one and one-half part tallow, and one-fourth part oleic acid.

"Emery-flour" is the commercial name for finely-pulverized emery, while "emery wash-flour" is the commercial name for that very fine emery that floats on top of the water.

In preparing the composition I mix the emery-flour and emery wash-flour with the oleic acid. The tallow is molten and is added

to the mixture to form a paste. This paste is run into molds and allowed to set, when it is ready for use. In use some of the paste is spread on the strop and rubbed upon the leather, preferably by the back of the razor. The razor is then passed over the strop in the usual manner and will be thoroughly sharpened in a very short time, receiving a clean and perfect edge. Possibly the oleic acid may be replaced by an oil; but I have found that the oleic acid aids materially in the sharpening process and is a very desirable ingredient of the composition.

What I claim is—

A sharpening compound consisting of emery, tallow, and oleic acid, in the proportions substantially as specified.

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Witnesses:

F. v. BRIESEN,  
WM. WAGNER.