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HAIR-TONIC.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUISA EDWARDS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Florence, in the county of Fremont and State of Colorado, have invented a new and useful Hair-Tonic, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to compounds, and particularly to a composition of matter in the form of a liquid designed as a hair restorer or invigorator, the object in view being to provide a compound of this class of which the several ingredients are adapted to serve for cleansing and stimulating the scalp without irritating the same and for strengthening the hair and giving the same a desirable gloss.

The compound forming the subject-matter of my invention comprises a decoction of mountain-sage, thirty-five parts; glycerin, two parts; tincture of lobelia, three parts; prickly-pear, (fruit-juice,) eight parts; tincture of capsicum, one part; sweet-oil, two parts; alcohol, forty-nine parts. The above ingredients, of which the decoction of mountain-sage is formed by steeping the sage in a sufficient quantity of water, are combined and thoroughly intermingled by agitation, the oil being cut by the alcohol. The properties of the various ingredients are as follows: The decoction of sage acts as an astringent to cleanse the scalp and remove any evidence of disease and at the same time strengthen the hair. The lobelia relaxes the scalp. The capsicum serves to stimulate the scalp. The combina-

tion of glycerin and prickly-pear serves to cool the scalp and prevent irritation, while the sweet-oil and alcohol (the latter being adapted to be substituted by bay-rum) give to the hair a gloss and serve to soften the same.

The effect of the compound is to stimulate the growth and reduce the scalp to a healthy condition suitable for promoting the growth when the roots of the hair have not ceased to exist.

The form in which the prickly-pear is used in connection with the above-described compound is the condensed vapor or steam given off from ripe fruit when heated, and with eight parts of this condensed vapor I preferably mix two parts of glycerin before combining with the other ingredients of the compound.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

A composition of matter for the purpose named, comprising a decoction of mountain-sage, glycerin, tincture of lobelia, prickly-pear juice, tincture of capsicum, sweet-oil, and alcohol, combined, substantially as and in the proportions specified.

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

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Witnesses:

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