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## COMPOUND FOR REMOVING PAINT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. BECK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rebersburg, in the county of Center and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Compounds for Removing Paint, &c.; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in compositions, and particularly in the provision of a compound for removing paint, varnish, stains, &c., from the surfaces of material; and it consists in the provision of such ingredients as will not only quickly remove paint, but in such a manner as to not affect the surface if it be of wood or other material which is affected by acid, thus leaving the face of the material free from all trace of the paint, varnish, &c.

My composition comprises two ingredients, carbolic acid and oil of citronella, in the proportions of two parts of the acid to one part of oil of citronella. The two ingredients are

thoroughly mixed together, and when applied to a surface covered with paint, varnish, or other applications of a similar nature the acid serves to remove the paint, while the oil of citronella has the property of preventing the acid from eating into the surface of the material covered by the paint or other application, and in the event of the employment of my improved composition for removing paint or varnish from a wooden surface all trace of stains or discoloration is removed from the wood after the paint has been eliminated.

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

A paint-removing composition made up of carbolic acid and oil of citronella, in the proportions of two parts of the former to one of the latter, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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