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## WASHING COMPOUND AND PROCESS OF MAKING THE SAME.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANNA W. SKINNER, of the city of Oswego, in the county of Oswego, and in the State of New York, have invented  
 5 a certain new and useful Improvement in Washing Compound and Process of Making the Same, and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

10 The object of my invention has been to provide a new and useful composition of matter to be used as a washing compound for laundry purposes and also a new and useful  
 15 process of making the same; and to such ends my invention consists in the washing compound and process of making the same hereinafter specified.

My compound preferably consists of the following ingredients, combined in the proportions stated: salt of tartar, one part;  
 20 muriate of ammonia, four parts; borax, sixteen parts; paraffin, ninety-six parts.

While I prefer to use all of the above ingredients in approximately the proportions  
 25 stated, one or more of the ingredients can be omitted and the proportions can be largely varied without substantially affecting the efficiency of the compound.

30 In preparing my compound for sale I preferably follow the method hereinafter described. The first three ingredients are thoroughly mixed together in a dry state and in a powdered form. The paraffin is melted  
 35 as to cover the bottom thereof, and the powdered mixture of the other three ingredients is then sprinkled and distributed in any manner over the paraffin, preferably while it is still fluid. The remaining fluid paraffin is  
 40 then poured over the said mixture so as to completely cover the powder, the two portions of paraffin uniting. When the paraffin is cool, the sheet or layer thus formed is cut into blocks of convenient size for sale. The  
 45 blocks enable the amount of compound to be used for a given size washing of clothes to be readily estimated. The paraffin incloses the other three ingredients and prevents their deterioration from the action of the air.

50 My compound is preferably used in the following manner: A block or cake of the compound is preferably melted in boiling water

together with ordinary soap, and the mixture thus formed added to a proper quantity of very hot water. The clothes to be washed, 55 preferably soaked, if desired, are immersed in the water and are frequently stirred and are rubbed where necessary. After a few minutes of this treatment the clothes are thoroughly rinsed in cold or warm water, 60 when it will be found that they will have become clean by the use of my composition in the manner described. The clothes do not need to be boiled, thereby permitting saving the cost of the fuel for this purpose. The 65 life of the clothes is increased by avoiding the necessity for boiling them. The amount of time and labor is very greatly reduced. The paraffin aids in the ironing of the clothes by lubricating the iron and causing it to slip 70 over the clothes easily. It also gives a slight gloss to the clothes. The "salt of tartar" commonly so known, is carbonate of potassium.

It is obvious that various changes can be 75 made in the above-described composition and process which will be within the scope of my invention, and I do not desire to be limited beyond the terms of my claim and the requirements of the prior art. 80

I claim—

1. A washing compound comprising salt of tartar, muriate of ammonia and borax and paraffin.

2. A washing compound, comprising one 85 part of salt of tartar, four parts of muriate of ammonia, sixteen parts of borax and ninety-six parts of paraffin.

3. The process of making a composition of matter comprising ingredients which are 90 subject to deterioration from the air, which process consists in first forming a layer of a moisture-resisting substance such as paraffin, then the layer of said first-mentioned substance, and then pouring over the same a 95 layer of such moisture-resisting substance in a melted condition.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand.

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