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## WATERPROOF DRESSING FOR BOOTS AND SHOES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EVA R. COBURN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bluffton, in the county of Allen and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Waterproof Dressing for Boots and Shoes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a water proof compound or paste for boots, shoes and other leather articles and has for its object to provide a compound or dressing which when applied to calf, enamel, or patent leather, will render the same soft and pliable and impervious to moisture.

With the above object in view the invention consists in a compound or paste formed of the following ingredients in the proportions stated, to wit: beeswax, one-half pound, white paraffin wax, one-half pound, and pure red gas engine oil, one quart.

In carrying the invention into effect the oil is first placed in a suitable receptacle and heated sufficiently to melt the wax after which the beeswax and paraffin wax are added and the several ingredients thoroughly stirred or agitated until the parts are well blended. The mixture is then removed from the fire and allowed to cool until the same assumes the consistency of soft butter or cream, the compound being preferably subjected to a constant stirring or mixing operation during the cooling process. A small quantity of oil of bergamot, preferably two fluid drams, is subsequently added to the compound to give the same a pleasant odor. Red gas engine oil is a trade name applied to a mineral oil produced from crude petroleum by eliminating the volatile liquids or gases, the resulting oil being smooth and heavy and when combined with beeswax and paraffin wax in the proportions stated forms an excellent vehicle for the latter and renders the leather soft and impervious to moisture.

In using the paste or dressing a small quantity of the mixture is applied to the shoes or leather in any suitable manner as with a brush or sponge, and after the mixture has penetrated the pores of the leather the latter is polished with a soft rag or cloth thereby rendering the surface of the leather soft and pliable and absolutely water and moisture proof. The oil enters into the pores of the leather and serves to preserve the same while the beeswax holds the oil in the pores and the paraffin wax gives the leather a high lustrous polish.

The paste is put up in boxes or jars and being formed of few and inexpensive ingredients may be placed upon the market and sold at a comparatively small cost.

While the paste is preferably designed as a dressing for boots, and shoes it is obvious that the same may be used with equally good results as a dressing for buggy tops, harnesses, leather coverings and wherever it is desired to renovate and soften leather of any description that has become hardened or cracked by exposure to the elements.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

The herein described water proof dressing for boots and shoes the same consisting of beeswax one-half pound, white paraffin, one-half pound, and pure red gas engine oil one quart, the same being combined with two fluid drams of oil of bergamot, substantially in the manner and the proportions stated.

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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