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LEATHER-FINISHING COMPOUND

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This invention relates to a finishing compound for leather and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth a compound designed to give to a body of leather to which it is applied a flexibility and softness not had by ordinarly untreated leathers.

The present compound is of such character that it may be applied to leathers of any color, thickness or texture and will prevent leather from losing its color, from cracking, dry rotting or squeaking when used where friction might occur.

The present compound consists of a mixture of crude oil, sweet oil, cod liver oil and glycerine.

The crude oil gives body to the compound and helps to carry the other oils into the leather while the sweet oil and cod liver oil keep the leather soft and in the case of cod liver oil give a slight polish thereto.

The glycerine acts to prevent any discoloring that might result from the use of the oils alone.

In the leather industry at the present time kerosene is commonly used in treating leathers but considerable difficulty is caused thereby by the leather cracking and discoloring. The crude oil employed in the present preparation has all of the advantages of kerosene without the disadvantages mentioned.

The present compound keeps the leather to which it is applied from hardening or cracking when subjected to the pressure applied by the rolling machines through which it is run, and also assists the leather in holding its color.

In the preparation of my leather dressing compound I prefer to use the ingredients set forth in the following approximate proportions:

	Parts
Crude oil	2
Sweet oil	2
Cod liver oil	2
Glycerine	1

From the foregoing it will be apparent that the present compound may be inexpensively prepared and its use will effect a material saving in the leather industry by cutting down the losses created by the use of compounds which damage the leather and necessitate its being discarded or used in inferior products.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

A leather finishing compound consisting of a mixture of the following ingredients in the following approximate proportions:—

	Parts
Crude oil	2
Sweet oil	2
Cod liver oil	2
Glycerine	1

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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