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## IMPROVEMENT IN WATER-PROOF COMPOSITIONS FOR LEATHER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. ROOME, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new Composition for Preserving and Rendering Water-Proof Boots, Shoes, and all Articles Manufactured of Leather, of which the following is a specification.

The nature of my invention, which I call "Sospita, or Chinese Ointment," consists in a faithful application of the composition to all parts of the leather that is to be made water-proof—if boots or shoes, to the soles as well as the upper-leather and rubbed well into the seams.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe of what materials it is composed and the proportions of each separate material, as follows, to wit:

Take thirty-two (32) parts mutton or beef tallow, either singly or mixed; thirty-two (32) parts linseed-oil, boiled or unboiled, singly or mixed; twenty-four (24) parts yellow beeswax; six (6) parts neat's-foot oil—N. B., the oils one pint to the pound; four (4) parts lamp-black; two (2) parts litharge or red lead. In all, one hundred (100) parts. Place the materials in a pot of sufficient size and reduce the materials to a liquid mass by the application of heat. When all is melted keep stirring the composition until it becomes nearly cold, or while in the liquid state fill it into tin or earthen vessels for use, of convenient size for sale.

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