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## IMPROVEMENT IN COMPOUNDS FOR DRESSING AND COLORING THE HAIR.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

I, JOHN N. FALLIS, of Newport, in the county of Campbell and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and improved Compound for Dressing and Coloring the Hair, of which the following is a specification.

### Nature and Objects of the Invention.

The subject of my invention is a compound which may be applied with as much ease and convenience as an ordinary dressing, and when so applied will not only render the hair or whiskers exceedingly soft and glossy, but will immediately impart thereto a rich black or brown, whatever may have been the previous color. This result is effected without any injury to the hair.

#### General Description.

My compound consists of the following ingredients, in about the proportions named:

Castor oil, one ounce. Alcohol, six drachms.

Nitrate of silver, one drachm.

Spirits of ammonia, one drachin.

Oil of bergamot, one drachm, (or other suitable perfume.)

The oil and alcohol are mixed in the usual way. The nitrate of silver is dissolved in the ammonia, and these two solutions are then mixed together. The

bergamot is added to disguise the smell of the ammonia and of the oil, and to give to the preparation a pleasant odor.

I do not confine myself to this particular perfume, but propose to use any other as a substitute therefor.

#### Mode of Application.

The compound being shaken before pouring it from the bottle, a small quantity of it is placed in any shallow vessel in which it may be convenient to dip the ends of the teeth of a dressing-comb.

A small quantity of the preparation being thus taken on the teeth of the comb, the latter is then passed through the hair or whiskers, and the desired effect will be immediately apparent.

#### Claim.

I claim as my invention-

The preparation for dressing and coloring the hair, compounded of the ingredients specified, in about the proportions stated.

To the above specification of my improved compound for dressing and coloring the hair I have signed my hand this 16th day of January, A. D. 1871.

JOHN N. FALLIS.

#### Witnesses:

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