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FRANK MINNIS, OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN.

COMPOSITION OF MATTER FOR LEATHER FOR RAZOR-STROPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK MINNIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ann Arbor, in the county of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Composition of Matter to be Applied to Leather Razor-Strops or for other Purposes, of which the following is a specification.

My composition consists of the following ingredients, combined in the proportions stated:
Chimney ashes from burnt coal four pounds.
Tallow two pounds. Beeswax one pound.
Molasses one-half pint. These ingredients are to be well mixed, as follows. Melt the tallow and beeswax separately. Mix them hot. Add the ashes till the mixture is like putty. Add

the molasses. This mixture is rubbed into a piece of leather with a cloth and petroleum machine oil, forming a strop for sharpening razors, or other fine edged tools, very rapidly, giving a keen, smooth, serviceable edge.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The herein described composition for razor stropps consisting of tallow, beeswax, molasses, and chimney ashes from burnt coal, in about the proportions named.

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