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VARNISH.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. SHEPHARD, of Wooster, in the county of Wayne and State of Ohio, have invented certain Improvements in Varnishes, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a varnish for finishing wood and like surfaces well adapted to resist the action of water and changes in temperature. To this end I provide the following ingredients of first quality: of cowrie (kauri) gum, one and one-fourth pound; of beeswax, one-half pound; of linseed-oil, three-fourths gallon; of turpentine, (more or less, according as it is desired to have the varnish dry with greater or less rapidity.) The ingredients are placed in a suitably-heated pan or kettle and boiled and thoroughly commingled until reduced to the proper consistency. The compound is then run into a vat or cooler, that it may settle and clarify, after which it is thoroughly strained to remove impurities and foreign matters. The product

resulting from this operation is a varnish light in color but heavy in body, which will dry rapidly and present a smooth, hard surface thoroughly impervious to water.

The varnish possesses the great advantage of having a heavy body and of being susceptible of finish by pumice-stone and oil or pumice-stone and water, and of being adapted to take a dead-finish.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

The herein-described varnish, consisting of kauri gum, beeswax, turpentine, and linseed-oil in proportions substantially such as herein specified.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand, this 17th day of July, 1884, in the presence of two attesting witnesses.

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