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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of your application.

No. 723,905, filed July 15, 1899,—"Composition of Matter and Method or Process for Extracting Copper Metal from Copper Bearing Ores &c."

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Commissioner of Patents.

The scrap iron or zinc should be omitted in lines 13 to 18, page 1 and in claims 1, since the iron or zinc forms no part of the composition which is employed for leaching the ore. They are precipitants that are subsequently used.

The claims cover two independent inventions: (1) a composition of matter for leaching ores covered by claims 1 and 2; (2) the use of iron or zinc for precipitating copper, covered by claim 3. The claims must be limited to one invention before action will be given upon the merits.

Attention is called to patents  
U.S. 620,215, Feb. 28, 1899, Black et al. S. & P. Ohlor.  
British 3715 Nov. 15, 1873, Barnard S. & P.

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