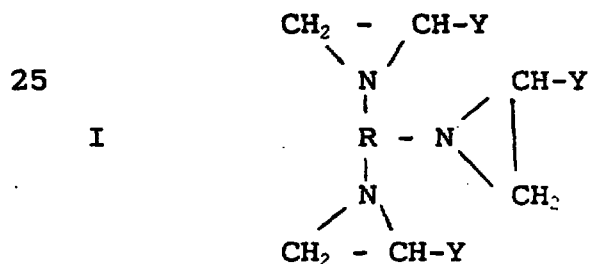


ABSTRACTCOMPOSITION

A pack contains components A and B wherein
 component A contains Ai) a solution or dispersion
 5 comprising a polymer containing units having hydroxyl
 groups and

Aii) a polymer containing units having carboxyl
 groups;

component B comprises Bi) a polyfunctional
 10 crosslinker capable of crosslinking with at least one
 carboxyl group and at least one hydroxyl group. The
 components A and B may provide an adhesive, especially for
 wood substrates. The components A and B may also be used
 to form protective coatings on wood substrates. Example
 15 components Ai) include solutions of polyvinyl alcohol, or
 dispersions of other polymers such as polyvinylacetate/
 ethylenevinylacetate in polyvinylalcohol. Suitable
 components Aii) include carboxylated styrene butadiene
 rubber latex. The component A may also include filler
 20 materials, for example to improve water resistance. The
 crosslinker may be a polyfunctional aziridine such as one
 of the formula



30 wherein R is a polymer chain and Y is a lower alkyl group
 of from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.