How Many Things Can You Invent with Peanuts?

George Washington Carver was the first African-American to enroll in what is now known as Iowa State University. He later became a faculty member there. During his career, and with a background in chemistry and physics, Carver studied agricultural products including the peanut. He found 300 new uses for this little shelled legume. Below are 10 of the more popular ones. Match the clue to the peanut product.

- Helps with constipation: Chili Sauce
- Puts color on the wall: Laundry soap
- A seasoning for soup: Laxatives
- Keeps hands soft: Plastics
- Makes skin spots disappear: Glue
- Works best with a razor: Shaving cream
- Cleans dirty clothes: Paint
- For sticking things together: Vanishing cream
- Manmade material used to make bowls and other household products: Hand lotion
Answer Key

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