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IMPROVED MEDICAL COMPOUND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN WEAVER, of Knightstown, in the county of Henry and State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Medical Compound for the Cure of Diarrhea; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description of the same.

The object of this invention is to produce a speedy and effectual remedy for the disease commonly known as "diarrhea," from the attacks of which soldiers in camp are great and frequent sufferers. Owing to the often epidemic character of this disease, and in view of the trivial nature of the circumstances by which it is generally produced, together with the complete manner in which it incapacitates for service those affected, it constitutes a great hinderance to the effective operations of an army.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will proceed to describe the manner of compounding and using the same.

I mix together the following ingredients, in about the proportions given, and allow the whole to stand eight days, or thereabout: brandy, one quart; columbo, (powdered,) eighteen ounces; *Hydrastis Canadensis*, nine ounces; cascarilla bark, (powdered,) eight ounces; *Magnolia glauca*, eight ounces. This preparation having stood for eight days is ready for use.

The brandy should be of superior quality, and is employed as the base and stimulus. The columbo is used as a mild tonic, not possessing any stimulating properties, but very acceptable and soothing to the stomach when the latter and the alimentary canal are in an enfeebled condition. The *Hydrastis Canadensis* is also a mild tonic, and acts upon the mucous membrane of the alimentary canal, giving tone and arresting irritation, and also promoting digestion. The cascarilla bark constitutes an aromatic spice, and is also a tonic, giving warmth and tone to the stomach, and thereby rendering it more susceptible to any other remedies. The *Magnolia glauca* is an aromatic tonic and diaphoretic, and will arrest the paroxysmal tendency of this disease.

Having thus fully described my invention, the following is what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

A compound of the ingredients and in the proportions substantially as specified, as a specific for the cure of chronic camp diarrhea.

The above specification of my improved medicine for the cure of chronic diarrhea signed this the 17th day of November, 1863.

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