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IMPROVED REMEDY FOR SPAVIN IN HORSES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN E. THAYER, of Manchester, in the county of Bennington, and State of Vermont, have invented a new and improved Medicinal Composition for the Removal and Cure of Spavins, Ring-bones, Curbs, and Splints on Horses; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of its composition and application.

The nature of my invention consists in providing a complete remedy for the above-named diseases by external application without removing the skin or hair or making any incision or wound.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its composition and application.

The medicine is compounded from the following-named ingredients, always being careful to maintain the relative proportions herein mentioned, according to the quantity of the mixture desired; *i. e.*:

Two (2) ounces of quicksilver; one (1) ounce of nitric acid; one (1) ounce of oil of vitriol; one (1) drachm of tincture of cantharides; one (1) ounce of spirits of turpentine; one (1) ounce of linseed oil, (boiled); one (1) ounce of tincture of asafœtida; one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) ounce of tincture of iodine.

Having obtained the ingredients in these proportions, I mix seven of them (leaving out the oil of vitriol) in a stone or earthen vessel, stirring them well together. I then put in the oil of vitriol, a little at a time, the while stirring the compound rapidly. After being thoroughly mixed let it stand four hours; it is then ready to be put in the bottles, care being taken that they be tightly corked.

To apply the medicine, first bathe the afflicted part well with arnica. If the hair is long and thick it is well to remove it carefully with scissors before applying the arnica. When the arnica has become thoroughly dry, apply below the part afflicted some hard grease, to prevent the medicine from spreading in that direction, then apply the medicine with a stiff brush, rubbing the afflicted part thoroughly. The application should be repeated every six hours until a cure is effected. The number of applications will depend on the size and age of the excrescence. Generally from three to four applications will be sufficient to remove an ordinary spavin.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A medicine compounded of the ingredients in the manner and for the purposes herein specified.

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