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## IMPROVED MEDICAL COMPOUND.

*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, THOMAS ROSBRUGH, of Bellefontaine, in the county of Logan, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements for the Cure of Diphtheria, Scarlet and other Fevers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

The novelty of the aforesaid medicine consists in the discovery of the wonderful curative qualities contained in the root of the cohush or blueberry when properly prepared; and, to enable others to enjoy the benefit of my discovery, I will now describe the best manner I know of making and using the same.

I take the root of the cohush, or, as more widely known, the blueberry, and chop it up sufficiently fine to be measured in a spoon, or, more definitely, about the length of a grain of coffee. I then take three heaping tablespoonfuls of this root, and pour upon it one pint of hot water, which is then boiled from five to ten minutes.

The tea thus made should be removed from the fire, poured off into another vessel, and sweetened to suit the taste. The decoction should be taken as warm as possible, and may be administered at any time. While using the decoction, the patient should remain in bed for a few hours, until it has had time to diffuse itself through the system. For fevers and diphtheria, take it four or five times a day, until entire relief is secured, which, in the most obdurate cases of fever, will not usually be over three days. If the patient has an attack of the scarlet fever, it will be advisable to continue the use of the decoction for several days after a cure is effected.

As I have already remarked, the tea may be taken at any time; but I have found it productive of better results, in cases of fever, to administer it especially while the fever is at its height. It would be proper to observe that, if, while taking the tea, the patient should fall asleep, he should not be disturbed or awakened. When he does awake, however, the use of the decoction is to continue, as previously directed. Should the patient be taken with vomiting or purging, let it be administered in a less quantity, and not so often.

For children, it should also be taken about four times a day, but in such diminished quantity as the age of the patient would seem to dictate.

I would simply observe that I have used this root in the manner described in a great many cases, and have never yet failed to effect a cure in any kind of fever or diphtheria. It has also been given with remarkable results to rheumatic patients who have suffered for years.

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

The medicine prepared from the root of the cohush or blueberry, substantially in the manner herein specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

THOMAS ROSBRUGH.

Witnesses:

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