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IMPROVEMENT IN OINTMENTS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that we, JEROME B. BROWN and SARAH W. BROWN, of Willoughby, in the county of Lake and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Medical Compound; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

The invention relates to the treatment of women during pregnancy; and consists of the compound hereinafter specified.

In carrying out our invention, we make a compound of two pounds of glycerine, four ounces of the green bark of the roots or pulp of the berries of nightshade, (*Solanum dulcamara*), two ounces of the flowers of arnica, and two ounces of pulverized nutmeg.

This compound is corked and sealed, placed where it will be kept warm, and allowed to stand for the space of about two weeks. It is then filtered and put in bottles, and sealed ready for use.

The composition is applied to the parts by the patient, after using the sitz-bath, every

night before going to bed, for the space of about twelve weeks before confinement.

The object and intended effect of this treatment is to soften the dry and feverish parts, and to alleviate the bearing-down sensation, so commonly experienced by pregnant women; also, to prevent false labor-pains, and to reduce the severity of true labor-pains, all of which we consider to be accomplished in a better manner by our invention, as herein described, than by any other means or appliances of which we are aware.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A compound of glycerine, arnica, woody nightshade, and nutmeg, in about the proportions and for the purpose specified.

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