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## REMEDY FOR COUGHS AND COLDS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. SMITH, of Webster, in the county of Taylor and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and  
5 useful Improvements in Specifics for Consumption or Colds; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

The nature of my invention relates to a remedy  
10 for colds and consumption; and it consists in a compound of hickory-bark, rock-moss, burnt alum, and apple-brandy, compounded in substantially the manner and quantities hereinafter named.

15 In order that others may avail themselves of the benefits of my discovery, I will now proceed to describe the mode of compounding and using the same.

I first take three pounds of the inside of  
20 hickory-bark and one-quarter of a pound of rock-moss, (*Gymnostomum curvirostrum*), and place them in a vessel containing two quarts of water, which I place over a fire and boil down to one quart. The hickory-bark and  
25 moss are then removed from the decoction thus formed, preferably by straining, and one ounce of finely-ground burnt alum is added

and the decoction again allowed to boil about five minutes, after which it is placed in a bottle and allowed to stand twenty-four hours  
30 to cool. I then add apple-brandy in about the proportions of one gill of the decoction to one quart of the brandy, and after being well shaken the compound is ready for use. It is valuable for coughs, colds, or consumption,  
35 and the proper dose for adults or persons over thirteen years of age is one table-spoonful fifteen minutes before every meal, and for children one tea-spoonful taken in the same manner.  
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Having thus fully described my remedy, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The within-described remedy for coughs and colds, consisting of the combination of  
45 hickory-bark, rock-moss, burnt alum, and apple-brandy, substantially as herein set forth.

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

G. H. SMITH.

Witnesses:

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