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MEDICAL COMPOUND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN MICHELLS, of Denver, Arapahoe county, Colorado, have invented a certain new and useful Medical Compound for the Treatment and Cure of Rheumatism, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This compound is intended for internal and external use. It consists of the following ingredients in the proportions substantially as named: alcohol, two quarts; saltpeter, four ounces; garlic, one ounce; fir-balsam, two ounces; gum-camphor, two ounces; gum-guaiacum, two ounces; oil of cedar, one ounce; oil of hemlock, one ounce; oil of wormwood, one ounce; oil of sassafras, one ounce; chloroform, one and one-half ounce; tincture of capsicum, two ounces; fluid extract of sarsaparilla, two ounces; spirits of turpentine, two ounces; sweet spirits of niter, two ounces; sulphuric ether, one ounce. In compounding I mix together the alcohol, saltpeter, garlic, fir-balsam, camphor, and guaiacum, and shake it well once an hour for twenty-four hours. The other ingredients are then added, and the mixture shaken once every two hours for twenty-four hours, being meantime kept in a warm place. At the end of the second period

of twenty-four hours the liquid part is carefully drained off and is ready for use.

In the treatment of rheumatism one or two tea-spoonfuls are taken internally by an adult before breakfast each morning. At the commencement of the treatment the whole body is rubbed with about two table-spoonfuls of the compound, and after this the affected part alone is well rubbed with the compound daily. (The rubbing should be continued until the hand becomes hot by friction.) When taken internally the compound may be mixed with half a tea-cupful of hot water sweetened to taste.

I claim—

The medical compound herein described, which consists of alcohol, saltpeter, garlic, fir-balsam, gum-camphor, gum-guaiacum, oil of cedar, oil of hemlock, oil of wormwood, oil of sassafras, chloroform, tincture of capsicum, fluid extract of sarsaparilla, spirits of turpentine, sweet spirits of niter, and sulphuric ether, in about the proportions named.

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