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IMPROVEMENT IN EMPIRICAL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE CURE OF CATARRH.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. HARVEY, of Memphis, Scotland county, Missouri, have invented a new and Improved Medical Compound, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to the curative art; and consists of a compound for the cure of catarrh, composed of the ingredients herein-after named, combined in about the proportions specified.

To carry out my invention I proceed as follows: I take of powdered nitrate of potassa, six drams; powdered chlorate of potash, six drams; powdered golden seal, (botanically known as *Hydrastis Canadensis*,) four drams; table salt, six drams; gum-camphor, two drams. These ingredients are thoroughly mixed together in one pint of water, and heated over a slow fire until the compound is raised to the boiling-point, or 212°. It is now allowed to settle, and is poured off from the dregs, and water enough is added to make about a full quart.

This liquid is used for bathing the head and nose; but when the compound is used for inhaling it may be used in a dry state, as may be desired.

I do not confine myself to the exact proportions used, as they may be varied without departing from my invention.

The compound is used as a sovereign cure for the disease known as catarrh, and may be applied as may be found admissible, either to be inhaled in a dry state or be used for bathing the head and nose, as desired.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The medical compound for the cure of catarrh herein described, consisting of nitrate of potassa, chlorate of potash, golden seal, common salt, and gum-camphor, in about the proportions herein specified.

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