

# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

HENRIETTA BOWIE, OF HOUMA, LOUISIANA.

## IMPROVEMENT IN MEDICAL COMPOUNDS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **202,141**, dated April 9, 1878; application filed January 15, 1878.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, Mrs. HENRIETTA BOWIE, of Houma, in the parish of Terrebonne and State of Louisiana, have invented a new and Improved Medical Compound, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to provide an efficient remedy for pneumonia, colds, coughs, croup, asthma, and heart-disease.

The invention consists in the compound made by mixing together the following ingredients in the proportions and manner substantially as hereinafter fully described.

For a compound suitable for dilution, I take the following proportions: of gum-arabic one-half ounce, of hoarhound-herb one-fourth ounce, of St. John's wort herb one-fourth ounce, of water twenty-four ounces, making a strong decoction of the tea. Sugar is then added, and the mixture cooked to a density of 30°

of Baumé's hydrometer. While the decoction is yet hot, I add fifteen grains of powdered rhubarb and ten grains of powdered ipecacuanha, and let it steep. When the solution is cold, I bottle it up and add one tea-spoonful of alcohol, whereafter the bottle is corked tightly and the cork sealed.

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

A medical compound made by mixing together gum-arabic, hoarhound, St. John's wort, rhubarb, and ipecacuanha, with sugar and water, in the proportions and manner substantially as specified.

HENRIETTA BOWIE.

Witnesses:

JAS. D. WILSON,  
ERNEST CANTRELL.