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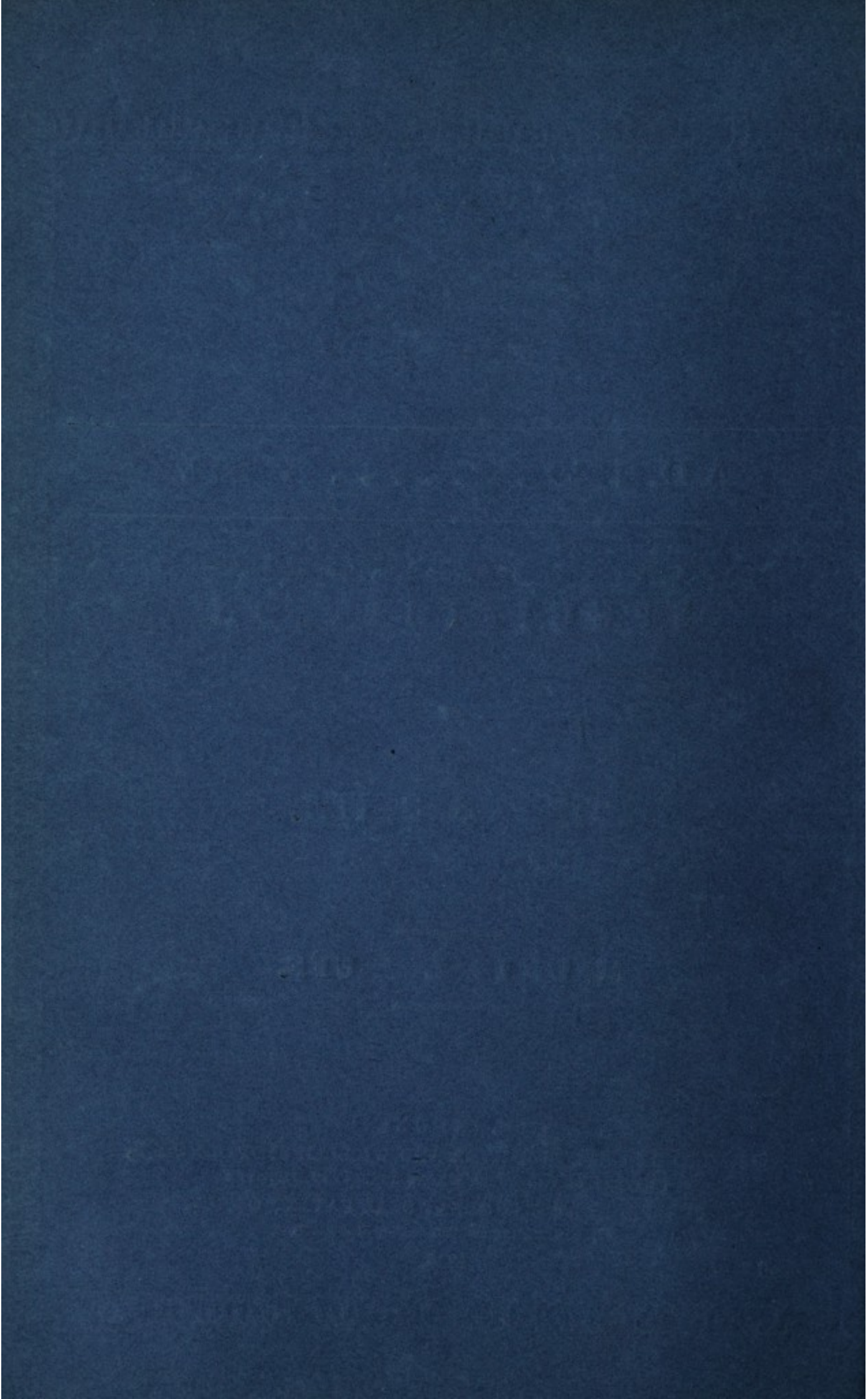
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SMITH'S SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, THOMAS SMITH, Leather Seller and Citizen of London, now dwelling in the Parish of Christ Church, Spittlefields, send greeting.

WHEREAS I, the said Thomas Smith, did, by my Petition, humbly represent unto His most Excellent Majesty King George the Second, that I was the sole Inventor of "A NEW COMPOUND MEDICINAL POWDER, TO BE USED IN THE NATURE OF AND WHICH I CALLED MY MEDICINAL SNUFF, AND WHICH I HAD WITH GREAT LABOUR, INDUSTRY, APPLICATION, STUDY, AND AT A GREAT EXPENCE, BROUGHT TO A VERY SURPRIZING DEGREE OF PERFECTION IN THE CURE OF CAPITAL DISORDERS OF THE HYPOCONDRIAC AND MELANCHOLLY KIND, AS ALSO OF IMPOSTUMATIOUS AGUES IN THE HEAD, EJECTION OF POLYPUSSES, AND VARIOUS OTHER AND SIMILAR INDISPOSITIONS, AS HAD BEEN DULY PROVED BY A VARIETY OF SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS, AND WHICH I WAS READY TO MAKE APPEAR BY UNEXCEPTIONABLE EVIDENCE WHEN CALLED UPON BY AUTHORITY THERETO;" His Majesty therefore, by His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date the Sixth day of December, in the twenty-third year of His reign, of His especial grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, did give and grant unto me, the said Thomas Smith, my executors, administrators, and assigns, His especial licence, full power, sole privilege and authority, that I, the said Thomas Smith, my executors, administrators, and assigns, and every of them, by himself and themselves, or by his and their deputy or deputies, servants or agents, or such others as I, the said Thomas Smith, my exors, administrators, or assigns, should at any time agree with, for and during the term of years therein mentioned, should and might lawfully make, use, exercise, and vend my said Invention within that part of the Kingdom of Great Britain called England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, in such manner as to me, the said Thomas Smith, should seem meet; in which said Letters

Smith's Medicinal Snuff.

Patent is contained a proviso obliging me, the said Thomas Smith, by a writing under my hand and seal, duly to be inrolled within three kalendar months next and immediately after the date of the said Letters Patent, particularly to describe and ascertain the nature of my said Invention, and what manner the same is to be performed, as by the said Letters Patent 5 may more fully and at large appear.

NOW KNOW YE, that in compliance with the said proviso, I, the said Thomas Smith, do hereby declare that my said Invention of the medicinal snuff before expressed is composed of the several materials or ingredients following, to wit:—

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Take two ounces of knotted margerum, six ounces of marum, and two ounces of acrimony, one pound of asser tobacco, and two ounces of balm, and one ounce of lily comvally; let them be all well pulverized in a mortar together, then sifted fine off, so as to be made snuff; then take one tea-spoonful struck for a dose up the nose as snuff going to bed, and repeated 15 every six days as long as the patient sees convenient.

In witness whereof, I, the said Thomas Smith, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Nineteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and forty-nine, and in the twenty-third year of the reign of King George the Second.

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THO. SMITH.

Sealed and delivered by the within-named Thomas Smith (being first duly stampd) in the presence of

W HORSLEY,

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JOHN MOORE.

AND BE IT REMEMBRED, that on the Nineteenth day of January, the aforesaid Thomas Smith came before our said Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Writing aforesaid, and all and every matter and thing therein contained and specified, in form abovesaid. And the said 30 Writing was stampd according to the form of the Statute made in the sixth year of the reign of King William and Queen Mary, and so forth.

Inrolled the said Nineteenth day of January, in the said twenty-third year of the reign of King George the Second.

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