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WEST'S SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, GEORGE WEST, of the City of London, Surgeon, send greeting.

WHEREAS His most Excellent Majesty King George the Second, by His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at 5 Westminster, the First day of January, in the twenty-fifth year of His reign, did give and grant unto me, the said George West, His especial licence that I, the said George West, during the term of years therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend, within England, Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, my Invention of "A PECULIAR COMPOSITION 10 WHICH GIVES IMMEDIATE EASE IN ALL DISEASES IN THE BREAST, AND WHICH I CALL WEST'S PECTORAL ELIXIR;" in which said Letters Patent is contained a proviso obliging me, the said George West, by a writing under my hand and seal, to cause a particular description of the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be inrolled in His 15 Majesty's High Court of Chancery within three kalendar months after the date of the said recited Letters Patent, as in and by the same (relation being thereunto had) may more at large appear.

NOW KNOW YEE, that in compliance with the said proviso, I, the said George West, do hereby declare that the said Invention is to be performed 20 in the manner following (that is to say):—

West's Pectoral Elixir.

Take liquorish, dried elicampain, angelica, and orris roots, all bruised and cutt small, of each thirty-two pounds ; fat figgs, Malaga raisons stoned, and the best honey, of each thirty-two pounds ; raison brandy, thirty-two gallons ; salt of tartar, eight pounds ; let these ingredients stand infusing thirty days, stirring it often with a strong staff. When this has stood long enough, strain it through a canvas bagg in a winepress ; put the strained liquor into a large tub big enough to hold as much again as you intend to make, because, when some of the other ingredients are added, it will ferment and rise ; take garden snails & millipedes, of each four gallons ; bruise them separate to a perfect paste, and stir them well till they incorporate with the liquor ; dissolve two pounds of Spanish juice of liquorish in water, gum arabick, and gum tragacanth, of each one pound, dissolved sepeate in two gallons of spring water ; mix these well with the other, then put in a pound of the best flowers of benjamin, gum styrace, camphir, and gum benjamin powdered, of each one pound ; balsam tolu, two pounds ; dissolve them in a sufficient quantity of spirits of wine, all sepeate, in stone bottles, well corked, and a bladder and a piece of leather tyed over it to keep it down ; set them in a sand heat or before a fire, often shaking them ; of the best and clearest opium one pound, dissolved as the other gums ; when all are well dissolved, put them into a tub, & mix them well together. Then put in one gallon of spirit of sulphur by a little at a time, with great care, for it will ferment and rise very much ; keep stirring till all is in and settled ; then put in one pint of the best oil of anniseed & the following decoction : take coltsfoot, horehound, isop, scabiouse, maidenhair, ground ivy, marsh mallows, roots and leaves, & St. John's wort, of each twenty-four handfulls, angelica, parsley, and linseed, each one pound ; boil them in a sufficient quantity of water to keep them covered ; when they have boiled about an hour, let it stand and cool ; press out the liquor, and dissolve four ounces of honey in every quart ; put it into the tub, and stir all together well every day for another week ; then put it into casks to fine down for use.—N.B. It must stand in the cask five or six months before it is fit for botling. A grown person may take an hundred drops at night going to bed, in beer, ale, wine, tea, or any other liquor, and increase the dose till it comes to a large spoonfull. Children begin with twenty drops, and increase till it comes to sixty. It may, if the symptoms are urgent, be repeated every six hours.

In witness whereof, I, the said George West, have hereunto set my hand & seal, this Thirteenth day of March 1752.

GEORGE WEST. (L.S.)

West's Pectoral Elixir.

AND BE IT REMEMBRED, that on the said Thirteenth day of March, the said George West came before our Lord the King in His Chancery, & acknowledged the Writing aforesaid, & every thing therein contained, in form above said. And the said Writing was stampd according to the Statute made **5** in the sixth year of the reign of the late King William & Queen Mary, & so forth.

SAWYER.

Inrolled the said Thirteenth day of March, in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of King George the Second.

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