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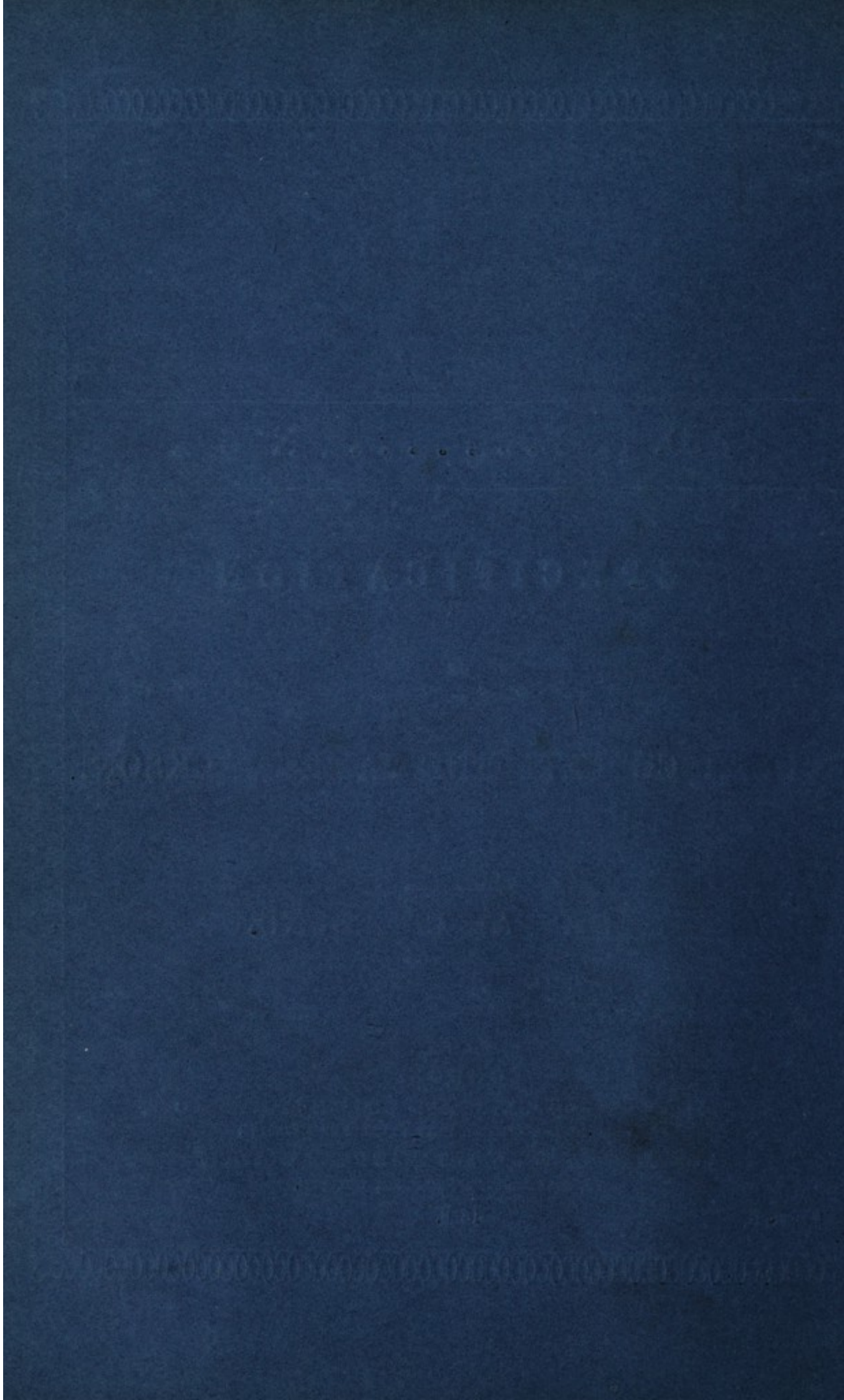
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COLLETT & JACKSON'S SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, JAMES JACKSON, of the City of London, Chymist, send greeting.

WHEREAS His most Sacred Majesty King George the Second, by His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at Westminster, the Third day of July, in the twenty-sixth year of His reign, did give and grant unto Joseph Collett, Practitioner in Physick, and to me, the said James Jackson, our executors, administrators, and assigns, His especial licence, full power, sole priviledge and authority, that we, the said Joseph Collett and James Jackson, our executors, administrators, & assigns, and every of us, by himself and ourselves, should, during the term of years therein expressed, make, use, exercise, and vend our new Invention of "A CERTAIN MEDICINE CALLED OLEUM ANODINUM, OR BRITISH BALSAM OF HEALTH, FOR THE CURE OF GOUTY NODES, AND TUMOURS, RHEUMATICK AND SCIATICK PAINS, FISTULAS AND ULCERS, THE EVIL AND LEPROSY, BRUISES AND SPRAINS, THE DROPSY, STONE, AND GRAVEL, STERILITY AND IMPOTENCY, CONSUMPTIONS AND OTHER DISORDERS OF THE BREAST AND LUNGS," within England and Wales and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed; in which said Letters Patent is contained a provisoe requiring us, the said Joseph Collett and James Jackson, or either of us, by an instrument in writing under our hand and seal, or the hand and seal of one of us, to cause a particular description of the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be prepared, to be inrolled in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery within four kalendar months next after the date of the said

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recited Letters Patent, as in and by the same Letters Patent (relation being thereunto had) may more at large appear.

NOW KNOW YE, that in compliance with the said proviso, I, the said James Jackson, do hereby declare that the said Oleum Anodinum, or British Balsam of Health, is extracted from a hard substance, of which there are 5 several sorts of equal virtue and efficacy, some of which, to the sight, are not much unlike to coarse or rough succini, and is to be had near to river sides in many parts of this Kingdom, particularly in Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Berkshire, and some other places near London, and which affords a light and pure oil, with a considerable quantity of a more thick and heavy substance that 10 will sink in water, which by art is reduced to a most pure and perfect gum, both which are extracted, rectified, and united in the manner following (that is to say):—The said hard substance is to be beat or pounded very small, and then mixt with a sufficient quantity of red sand, and put into an iron furnace with a wide copper head, to which must be fixed a large and long 15 glass pipe, to the end of which a large receiver must be luted; then work it with a slow fire till the drops begin to come large, and to sink to the bottom; then the receiver must be taken off, and a clean glazed deep earthen vessel put in its place; and then the fire must be raised and kept up so long as any drops shall fall into the earthen vessel; then it must be put into a sand heat & 20 boiled & scum'd, so long as any scum rises, and till it comes transparent to the eye. The oyl which comes first over must be rectified in a glass retort so often as till it comes of a fine light colour, and the empyreuma is mostly gone. Then these two substances are to be mixed together in a glass vessel, and digested till they are intirely united into one substance, and that of the consistence of a 25 balsam. Thus is the operation compleated, and is to be taken by children from five to thirty drops upon sugar, and dissolved in water, tea, &c., and to grown persons from thirty to one hundred and forty drops; and for outward uses it is to be either bathed on, or a clean linnen cloth dipped in the balsam and applied to the part. 30

In witness whereof, I, the said James Jackson, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Eighteenth day of October, in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of His said Majesty, and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty-two.

JAMES JACKSON. (L.S.) 35

Sealed and delivered (being first duly stampd) in the presence of

HEN. ROOKE.

WATK. LEWIS.

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AND BE IT REMEMBRED, that on the Eighteenth day of October aforesaid, the said James Jackson came before our Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Writing aforesaid, and every thing therein contained and specified, in form above said. And also the said Writing was
5 stampd according to the form of the Statute made in the sixth year of the reign of the late King William and Queen Mary, and so forth.

Inrolled the Twentieth day of October, in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of His said Majesty King George the Second.

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