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OF

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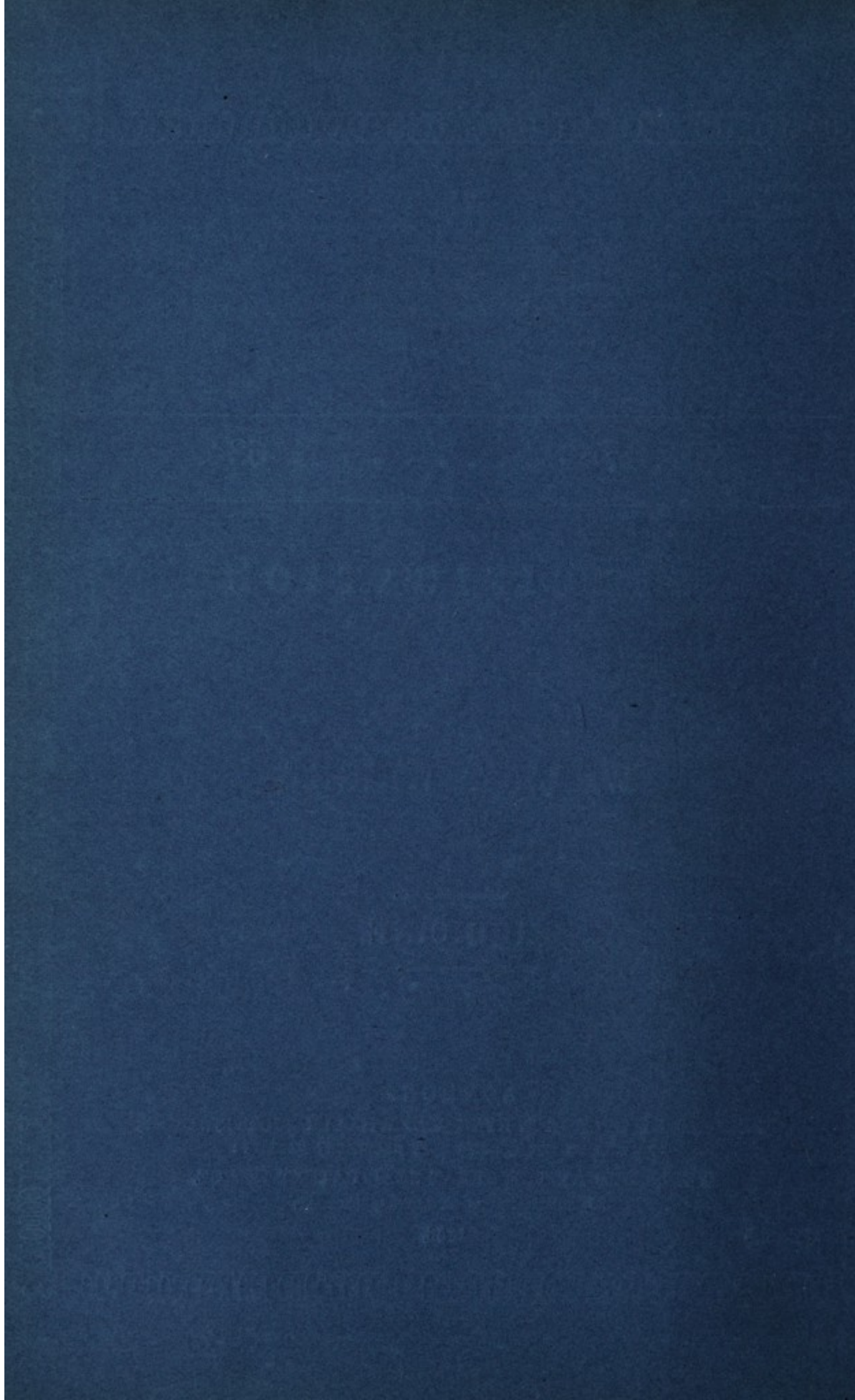
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WRIGHT'S SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, WILLIAM WRIGHT, of Baldock, in the County of Hertford, Surgeon, send greeting.

WHEREAS I, the said William Wright, did, by my Petition, humbly represent unto His present most Excellent Majesty King George the Second, that I had practised the art of midwifry thirty years, and early in that practice observed an irregular and complicated kind of labour in childbirth, which, in country places, where proper advice and assistance could not be readily procured, often proved fatal both to mother and infant, many of which lives I had reason to think might have been preserved by a proper and efficacious medicine given in time, but there not being any known medicine which could be depended on to afford such speedy relief as in those cases was required, I was induced to search diligently after the discovery of such a medicine, and that, after many years' application and much expence, I had invented & prepared "A MEDICINE, WHICH I CALLED THE CORDIAL MIXTURE FOR WOMEN IN LABOUR, WHICH LONG EXPERIENCE HAD CONFIRMED TO ME MIGHT BE DEPENDED ON FOR PROCURING THE SPEEDY RELIEF REQUIRED AT THAT CRITICAL PERIOD, AND THAT I MADE NO DOUBT BUT (BY THE DIVINE PERMISSION) THE SAID MEDICINE WOULD PROVE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SAVING MANY LIVES, IF THE VIRTUES AND EFFICACYS OF IT WERE GENERALLY KNOWN;" and therefore, in regard I was the first and sole contrivor & inventor of the said medicine, and that the same was intirely new, and had not by any other been brought into publick use, I therefore, most humbly



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prayed His Majesty to grant unto me His Royal Letters Patent for the  
 sole benefit and advantage of my said invented medicine for the term of four-  
 teen years, according to the Statute in that case made and provided; His  
 said Majesty, being willing to give encouragement to all arts & inventions  
 which might tend to the publick good, did, by His Letters Patent, under the 5  
 Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date the First day of August last past,  
 before the date of these Presents, give and grant unto me, the said William  
 Wright, His especial lycence, full power, sole priviledge, & authority, that I,  
 the said William Wright, my executors, admors, and assigns, by myself &  
 themselves, or by our deputys, servants, or agents, or such others as I or 10  
 they should agree with, and no others, should and lawfully might make, use,  
 exercise and vend my said Invention within England, Wales, and Town of  
 Berwick-upon-Tweed, for the term of fourteen years from the date of the said  
 Letters Patent; in which said Letters Patent is contained a provisoe obliging  
 me, the said William Wright, by an instrument in writing under my hand 15  
 and seal, to be inrolled in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery within  
 four calendar months next & immediately after the date of the said Letters  
 Patent, particularly to describe the nature of my said Invention, and in what  
 manner the same is to be prepared, otherwise the said Letters Patent, and all  
 liberties and advantages thereby granted, should cease, determine, and become 20  
 void, anything therein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise, not-  
 withstanding. And His said Majesty, in and by the said Letters Patent, did, for  
 Himself, His heirs & successors, grant unto me, the said William Wright, my  
 exors, administrators, and assigns, that the said Letters Patent, the inrollment  
 or exemplification thereof, should be in and by all things good, firm, valid, suffi- 25  
 cient and effectual in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof,  
 and should be taken, construed, and adjudged in the most favourable and  
 beneficial sense for the best advantage of me, the said William Wright, my  
 exors, admors, and assigns, as well in all His Majesty's Courts of Record as  
 elsewhere, and by all and singular the Officers & Ministers of His said 30  
 Majesty, His heirs and successors, and amongst all and every His subjects  
 whatsoever & wheresoever, notwithstanding the not full and certain de-  
 scribing the nature and quality of the said Invention, or of the materials  
 thereto conducing and belonging, as in and by the said recited Letters Patent  
 (reference being thereunto had) may more fully and at large appear. 35

**NOW KNOW YE,** that I, the said William Wright, in pursuance of the  
 before-recited proviso, do hereby declare that the cordial mixture above  
 mentioned is a medicine which greatly facilitates the labour of childbirth, and  
 is of a cordial nature, being a large compound of the most valuable cordial



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productions of nature, together with other specifick ingredients extracted and  
combined both by chymical and Galenical preparation.

In witness whereof, I, the said William Wright, have hereunto sett my  
hand and seal, this Twelfth day of September, in the year of our Lord  
5 One thousand seven hundred and fifty-three.

W<sup>M</sup> WRIGHT. (L.S.)

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

W<sup>M</sup> ELLERD.

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THO. PARRY.

AND BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the said Twelfth day of September,  
the aforesaid William Wright came before our Lord the King in His Chancery,  
and acknowledged the Writing aforesaid, and every thing therein contained &  
specified, in form above said. And the said Writing was stamped according to  
15 the Statute made in the sixth year of the reign of the late King William  
and Queen Mary, and so forth.

WICKINSON, Ex<sup>tr</sup>.

Inrolled the Fourteenth day of September, in the twenty-seventh year  
of the reign of His Majesty King George the Second.

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