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OF

WILLIAM FORDYCE.

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FORDYCE'S SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, WILLIAM FORDYCE, of the Parish of Saint James, Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, Surgeon, send greeting.

WHEREAS, by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at Westminster, the Twenty-ninth day of July last, reciting that I, the said William Fordyce, had, by my Petition, humbly represented unto His Majesty that, by much labour, study, and application in trying experiments, I had found out and invented "A NEW MEDICINAL COMPOSITION, CALLED THE STOMACH PILL, WHOSE POWER FAR EXCEEDS THAT OF ANY MEDICINE HITHERTO  
10 DISCOVERED IN CURING ALL DISORDERS OF THE STOMACH AND BOWELS, WHERE THERE IS A DEFICIENCY OF BILE AND NO INFLAMATION;" and that in regard that I had been at great trouble and expence in bringing the same to perfection, I had prayed His said Majesty would be pleased to grant unto me, my executors, administrators, and assigns, His said Majesty's Royal Letters Patent,  
15 under the Great Seal of Great Britain, for the sole use and benefit of my said Invention, within that part of Great Britain called England, the Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and also in His Majesty's Plantations and Colonies abroad, for the term of fourteen years, pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided; His Majesty did therefore, of His  
20 especial grace, give and grant unto me, the said William Fordyce, my executors, administrators, and assigns, licence, full power, sole privilege and authority, that I, my exors, admors, and assigns, and every of them, by



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myself and themselves, or by my and their deputy or deputies, servants or agents, or such others as I, my exors, admors, or assigns, should at any time agree with, and no other, from time to time and at all times then- after during the term of years therein expressed, should and might make, use, and vend my said Invention, within that part of Great Britain called England, 5 the Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and also in His Majestie's Plantations and Colonies abroad, in such manner as I, my exors, admors, or assigns, should deem meet, and that I, my exors, admors, and assigns, should have and enjoy the whole profitt, benefit, and advantage, arising by reason of the said Invention, for the term of years therein mentioned, to 10 hold and enjoy the said license, priviledges, and advantages thereby granted unto me, my exors, admors, and assigns, for the full end and term of fourteen years from the date of the said Letters Patent from thence next ensuing, and fully to be compleat and ended, according to the Statute in that case made and provided; and to the end that I, my exors, admors, and assigns, may have and 15 enjoy the full benefit and the sole use and exercise of the said Invention, His said Majesty did thereby require and strictly command all and every person and persons, within that part of Great Britain called England, the Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and also in the Plantations and Colonies abroad, that during the continuance of the said term of fourteen 20 years thereby granted, they did, neither directly or indirectly, make, use, or put in practice the said Invention, or counterfeit, imitate, or resemble the same, without the licence or consent of me, the said William Fordyce, my exors, admors, or assigns, in writing under my hand and seal first had and obtained; in which said Letters Patent is contained a provisoe that if I, the said William 25 Fordyce, should not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of my said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be prepared, by an instrument in writing under my hand and seal, and cause the same to be inrolled in the High Court of Chancery within four calendar months next ensuing the date of the said Letters Patent, that the said Letters Patent should cease, deter- 30 mine, and become absolutely void, as in and by the said recited Letters Patent, relation being thereunto had, may more fully and at large appear.

**NOW KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,** that I, the said William Fordyce, in pursuance of the above-recited provisoe, and in compliance therewith, do, by these Presents, particularly describe and ascertain the 35 nature of my said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be prepared, in the words following, that is to say:—

Take of rhubarb root, extract of flowers of chamomile, and of gum myrrh, of each one drachm; of aloe of succotra, half a drachm; of grains of paradise



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and oil of chamomile, of each half a scruple; of syrup of sugar, enough to make it into a mass.

In witness whereof, I, the said William Fordyce, have to this present Instrument in writing set my hand and seal, this Tenth day of November, in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c., and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty-three.

WILL<sup>M</sup> (L.S.) FORDYCE.

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

C. COLMAN,

Cl. at the Inrollm<sup>t</sup> Office, Chancery Lane.

BLISSETT WOODDESON,

15 Dove Co<sup>rt</sup>, Lombard Street, London.

AND BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord 1763, the aforesaid William Fordyce came before our said Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Indre aforesaid, and all and every thing therein contained and specified, in form above written. And also the Indre aforesaid was stamp according to the tenor of the Statute made in the sixth year of the reign of the late King and Queen William and Mary of England, and so forth.

HOLFORD.

Inrolled the Tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty-three.

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