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OF

JAMES IRWIN.

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**IRWIN'S SPECIFICATION.**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, JAMES IRWIN, of the Parish of St. George, Hanover Square, in the County of Middlesex, Confectioner, send greeting.

WHEREAS His present most Excellent Majesty King George the Third, by His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at Westminster, the Fifth day of March, in the thirteenth year of His reign, did give and grant unto me, the said James Irwin, His especial licence, sole privilege and authority, that I, the said James Irwin, during the term of years therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend, within that part of His Kingdom of Great Britain called England, His Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, my Invention of "A NEW METHOD, NEVER BEFORE USED, OF MAKING CURRANT DROPS AND LOZENGES OF FRUITS, WHICH BEING OF GREAT EFFICACY IN THE CURE OF SORE THROATS, OBSTINATE COUGHS, AND HOARSENESSES, WILL BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO HIS MAJESTY'S SUBJECTS;" in which said Letters Patent is contained a proviso obliging me, the said James Irwin, under my hand and seal, to cause a particular description of the nature of my said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be inrolled in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery within four kalender months next and immediately after the date of the said recited Letters Patent, as in and by the same (relation being thereunto had) may more fully and at large appear.

NOW KNOW YE, that in compliance with the said proviso, I, the said James Irwin, do hereby declare that my said Invention of a New Method, never before used, of Making Black Currant Drops and Lozenges of Fruits, which being of great Efficacy in the Cure of Sore Throats, Obstinate Coughs,

*Irwin's Method of Making Currant Drops and Lozenges of Fruits.*

and Hoarsenesses, will be of great Benefit to His Majesty's Subjects, is performed in the manner following, that is to say:—

Buy the black currants when ripe; pull them off the stalks; put them into a pan that is not coppery, with very little water; then put them upon the fire, and let them boil ten minutes, or thereabout, but be sure to keep stirring of 5 them all the time; then take them off the fire, and strain them through a coarse hair sieve, or through a fine cane sieve, and be sure to keep the seed from going through the sieve; then put them upon the fire again, and put about two ounces of sugar to a pound of the currants, and boil them for a long time till you think they will be stiff enough, when cold, to put upon pewter 10 plates; then put them into a drying stove, and when dry on one side turn them on clean plates; when thorough dry on both sides, cut it out in square pieces. And this is the new method for making the lozenges and drops, only the drops are dropped with a spoon in the room of cutting.

In witness whereof, I, the said James Irwin, have hereunto sett my hand 15 and seal, this Nineteenth day of April, in the thirteenth 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, and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy- 20 three.

JAMES IRWIN. (L.S.)

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

JOHN IRWIN.

JACOB BANNISTER.

EDW<sup>d</sup> MONTAGU.

AND BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the aforesaid Nineteenth day of April, in the year above mentioned, the aforesaid James Irwin came before our said Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Specification of his Invention aforesaid, and all and every thing therein contained, in form above written. And also the Specification aforesaid was stamp'd according to 30 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.

Inrolled the aforesaid Nineteenth day of April, in the year above said.

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