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OF

ROBERT JAMES.

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PILLS.  
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JAMES' SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, ROBERT JAMES, of Bruton Street, in the County of Middlesex, Doctor in Physick, send greeting.

WHEREAS I, the said Robert James, did by my petition humbly represent  
5 to His present most Excellent Majesty King George the Third that after much application and expence I had invented a certain medicine called "DOCTOR JAMES'S ANALEPTIC PILLS, BEING A SOVEREIGN REMEDY FOR RHEUMATISMS WHETHER SEATED EXTERNALLY OR INTERNALLY, FOR INDIGESTIONS, CRUDITIES OF THE STOMACH FROM INTEMPERANCE, LOSS OF APPETITE, HABITUAL COSTIVENESS, GIDDI-  
10 NESS IN THE HEAD, TROUBLESOME FLATULENCIES IN THE STOMACH AND BOWELS, AND CHOLICKS THENCE ARISING, AS ALSO FOR GOUTY HABITS WHERE THE STOMACH AND HEAD ARE AFFECTED, AND FOR ALL KINDS OF BILIOUS DISORDERS, LOWNESS OF SPIRITS, AND NERVOUS COMPLAINTS, AS WELL AS IN THOSE DISORDERS OCCASIONED BY A SEDENTARY LIFE," I therefore most humbly prayed His said Majesty that he  
15 would be graciously pleased to grant unto me, my executors, administrators, and assigns, His Royal Letters Patent for the sole use and benefit of my said Invention within that part of His said Majesty's Kingdom of Great Britain called England, His Dominion of Wales, and the Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and also in His Colonies and Plantations abroad, for the term  
20 of fourteen years, according to the Statute in that case made and provided, His said Majesty being willing to give encouragement to all arts and inventions which might be for the publick good, was graciously pleased to condescend to my request, and therefore by His Royal Letters Patent, bearing date at Westminster, the Twenty-fifth day of November in the Fifteenth



*James' Analeptic Pills.*

year of His reign, of his especial grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, for Himself, His heirs and successors, did give and grant unto me, the said Robert James, my executors, administrators, and assigns, His especial licence, full power, sole priviledge and authority, that I, the said Robert James, my executors, administrators, and assigns, and every of them, 5 by myself and themselves, or by mine or their deputy or deputies, servants or agents, or such others as I, the said Robert James, my executors, administrators, or assigns, should at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time and at all times thereafter during the term of years therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend my said 10 Invention within that part of His said Majesty's Kingdom of Great Britain called England, His Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and also in His Colonies and Plantations abroad, in such manner as to me, the said Robert James, my executors, administrators, and assigns, or any of us, should in our discretions seem meet, and that I, the said Robert James, my 15 executors, administrators, and assigns, should and might have and enjoy the whole profit, benefit, commodity, and advantage from time to time coming, growing, renewing, and arising by reason of the said Invention for and during the term of years therein mentioned, to have, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said licence, powers, priviledges, and advantages therein before granted or 20 mentioned to be granted unto me, the said Robert James, my executors, administrators, and assigns, for and during and unto the full end and term of fourteen years from the date of the said Letters Patent next and immediately ensuing, and fully to be compleat and ended according to the Statute in such case made and provided, in which said Letters Patent is contained a proviso, 25 that if I, the said Robert James, should not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of my said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, by an instrument in writing under my hand and seal, and cause the same to be inrolled in His said Majesty's High Court of Chancery within four calendar months next and immediately after the date of the said Letters 30 Patent, that then the said Letters Patent and all liberties and advantages whatsoever thereby granted should utterly cease, determine, and become void, any thing therein-before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding, as in and by the said Letters Patent (relation being thereunto had) may more fully and at large appear. 35

**NOW KNOW YE**, that I, the said Robert James, in compliance with the said proviso, do hereby describe and ascertain the nature of the said Invention, and declare that the same is composed of the several particulars following (that is to say):—



*James' Analeptic Pills.*

The analeptic pills are made by mixing equal parts of the pill rufi, gum ammoniacum, and the fever powder. The two former are first to be placed in a large cave underground furnished with the conductors of electrical fire, which will dissolve the ingredients. When they are so dissolved they are to  
 5 be mixed with the powder, and made into pills with a solution of gum arabick.

In witness whereof, I, the said Robert James, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Twenty-fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, and in the  
 10 fifteenth 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 so forth.

R. JAMES. (L.S.)

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

JOS<sup>n</sup> VANDERCOM,

ROB<sup>t</sup> WRIGHT.

AND BE IT REMEMBERED that the Twenty-fourth day of January, in the year above written, the aforesaid Robert James came before the said  
 20 Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the instrument aforesaid, and all and every thing therein contained and specified in form above written. And also the said instrument was stampd 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.

25 Inrolled the Twenty-fourth day of January in the year above written.

HOLFORD.

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