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**Medicine.**

**WAKEFIELD'S SPECIFICATION.**

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,** ROBERT WAKEFIELD, late of the Parish of Saint Paul Covent Garden, but now of Brownlow Street, in the Parish of Saint Andrew Holborn, both in the County of Middlesex, Surgeon, sends greeting.

5 **WHEREAS** the King's most Excellent Majesty, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date the Twenty-second day of February last, gave and granted unto the said Robert Wakefield, his executors, administrators, and assigns, His Majesty's special licence, full power, sole privilege and authority, for the said Robert Wakefield, his executors, administrators, and assigns, and every of them, by himself or themselves, or by his  
10 or their deputy or deputies, servants or agents, or such others as the said Robert Wakefield, his executors, administrators, or assigns, should at any time agree with, and no other, from time to time and at all times hereafter, to make, use, exercise, and vend his new-invented "**ART OF MAKING HIS**  
15 **MEDECINAL AND COMPOUND POWDERS FOR THE ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF OR YOUNG CHILDREN AFFLICTED WITH GRIPES AND CONVULSIONS,**" to have and to hold, exercise, and enjoy the said licence, power, privilege, and advantage to the said Robert Wakefield, his executors, administrators, and assigns, for the term  
20 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 that case made and provided; in which said Letters Patent is contained a proviso that if I, the said Robert Wakefield, should not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be prepared, by an instrument in writing under my hand and  
25 seal, and cause the same to be inrolled in the High Court of Chancery within four kalendar months next and immediately after the date of the said Letters Patent, that then the said Letters Patent, and all liberties and advantages whatsoever thereby granted, should be utterly void.

*Wakefield's Medicine.*

NOW KNOW YE, that I, the said Robert Wakefield, in pursuance of the said proviso in the said Letters Patent contained, do hereby declare that the nature of my said Invention of making my Medecinal and Compound Powders for the Assistance and Relief of Young Children Afflicted with Gripes and Convulsions, and the manner in which the same is prepared and administered, 5 is in the form following, that is to say :—

R. Sal polychreshun lb. j. } Prepared according to the London Dispensatory.  
Pulvis epilepticus lb. j. }

Pulvis radix contrayerve lb. j. Made intirely from the contrayeve root, finely powdered and sifted.

Pulvis cinnamoni lb. j. Made only of the purest cinnamon, finely powdered and sifted. 10

Pulvis sacchari purgatissimi lb. j.

The usual dose whereof is about ten grains, more or less, according to the strength of the child.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 15 Eighteenth day of June, in the sixteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the Third, and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

ROBERT WAKEFIELD. (L.S.)

Sealed and delivered, being first duly 20  
stampd, in the presence of

GEORGE VINCENT.

THO MENDHAM,

One of the Clerks of the

Petty Bag Office. 25

AND BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the Eighteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord 1776, the aforesaid Robert Wakefield came before our said Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Specification aforesaid, and all and every thing therein contained and specified, in form above written. And also the Specification aforesaid was stampd according 30 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.

EAMES.

Inrolled the Eighteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

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