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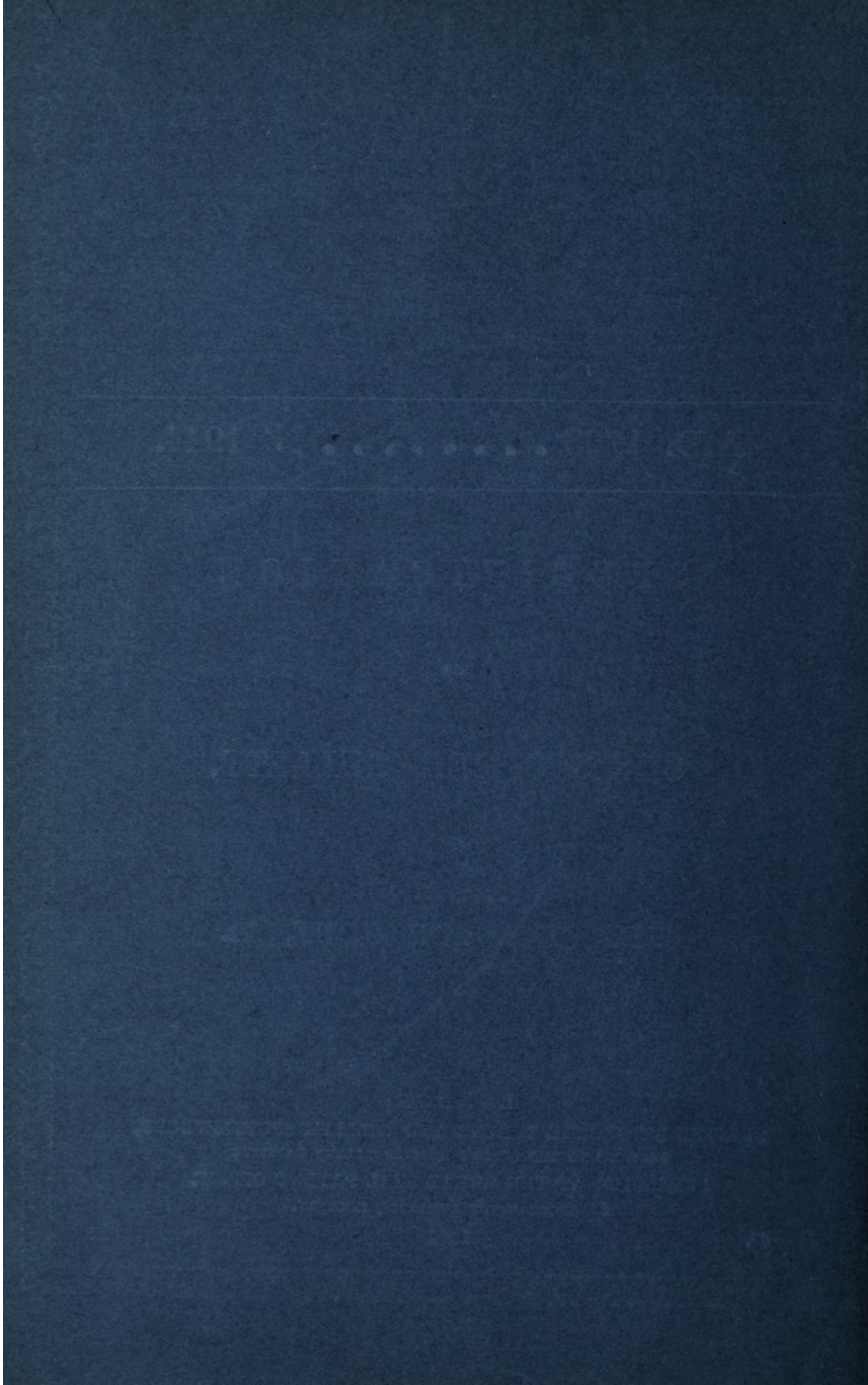
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GULLETT'S SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, CHRISTOPHER GULLETT, of the City of Exeter, Esquire, send greeting.

WHEREAS His present Majesty King George the Third, in and by His Letters Patent, bearing date at Westminster on or about the First day of 5 this present month of April, in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's reign, reciting that I, the said Christopher Gullett, had represented to His said Majesty that I had found out and discovered "A SAFE MEANS AND BENEFICIAL REMEDY FOR EXPELLING THE GOUT FROM THE HEAD, STOMACH, AND VITAL PARTS OF PERSONS SO AFFLICTED, ASSUAGING THE PAROXYSMS EVEN IN THE MOST DANGEROUS 10 CASES, AND AFTERWARDS CURING SUCH, AS WELL AS OTHER GOUTY PERSONS, WITHOUT ANY MEDICINE, PLAISTER, OR OTHER SUCH APPLICATION WHATSOEVER, EITHER INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL," and had prayed as therein mentioned, His said Majesty did, of His especial grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, give and grant unto me, the said Christopher Gullett, my executors, administrators, and assigns, 15 His especial license, full power, sole privilege and authority, that I, my executors, administrators, and assigns, and every of them, by myself and themselves, or by my or their deputy or deputies, servants or agents, or such others as I, 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 20 term of years therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise,

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and vend my said Invention within that part of the Kingdom of Great Britain called England, the Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, in such manner as to me, my executors, administrators, and assigns, or any of them, in my or their discretions seem meet; and that I, the said Christopher Gullett, my executors, administrators, and assigns, should and 5 lawfully might have, hold, and enjoy the whole profit, benefit, commodity, and advantage from time to time coming, growing, accruing, and arising by reason of the said Invention, for and during the term of years therein expressed, to have, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said license, powers, privileges, and advantages, under me, the said Christopher Gullett, my executors, administrators, 10 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, and containing such farther and other grants, privileges, clauses, and powers, for me, the said Christopher Gullett, my executors, administrators, and 15 assigns, having and enjoying the full benefit and the sole use and exercise of the said Invention, according to His Majesty's gracious intention therein declared, as are therein-after mentioned and expressed, as in and by the said Letters Patent, relation being thereunto had, will more fully appear; in which said Letters Patent is contained a proviso that if I should not 20 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 Majesty's High Court of Chancery within one calendar month next and immediately after the date of the said Letters Patent, that then the said Letters Patent should cease, 25 determine, and become void.

NOW KNOW YE, that I, the said Christopher Gullett, in compliance with the said last-recited provisoe, do hereby describe, specify, and ascertain the nature of my said Invention to be, and do hereby declare that my Safe Means and Beneficial Remedy for Expelling the Gout from the Head, Stomach, and 30 Vital Parts of Persons so afflicted, and Assuaging the Paroxysms even in the most Dangerous Cases, as herein-before described, were and are the use and application of lightning (otherwise called electrical fluid or electricity), which, for this hitherto-deemed incurable disorder, and in those cases I pronounce to be a specific, by the due use and proper application of which the said persons so 35 afflicted, as well as other gouty persons, may be safely, easily, and expeditiously cured, without any medicine, plaister, or other such application whatever, either internal or external. And here the said Specification might end, and I might go so far as to say doth end. But for the more particularly describing how

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and in what manner the same may be performed, by and for the instruction of persons ignorant of the management of electrical machines and of the electrical fluid, and how even such persons as never saw the electrical machine may safely, easily, and expeditiously be taught to cure this "opprobrium
 5 medicorum," the gout, which, in the head and stomach particularly, hath hitherto been deemed not only incurable (unless by the strength of nature), but so very dangerous as scarce to admit of any attempt to expell it, though the patients were even at the last extremity, and frequently died in the greatest agonies for want of some immediately effectual remedy, as every City and Town
 10 in the Kingdom can witness to their sorrow), I, the said Christopher Gullett, do hereby subjoin as a part of the said Specification an extract from the substance of the instructions (as thus far settled), which I intend to get printed for my deputies, servants, agents, and such other persons as I may hereafter license or agree with (viz.), from the Patentee's instructions to the licensees
 15 (that is, persons licensed).

1st. For expelling the gout from the head and stomach.—Let the electrical machine, being dry, free from dust, and warm, be placed on a table as near the patient's bed as convenient (the cylinder and conductor standing end-ways towards the patient's side). Then let a wire be fastened to the brass ball
 20 fixed in the end of the conductor for conveying the electrical fluid to that part of the patient's head where the greatest pain is, by the licensee's holding the glass handle (having a brass ball screwed into it), and the other end of the wire twisted round it, and, applying the ball to the patient's head; let another wire be fastened to the knob or crook at the back of the cushion behind the
 25 cylinder, and the other end of that wire (having a brass knob wrapt in flannell either with or without a brass handle) lain upon or held to the patient's breast where the greatest pain is; when the machine begins to be turned and worked, the fluid, being conveyed as aforesaid by the licensee from the conductor to the patient's head, will pass from thence to the breast, and there will be
 30 attracted by the brass knob and conveyed back by the wire to supply the cushion of the machine, and thus form a circuit and current of electrical fluid round and round continually. In this case the cushion is and must continue insulated by the glass stem, (and no chain or wire must be hung behind it for supplying it with fluid, as in common cases, from the table). After working
 35 thus for six or ten minutes, the balls may be varied and shifted, and so every two or three minutes, until, you have gone all round the head and breast, and then return to the principal places again. For the better illustration of this article, I have added a small Figure in the margin with explanations.

2^d. In cases of the head only the fluid to be passed in like manner from

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one side of the head and temple to the other, and so all round the head, and from the crown to the neck and back, so as to pass quite through the head in different, opposite, and oblique directions, and also from the crown of the head to the hips and below the knees.

3rd. In cases of the stomach only, the fluid may be in like manner applied 5 to the neck and back, and drawn off at the breast, and also vice versâ, shifting the balls as above.

4th. In common fits of the gout, suppose in the hands and feet, apply a wire from the conductor to one hand, and draw off the fluid to the other hand or foot, and so vice versâ, reversing and transversing it. 10

5th. From a quarter to twenty minutes or half an hour at a time will be fully sufficient in all cases, which may be repeated several times a day if desired or thought necessary; but remember to finish every operation and leave off by applying the "fluid to the head," and drawing it off "below the knees" for some minutes, which will always effectually secure both head and 15 stomach, and all this without any shock or the patient feeling any pain whatever.

6th. For dissolving, reducing, and dissipating chalk stones, enlarged joints, &c., &c., a current or stream of the fluid must be passed through the affected parts, suppose the middle joints of the fingers, from the outside of the fore 20 finger to the outside of the little finger (or contrarywise), as from the head to the stomach, and so of other enlarged joints, &c. In all cases, if the patient can be insulated, and the more perfect the insulation is, so much the better; for want of glass legs a chair may be tolerably well insulated by placing its legs on four large cakes of beeswax laid on a piece of silk spread on the floor. 25 Sparks may be drawn in any of the cases from any of the affected parts with next to no pain, or very small shocks may be given from a very small tube or jar, which are very little pain, and will tend to expedite the cure. I, several years ago, thought of a method of electrifying ever so large a number of patients for different complaints, all at the same time, with only one machine, 30 and equally or more powerfull than singly in the common way. I have also thought of making a more powerfull conductor than any of the same size I have yet known, by making, as it were, a nest of conductors within each other, and soldered to each other at a particular place or two, beginning with the smallest and enclosing it within a larger one, and so on to the number of half a dozen 35 or more, leaving a space of about a quarter of an inch clear between each other; I call them gout conductors, the sparks from which I expect will be powerfull. A few hours' practise and attention to the instructions will make any person of good common sense and capacity sufficiently master of the

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subject and machine to perform any of the before-described operations with success.

5 In witness whereof, I, the said Christopher Gullett, have to this Instrument in writing (being first duely stamp't) set my hand and seal, this Twenty-seventh day of April, in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's reign, and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety-three. 1793.

(L.S.) CHR^R GULLETT.

Sealed and delivered, in the presence of

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W. V. HEARTWELL,

Public Office,

Symonds Inn.

15 **AND BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on the Twenty-seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord 1793, the aforesaid Christopher Gullett came before our said Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Indenture aforesaid, and all and every thing therein contained and specified, in form above written. And also the Specification aforesaid was stamp't according to the tenor of the Statutes made for that purpose.

FAMES.

20 Inrolled the Twenty-seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

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John Adams

to the President of the United States

Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Yours truly,

John Adams

Secretary of State

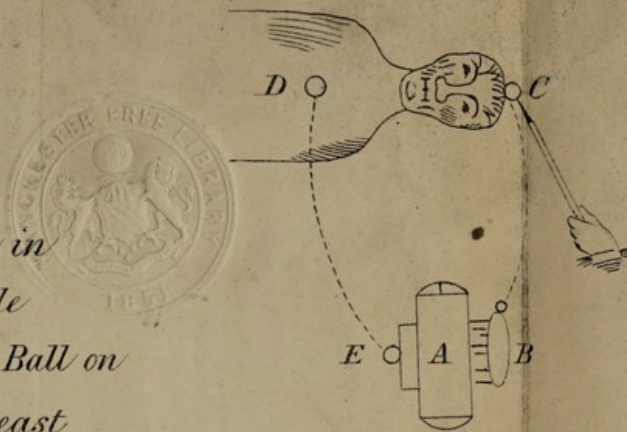
And in the event of the President's refusal to sign the same, I shall be bound to return it to you with the reasons therefor. I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

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Figure.

- A. The Cylinder
- B. The Conductor
- C The Brass - Ball in
the Glass Handle
- D The other Brass - Ball on
the patients Breast
- E The Cushion behind the Cylinder
- " The dotted Lines represent the two Wires.



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