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BURGESS' SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, RICHARD BURGESS, of Northwick, in the County of Chester, M.D., send greeting.

WHEREAS His present most Excellent Majesty King William the Fourth, by His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at
5 Westminster, the Twenty-first day of February, in the first year of His reign, did, for Himself, His heirs and successors, give and grant unto me, the said Richard Burgess, His especial licence, sole privilege and authority, that I, the said Richard Burgess, my eñors, adñors, and assigns, and such others as I, the said Richard Burgess, my eñors, adñors, or assigns, should at any time
10 agree with, and no others, from time to time and at all times during the term of years therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend, within England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, my Invention of "**A DRINK FOR THE CURE, PREVENTION, OR RELIEF OF GOUT, GRAVEL, AND OTHER DISEASES;**" in which said Letters Patent is contained a proviso, that
15 I, the said Richard Burgess, shall 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 said Majesty's High Court of Chancery within two calendar months next and immediately after the date of the said in part recited Letters Patent, as in and by the same, reference being thereunto had, will more fully
20 and at large appear.

NOW KNOW YE, that in compliance with the said proviso, I, the said Richard Burgess, do hereby declare that the nature of my Invention is fully

Burgess' Drink for the Cure, Prevention, or Relief of Gout, Gravel, &c.

described and ascertained in and by the following description thereof (that is to say) :—

My Invention consists in the application of distilled water for the purpose of a drink, whereby gout, gravel, and other diseases will be cured, prevented, or relieved. It is well known that water, however filtered, contains much earthy matter, and that the drinking of such water the earthy matter is separated in the human system, and thus is caused many disorders, more particularly gravel; but by using distilled water as a drink, this earthy matter being got rid of, consequently the drinking of such water will tend to prevent the formation of diseases heretofore consequent on drinking water in its impure state. In addition to this benefit, the animal parts held in such water in the form of animalculi are destroyed, and thus those disorders, which it is well known are caused by the decomposition of such animal matter, will be avoided, for by distillation the animalculi will be destroyed. In such cases the water should be used early after distillation, otherwise animalculi will quickly re-form. I would therefore have it understood that what I claim is, the application of distilled water to the purposes of drink, whereby those disorders consequent on drinking impure water will be avoided.

In witness whereof, I, the said Richard Burgess, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Twenty-ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

RICHARD (L.S.) BURGESS, M.D.

WINGFIELD. **AND BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on the Twenty-ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord 1831, the aforesaid Richard Burgess 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 stamped according to the tenor of the Statute made for that purpose.

Inrolled the Twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

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