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OF

GEORGE WHITE.

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POULTICE.  
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**Poultice.**

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**LETTERS PATENT** to George White, of 5, Laurence Pountney Lane, Cannon Street, City, for the Invention of "**AN IMPROVED POULTICE.**"—  
A communication from Dr. Antelme, of France.

Scaled the 26th June 1857, and dated the 27th December 1856.

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**COMPLETE SPECIFICATION** filed by the said George White at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition and Declaration, on the 27th December 1856, pursuant to the 9th section of the Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, GEORGE**  
5 **WHITE**, of 5, Laurence Pountney Lane, Cannon Street, City, send greeting.

**WHEREAS** I am in possession of an Invention for "**AN IMPROVED POULTICE,**" and have petitioned Her Majesty to grant unto me, my executors, administrators, and assigns, Her Royal Letters Patent for the same, and have made solemn declaration that the same is a communication made to me from  
10 **Dr. Antelme**, of France, a foreigner residing abroad.

**NOW KNOW YE**, that I, the said George White, do hereby declare that the following Complete Specification, under my hand and seal, fully describes the nature of my said Invention, and the manner in which the same is to be performed (that is to say):—

15 This improved or artificial poultice consists of amadon (agaric), in a more or less finely divided state, introduced in a thin bag, in order that the entire

*White's Improved Poultice.*

may serve as a vehicle for the moistened medicament substances to be employed on the body, instead of an ordinary poultice or cataplasm. The bag which I prefer, giving a flat thin form, must have at least one side or surface pervious, and I prefer making the other side or surface of any suitable impervious substance, such, for instance, as leather, india-rubber, gutta percha, or any other suitable substance, or have this side provided with a layer or layers of any suitable impervious coating or varnish. The amadon having been introduced between the said two surfaces, the borders are to be duly sewn or otherwise fixed together, so as to offer a flat bag of a square or any other suitable form. The mode of using this artificial poultice consists in moistening or impregnating them with the medicament substances in a moistened state, a decoction of the same, or in any suitable form, thus, for instance, in a case of a cataplasm, the moistened mustard flour may be spread over the pervious side of the poultice. The poultice is then fixed to the body with the pervious side or surface applied to the skin, the other or impervious side preventing the too quick escape of the moisture and heat from the poultice.

Having now described the nature of the Invention, and the manner in which the same is put into effect, I wish it to be understood that I do not confine myself to any particular size or shape of these artificial poultices, or to the nature of the impervious substances with which I prefer covering one side or surface of the same; but that what I claim as the Invention consists in the employing amadon in a more or less finely divided state, alone or mixed with any other suitable substance or substances, and filling therewith thin bags, one side of which at least is left pervious to moisture and air, which bags are to be applied as poultices or cataplasm to the body, the amadon serving chiefly as a vehicle for the medicament substances.

In witness whereof, I, the said George White, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Twenty-seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

GEO. WHITE. (L.S.)

Witness,

W. NORTON.

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