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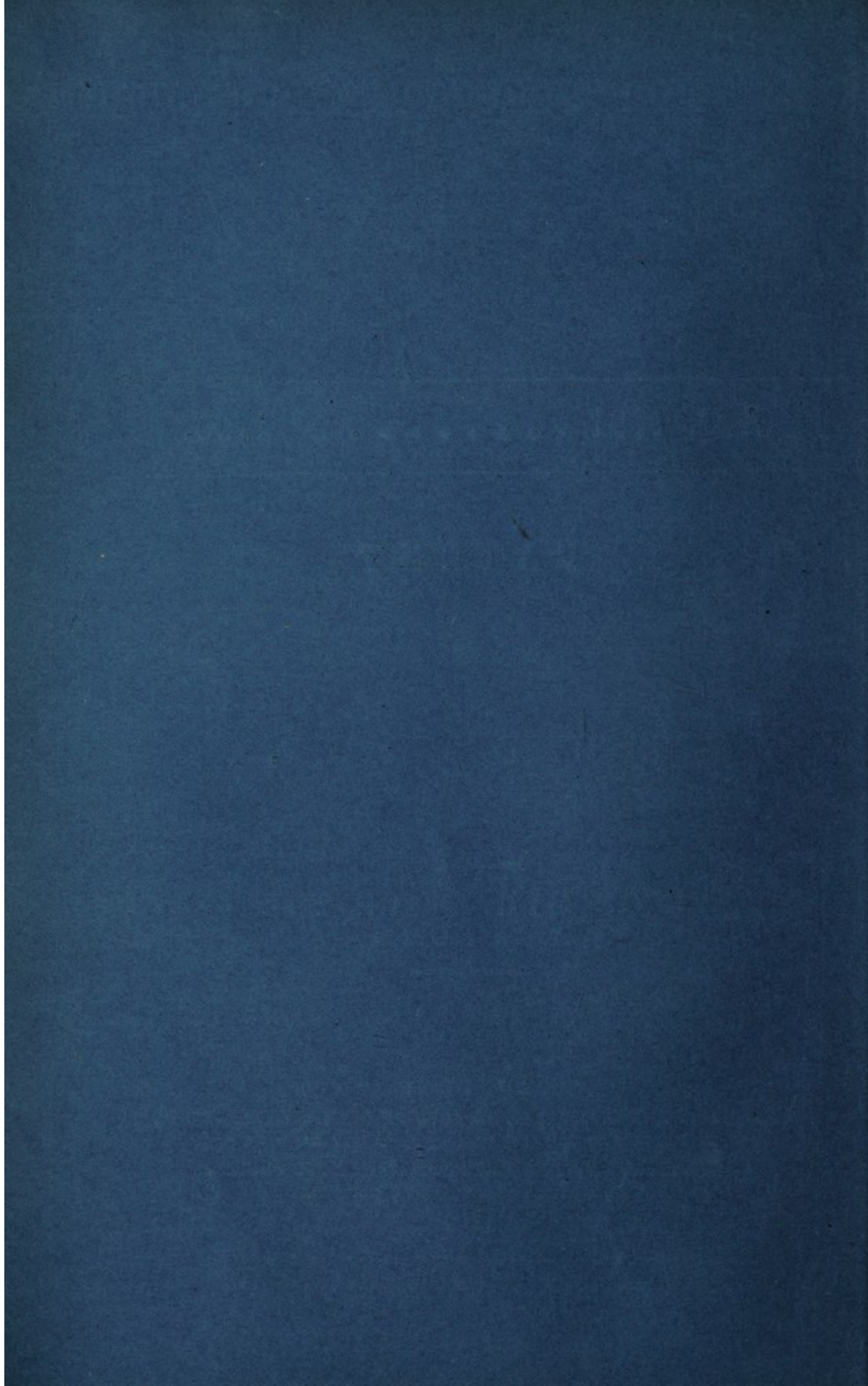
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**STRINGER'S SPECIFICATION.**

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,** RICHARD STRINGER, of the Strand, in the Parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields, in the County of Middlesex, Chymist and Druggist, sends greeting.

**WHEREAS** His present Majesty King George the Third, by His Letters  
5 Patent, under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at Westminster, the Eighteenth day of March, in the thirty-first year of His reign, upon the petition of the said Richard Stringer, setting forth that he had discovered  
"A CHEMICAL PREPARATION CALLED 'STRINGER'S ESSENCE OF MYRRH,' FOR CURING  
THE SCURVY IN THE GUMS, FASTENING THE TEETH, CAUSING THE GUMS (WHEN PARTED  
10 FROM THE TEETH) TO GROW UP, AND TO GIVE THEM A FIRMNESS AND BEAUTIFUL RED  
COLOUR, ALSO FOR STOPPING THE PROGRESS OF TEETH WHICH ARE DECAYING, AND FOR  
PREVENTING THEIR BEING OFFENSIVE," and which is an entire new Invention, hath, for Himself, His heirs, and successors, given and granted unto the said Richard Stringer, his executors, administrators, and assigns, His special  
15 licence, full power, sole privilege, and authority, that he, the said Richard Stringer, his executors, administrators, and assigns, and every of them, by himself and themselves, or by his and their deputy or deputies, servants or agents, or such others as he, the said Richard Stringer, his executors, administrators, or assigns, shall at any time agree with and no others,  
20 from time to time and at all times during the term of years therein and herein-after mentioned, shall and lawfully may make, use, exercise, and vend the said Invention, within that part of Great Britain called England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, in such manner as to him, the said Richard Stringer, his executors, administrators,  
25 and assigns, or any of them, shall in his or their discretion seem meet;



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and that he, the said Richard Stringer, his executors, administrators, and assigns, shall and lawfully may have 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 and herein-after mentioned, to hold, exercise, and enjoy the said 5 licence, powers, privileges, and advantages unto the said Richard Stringer, his executors, administrators, and assigns, for the term of fourteen years from the date of the said Letters Patent, according to the Statute in such case made and provided; in which said Letters Patent (amongst other things) is contained a proviso, that if the said Richard Stringer shall not particularly 10 describe and ascertain the nature of his said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, by an instrument in writing under his hand and seal, and cause the same to be inrolled in the High Court of Chancery within one calendar month next and immediately after the date of the same Letters Patent, that then the said Letters Patent, and all liberties and 15 advantages whatsoever thereby granted, should utterly cease, determine, and become void, anything therein-before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

**NOW KNOW YE**, that the said Richard Stringer, in pursuance of the Invention of the said Letters Patent, and in compliance with the proviso 20 therein contained, doth hereby declare that the nature of his said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, is as follows, that is to say:—

The method of making "Stringer's Essence of Myrrh" is, take gum myrrh grains ten, spirits of wine half a pint, rose water one pint & fourteen ounces, 25 orange flower water two ounces, spirits of salts two scruples, burnt allum two scruples, cochineal one drachm, all which digest and filter.

In witness whereof, the said Richard Stringer hath hereunto set his hand and seal, the Twelfth day of April, in the thirty-first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the grace of 30 God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c., and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

RICHARD (L.S.) STRINGER.

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

T. HUXLEY, }  
ALEX. LAMB, } Middle Temple.



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AND BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the Thirteenth day of April, in the year above written, the aforesaid Richard Stringer came before our Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Specification aforesaid, and all and every thing therein contained in form above written. And also the  
5 Specification aforesaid was stampt according to the tenor of the Statute in that case made and provided.

E. LEEDS.

Inrolled the same Thirteenth day of April, in the year above mentioned.

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