

## **Specification of Marc Antoine François Mannons : aperient biscuit.**

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APERIENT BISCUIT.  
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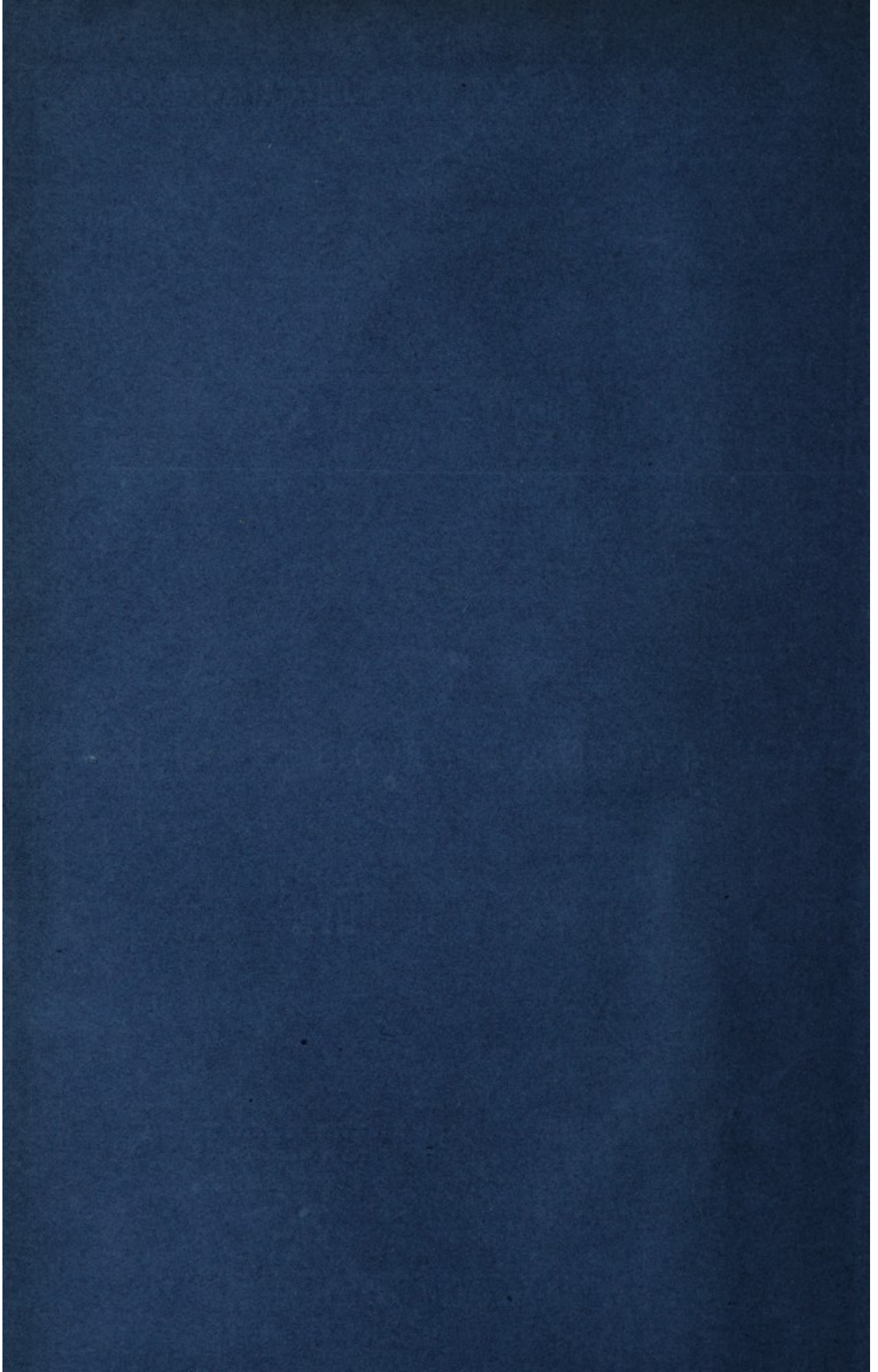
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**Aperient Biscuit.**

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**LETTERS PATENT** to Marc Antoine François Mennons, of the British and Foreign Patent Offices, 39, Rue de l'Echiquier, Paris, in the Empire of France, for the Invention of "**AN APERIENT BISCUIT.**"—A communication.

Sealed the 15th October 1858, and dated the 28th May 1858.

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**PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION** left by the said Marc Antoine François Mennons at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition, on the 28th May 1858.

I, **MARC ANTOINE FRANÇOIS MENNONS**, of the British and Foreign Patent  
5 Offices, 39, Rue de l'Echiquier, Paris, in the Empire of France, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention for "**AN APERIENT BISCUIT,**" a communication, to be as follows:—

The base of this biscuit is pure scammony precipitated from its alcoholic solution; of this precipitate I take three ounces, which are incorporated with  
10 thirteen ounces of flour, one pound of sugar, and a sufficient quantity of the white of eggs to bring the mass to the necessary consistence. The whole is then divided into two hundred biscuits, one of which suffices for an ordinary dose. The extreme division of the scammony renders its action in this form more effective than when administered in the ordinary way.

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**SPECIFICATION** in pursuance of the conditions of the Letters Patent, filed by the said Marc Antoine François Mennons in the Great Seal Patent Office on the 2nd November 1858.

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, MARC ANTOINE FRANÇOIS MENNONS,** of the British and Foreign Patent Offices, 5 39, Rue de l'Echiquier, Paris, in the Empire of France, send greeting.

**WHEREAS** Her most Excellent Majesty Queen Victoria, by Her Letters Patent, bearing date the Twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, in the twenty-first year of Her reign, did, for Herself, Her heirs and successors, give and grant unto me, the 10 said Marc Antoine François Mennons, Her special licence that I, the said Marc Antoine François Mennons, my executors, administrators, and assigns, or such others as I, the said Marc Antoine François Mennons, my executors, administrators, and assigns, should at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time and at all times thereafter during the term therein 15 expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend, within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Channel Islands, and Isle of Man, an Invention for "**AN APERIENT BISCUIT,**" (a communication,) upon the condition (amongst others) that I, the said Marc Antoine François Mennons, my executors or administrators, by an instrument in writing under 20 my, or their, or one of their hands and seals, should particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same was to be performed, and cause the same to be filed in the Great Seal Patent Office within six calendar months next and immediately after the date of the said Letters Patent. 25

**NOW KNOW YE,** that I, the said Marc Antoine François Mennons, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement, that is to say:—

The Invention communicated to me consists in the preparation of a cake or 30 biscuit containing an aperient medicine, to which it serves as vehicle.

Among the aperients susceptible of this application, the resin known as "Aleppo scammony" is most generally advantageous, and may be adopted as the standard in the processes hereafter enumerated.

The first operation in this case is to purify the scammony of commerce 35 by precipitation from its alcoholic solution, previously treated with animal

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charcoal to discharge the colour. About three ounces (avoirdupois) (90 grammes) of this precipitate are thoroughly incorporated with—

Wheaten flour, about 13 oz. (390 grammes),

Sugar in powder, about 16½ oz. (500 grammes),

5 and the whole is brought to the required consistence by the addition of a sufficient quantity of white of eggs well beaten. The mass is then divided into two hundred biscuits, which are baked in the oven. One of these biscuits containing about 7 grains (45 centigrammes) of the pure scammony is sufficient for an ordinary dose. The extreme division of the resin renders the  
10 action of this quantity as efficacious as double the amount administered in the ordinary way.

It is obvious, from the example given, that a variety of substances may be employed as the aperient base of the biscuits compounded as above, the proportions and mode of purification being modified according to the nature of  
15 the base selected. In all cases the medicinal substance employed when in the dry state should be reduced to an impalpable powder, and incorporated as thoroughly as possible with the other constituents of the biscuits, so as to secure its equal diffusion throughout the mass.

Having thus described the nature of the said Invention, and the most  
20 advantageous mode of carrying it out, I would have it understood that I do not confine myself to the precise details laid down, as these may be modified according to circumstances; but what I claim is, the preparation, substantially as above described, of a biscuit or cake, serving as vehicle to an aperient medicine incorporated with it in the course of manufacture.

25 In witness whereof, I, the said Marc Antoine François Mennons, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Seventeenth day of October, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

M. F. MENNONS. (L.S.)

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charcoal to discharge the colour. About three ounces (avoirdupois) (90 grains) of this precipitate are thoroughly incorporated with  
 Water four, about 12 oz. (720 grains).  
 Sugar in powder, about 1½ oz. (100 grains).

and the whole is brought to the required consistency by the addition of a sufficient quantity of white of egg well beaten. The mass is then divided into 12 hundred biscuits which are baked in the oven. One of these biscuits containing about 7 grains (45 centigrams) of the pure compound is sufficient for an ordinary dose. The extreme division of the loaf renders the weight of this quantity an attention or double the amount administered in the ordinary use.

The objection from the orange size, that a variety of substances may be employed as the spermatism of the biscuits compounded as above, the portions and mode of preparation being modified according to the nature of the case selected. In all cases the medicinal substance employed when in the state should be reduced to an impalpable powder, and incorporated as thoroughly as possible with the other constituents of the biscuits, so as to secure its equal diffusion throughout the mass.

Having thus described the nature of the said invention, and the most advantageous mode of carrying it out, I would have it understood that I do not confine myself to the precise details laid down, as these may be modified according to circumstances; but what I claim is the preparation substantially as above described of a biscuit or cake serving as vehicle to an equivalent medicinal ingredient with it in the course of manufacture.

In witness whereof, I the said John Antonio L'Angeur Sherrin, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twentieth day of October, the thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

M. T. MEYERSON, (Ct.)

LONDON.

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