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Relieving Pain in the Human Body.

LETTERS PATENT to John Lewis Prichard, of Dowlais, in the County of Glamorgan, Chemist, for the Invention of "A NEW METHOD OF RELIEVING PAIN IN THE HUMAN BODY."

Sealed the 24th April 1860, and dated the 26th October 1859.

PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION left by the said John Lewis Prichard at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition, on the 26th October 1859.

I, JOHN LEWIS PRICHARD, of Dowlais, in the County of Glamorgan, Chemist,
5 do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention for "A NEW METHOD OF RELIEVING PAIN IN THE HUMAN BODY," to be as follows:—

This Invention consists in the use of alleviative drugs in combination with a battery to act upon the various parts of the human body wherein pain may be seated, such as rheumatism, paralysis, nervousness, indigestion, chronic
10 diseases, first stages of consumption, deficient circulation of the blood, coldness of the extremities, and other local pains, said drugs being well known to the faculty. These drugs, such as opium, chlorate of potash, and other alleviative drugs, to suit the nature of the complaint, are to be applied or thrown into the
15 insulated wire, placed in such a form as to aid the uniformity of the current, by which means the fluid is applied in one continuous current.

Pritchard's Method of Relieving Pain in the Human Body.

SPECIFICATION in pursuance of the conditions of the Letters Patent, filed by the said John Lewis Pritchard in the Great Seal Patent Office on the 26th April 1860.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, JOHN LEWIS PRICHARD, of Dowlais, in the County of Glamorgan, Chemist, send 5 greeting.

WHEREAS Her most Excellent Majesty Queen Victoria, by Her Letters Patent, bearing date the Twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, in the twenty-third year of Her reign, did, for Herself, Her heirs and successors, give and grant unto 10 me, the said John Lewis Pritchard, Her special licence that I, the said John Lewis Pritchard, my executors, administrators, and assigns, or such others as I, the said John Lewis Pritchard, 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 expressed, should and lawfully might 15 make, use, exercise, and vend, within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Channel Islands, and Isle of Man, an Invention for "**A NEW METHOD OF RELIEVING PAIN IN THE HUMAN BODY,**" upon the condition (amongst others) that I, the said John Lewis Pritchard, my executors or administrators, by an instrument in writing under my or their or one of their 20 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.

NOW KNOW YE, that I, the said John Lewis Pritchard, do hereby declare 25 the nature of my 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 :—

This Invention consists in the use of alleviative drugs in combination with a battery to act upon the various parts of the human body wherein pain may 30 be seated.

In order to explain this Invention as completely as possible, I will now proceed to describe the best means I am acquainted with for carrying the same into practical effect, as follows :—

In cases of rheumatism, paralysis, nervousness, indigestion, chronic diseases, 35 first stages of consumption, deficient circulation of the blood, coldness of the extremities, and other local pains, I use such alleviative drugs as are well known in the profession, such as opium, chlorate of potash, or other drug

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suitable to the treatment of the complaint, said drugs being thrown into the blood, or applied to the parts affected by means of a battery or batteries, and insulated wire placed in such a form as to aid the uniformity of the current, by which means the fluid is applied in one continuous current. The several
5 methods of application and quantities being determined by the practitioner, according to the nature of the complaint, and the part where such complaint is seated.

Having now described the nature and object of my said Invention of
"A New Method of Relieving Pain in the Human Body," together with the
10 manner in which the same is to be performed, I would remark, in conclusion, that I do not confine or restrict myself to any particular drug, as many alleviative drugs may be used with the same success, according to the nature of the complaint; but what I claim as my Invention, intended to be secured to me by the herein in part recited Letters Patent is the application or
15 throwing into the blood alleviative drugs by the means and in the manner herein described, and for the purposes set forth.

In witness whereof, I, the said John Lewis Pritchard, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty.

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JOHN LEWIS PRICHARD. (L.S.)

Witness,

THOMAS MORGAN,
Shoe Warehouse,
High St., Dowlais.

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Richard's Method of Treating Pain in the Human Head.

entails to the treatment of the complaint, and drugs being thrown into the blood, or applied to the parts affected by means of a battery or leeches, and isolated with plates in such a manner as to aid the influence of the current, by which means the fluid is applied in one continuous current. The method of application and position being described, the conditions according to the nature of the complaint, and the part where the complaint is seated.

Having now described the nature and extent of my said invention, I claim as my invention, and as the nature and extent of my said invention, the name in which the same is to be performed, I would request to be construed that I do not confine or restrict myself to any particular drug, or any allopathic drugs may be used with the same success, according to the nature of the complaint; but what I claim as my invention, is that the current is to be applied to the head in part seated; and that the application of the current is to be made into the blood, and that the current is to be made into the blood, and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof, I the said John Lewis Richard, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty.

JOHN LEWIS RICHARD.
Thomas Moxon,
John Wainman,
High St. Dublin.

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