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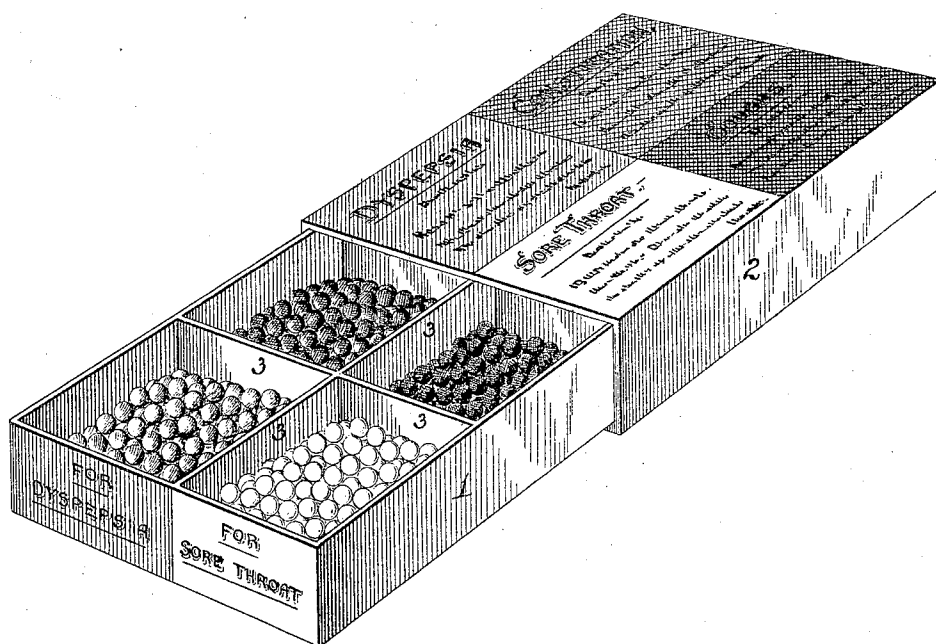
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY T. MASON, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain
5 Improvements in Boxes or Packages for Medicinal Preparations, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a package intended for dispensing a number of kinds of medicinal pills or tablets in such manner that
10 the character and properties of each of the different kinds of said pills or tablets will be clearly indicated to the purchaser. This object I attain in the manner hereinafter set
15 forth, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which represents an enlarged perspective view of a box or package for medicinal preparations in accordance with my invention.

20 The box comprises a slide or drawer 1 and the inclosing casing 2, both of rectangular form, the casing being usually open at both ends, so that the slide or drawer can be pushed into or out of the same at either end.

25 The drawer is in the present instance divided by partitions 3 3 into four compartments, and in each of these compartments is contained a number of medicinal pills or tablets having special properties—for instance,
30 those in one compartment may constitute a remedy for dyspepsia, those in another compartment a remedy for coughs and colds, those in the third compartment a remedy for constipation, and those in the remaining compartment a remedy for diseases of the throat
35 and bronchial tubes. The pills or tablets in each compartment are distinguished from those in each of the other compartments by a peculiarity of color. Thus the dyspepsia-
40 tablets may be yellow, the cough-tablets red or pink, the constipation-tablets brown, and the throat-tablets white.

One side of the casing 2 is divided into a number of spaces corresponding with the number of compartments in the slide or drawer 1
45 and each colored to accord with the color of the pills or tablets contained in its respective compartment, each of these colored spaces containing information as to the character, qualities, method of use, &c., of the pills or
50 tablets to which it relates and with which by reason of its color it is identified. The ends

of the slide or drawer 1 are also by preference colored to accord with the color of the pills or tablets contained in the adjoining
55 compartment of said slide or drawer, and these colored spaces on the ends of the drawer or slide likewise contain information concerning the pills or tablets with which they are identified.

60 A package of the character specified enables one to dispense at one time a number of different medicinal preparations which are so clearly distinguished from each other and yet so closely identified with the description
65 or instructions relating to each that even persons of very limited intelligence are not likely to make any mistake in the use of the pills or tablets.

While the use of a compartment slide or
70 drawer is always to be preferred, the same is not absolutely necessary to my invention so long as the pills or tablets are distinguished from each other by variation in color and are identified by spaces of corresponding color on
75 the outside of the package, and the invention may, it will be evident, be applied to boxes having removable lids as well as to boxes consisting of a slide or drawer and an outer casing.

80 Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination of a box containing medicinal pills or tablets of different colors,
85 with a cover or casing containing spaces colored to correspond with the pills or tablets, each colored space containing information concerning its respective pills or tablets, substantially as specified.

90 2. The combination of a compartment-box each compartment containing medicinal pills or tablets of a color distinguishing them from those in each of the other compartments, with a cover or casing having spaces colored to correspond with the different colors of the pills
95 or tablets, each colored space corresponding as to position with the compartment containing the correspondingly-colored pills or tablets and having information concerning the
100 latter, substantially as specified.

3. The combination of a compartment-box having in each compartment medicinal pills or tablets of a color distinguishing them from

those in each of the other compartments, said box being combined with a cover or casing and having a wall or walls of each compartment colored to correspond with the color of the pills or tablets contained in said compartment, substantially as specified.

4. The combination of a compartment-box having in each compartment medicinal pills or tablets of a color distinguishing them from those in each of the other compartments, said box being combined with a cover or casing and having a wall or walls of each compartment colored to correspond with the color of the pills or tablets contained in said compartment and containing information relative to said pills or tablets, substantially as specified.

5. The combination of a compartment-box

having in each compartment medicinal pills or tablets of a color distinguishing them from those in each of the other compartments, said box having a wall or walls of each compartment colored to correspond with the color of the pills or tablets contained therein, and being combined with a case or cover having spaces corresponding as to color and position with the colored portions of the box, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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