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IMPROVEMENT IN MEDICAL COMPOUNDS FOR COUGHS, COLDS, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN WILLEY, of Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented a new and useful Medical Compound; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved medical compound the principal efficacy of which is its curative properties in all cases of coughs, colds, and lung complaints, and also as a liniment for external use in cases of rheumatism or for bruises. My invention consists mainly in the use of an extract or decoction of the leaves of the California laurel, which is mixed in various proportions with sirup or sweet oil, and may also be combined with certain other oils, if desired as a liniment.

To obtain the valuable portion of the laurel I prefer to use the leaves, which are placed in a suitable vessel and water is poured over them. Heat being applied the valuable part distills over and is condensed in a receiver, or, if found more convenient, steam is passed

through the mass, thus carrying over the essential part.

An extract in spirits is efficacious for many purposes, but for ordinary use I prefer the product by distillation, as above described. This product may then be mixed with a double proportion of sirup, sugar, or oil, if preferred.

For adults, three or four drops taken in the morning will be a sufficient dose, while for children, one drop is a dose. If the product is to be used as a liniment it should be mixed with equal parts of sweet or other suitable oil and rubbed upon the part affected two or three times a day.

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

A medical compound containing the above-described ingredients in about the proportions herein set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

JOHN WILLEY.

Witnesses:

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