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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same containing a description in the words of the said Samuel Thomson himself of his Improvements in the System of Botanic Practice of Medicine.

Be it known that I, Samuel Thomson, of Boston in the County of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have made certain new and useful discoveries in preparing medicines and in the mode of administering the same, to cure diseases, called "Thomsons improved System of Botanic Practice of Medecine"; which is described as follows.— First. The mode of preparing an emetic, is to be used in all cases where the same is necessary;— that is to say in all forms of disease caused by cold, or obstructed perspiration. Take of the leaves of Lobelia Inflata, of Linnæus, pulverized to a fine powder, from fine to finely grained (as sand prepared sweetened);— or in a tea of red raspberry leaves; or in any tea proper for removing canker; the dose is to be repeated until the desired effect is produced. This preparation is for the less violent attacks of disease in adults; or for children.— Second. Take of the seed of the Lobelia, referred to, one pound, finely pulverized, with one pound of white sugar, the whole to be well pounded together,— the sugar being designed to absorb the oil;— then add half a pound of the best cayenne;— quarter of a pound of nerve powders; one gallon of improved rheumatic drops as hereinafter described;— Now— two teaspoonfuls for an adult in a gill of Myrtle-wax tea-tea, sweetened;— or in a strong tea of the following compound: namely 2 lbs of Myrtle-wax bark, 1 lb; golden seal; 1 lb Ginger; 2 oz Capsicum; 2 oz cloves; all pulverized fine and sifted through a fine sieve and well mixed together. For a dose take a teaspoonful in hot water, sweetened; half this quantity for a child, and more or less according to age. This also may be used for the less violent attacks of disease— to be taken warm— the Second

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being in bed with a hot brick or stone wrapped in several thicknesses of cloth with water of vinegar, placed at the feet. It may be here observed that, observing by the Inventor's plan ☞ of the utmost importance in this mode of practice; Injections are also of the utmost importance to remove costive bowels below the reach of medicine given in the usual way. The directions to prepare and use the same with steam are to be found in my "Guide to Health" secured by copyright. Mode of relaxing the muscles in setting a bone; & in Midwifery. To relax the muscles in setting a bone let the patient be inclosed or shielded from cold air by a blanket, near the fire; administer a dose of the compound last named; if this does not produce a perspiration, give a dose of the second preparation of the Cayenne and wrap up the part affected with cloths wet with water as warm as can be borne; and pour hot water upon the part until the muscles relax sufficiently. In this way a bone may be set with your thumb and fingers, and with very little trouble to the operator, or pain to the Patient; whereas by the common method it would require from two to six men causing the most excruciating pain to the Patient. The same method may be resorted to in midwifery, or child bed delivery, by taking the medicine as aforesaid and near the time of delivery let the Patient drink freely of Raspberry Leaf tea with a portion of Cayenne mentioned too. Capsicum (see my Guide to Health) which will hasten or delay the delivery as nature requires; - then put several diaper cloths in a kettle of hot water and have every thing ready that no time may be lost; when the pain is approaching, apply a cloth as hot as can be borne to places the muscles where described which will abate the pain; as soon as the pain returns change the cloth for another hot one; this will perform that which nature, or her pains, are striving to accomplish; and by this mode at least three fourths of the strength of the suffering patient can be preserved, so much required at this critical period. By maintaining the perspiration after delivery the alarming complaints incident in such cases will be prevented. - the Patient will be soon restored to her strength and vigor. In this way the husband can attend to his wife, and she to her

weighed until experience shall preclude the necessity of it.

Anti Dyspeptic Consumptive preparation.—Take one pound of the fresh blossoms of Hollyhock, at the day recommended to the same consistence of the greens; pound them well together in a mortar;—then add 3 lbs of White Sugar—pound until a paste is formed;—then knead or work in with a pestle the following powder made fine; (namely,—3 lbs of Poplar bark, ½ lb of Golden Seal ½ lb of Prickly Ash bark (Toothache) ½ lb of Cloves.—2 lb. of Ginger.—½ lb of Cayenne Pepper, Elm bark,—½ lb of Capsicum; when it becomes of the consistence of dough then add ½ ounce each of Pennyroyal well mixed; then form it into a loaf to dry; or form it into pills. A piece of the confection in the pocket, and used as a substitute for tobacco, which may be occasionally used with the saliva instead of spitting it off as in the use of that pernicious weed, tobacco;—the former will invigorate while the latter will debilitate the system—it will make persons fleshy and strong instead of lean and weak; it is a powerful anti dyspeptic agent;—it may be carried in a box or paper and used instead of tobacco. The spring is the best time to try the effects of this medicine when the weather is becoming warm—persons faint—the digestion poor and the body cold for want of food and digestive powers to consume it. When this medicine is used the Dyspepsia will cease, because the food is digested or consumed like the fire in the grate, which keeps up the heat on which the fire in the grate, and the life in the body depends: here is the cause of consumption, and there the cure for it.

Anti dyspeptic Catharine;—Take of the bark of the prickly ash 3 lbs; of Golden Seal 3 lbs; of Bitter herb 1 lb; cumin 1 lb; cloves 1 lb; Cayenne 1 lb. cinnamon 1 lb; Ginger 2 lbs; capsicum 1 lb, & 13 lbs. of white sugar, all made fine and well mixed together and put up for use. Steep 1 oz of the powder in ½ quart of hot water, or a teaspoonful in a tumbler of hot water sweetened; this is the best mode of using it. For wine bitters use 2 oz of the powder in a common junk bottle scalded in ½ pint hot water; then fill the bottle with the best sweet malaga wine & sugar at discretion.—A syrup for relax or summer complaints. Take one pound of Poplar bark; 1 lb. of Wild cherry bark of the green root; 1 lb. of Bay berry; ½ pound Golden Seal; ½ lb

hops- boil and strain off eight gallons,- then add 35 lbs white sugar scalded; skim it, then add 1 lb cloves when hot and put it in a keg. When cool add two gallons imported rheumatic drops. Dose for an adult from ½ to 1 wine glass full and repeat at discretion till cured.- Improved Rheumatic Drops. Take of gum myrrh 1 lb; of Golden Seal ½ lb of Bayberry ½ lb; Capsicum 1 oz, the whole to be put in one gallon of cherry high wines or high proof brandy and let it be well shaken together. Dose from one to ___ tea spoonfuls.

What I claim as my discoveries and which I desire to secure by Letters Patent, are the before described modes of preparing and administering the above medicines for the purposes herein named

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No drawing necessary.

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