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IMPROVEMENT IN MEDICAL COMPOUNDS FOR CURE OF FEVER AND AGUE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR SCIDMORE, of the city and county of Albany, State of New York, have invented or discovered a new and useful medical compound which I denominate Fever and Ague Curative; and I do hereby declare that the following is a description of the same, and ingredients composing the compound and their proportions, and also the manner of compounding the same.

My invention relates to a medical compound for the cure of the disease known as fever and ague; and consists of the following ingredients, viz.: Sage, boneset, Peruvian bark, and gin, compounded in the following manner: To make one gallon of the compound I use one-half pound of sage, four ounces of boneset, two ounces of Peruvian bark, and one gallon of the best gin. The sage, boneset, and Peruvian bark I mix together and permit to macerate in the gin for about ninety-six hours, when the liquid is strained off and properly bottled.

It is well known that in fever and ague the patient alternately experiences a feeling of intense cold and heat, and, in some cases, where the disease is of long continuance, there is a tendency to dropsical swellings. The several ingredients in my compound are intended to act on the sys-

tem in such a way as to strengthen those parts usually affected, and offer their remedial virtues as curatives or preventives of the several affections incident to that disease. The sage acts to affect the head and stomach; being soothing, stimulating, strengthening, and warming, it quiets the nerves, excites the appetite, and warms the body and stomach. The boneset acts to affect the stomach and all the pores of the body; being warming and strengthening, it quickens the circulation of the blood and excites the glands, and tends to promote perspiration. Rue in the same proportion may be substituted for the said boneset, yet the boneset is preferable. The Peruvian bark affects the stomach, and acts as a tonic, and strengthens the whole system, and aids nature to cast off the fever, and has its remedial value in fever and ague.

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

The medical compound for fever and ague, compounded of the several ingredients in the proportions and manner substantially as set forth,
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