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MEDICAL COMPOUND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN S. H. WHEALTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Crisfield, in the county of Somerset and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Medical Compounds; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a medicinal compound to be used in the treatment of consumption and chronic dyspepsia.

The compound consists of the following ingredients, united in about the proportions stated, viz: best old West India rum, one gallon; shavings of light-wood, or pine-knots, eight ounces; common table-salt, two tea-spoonfuls. These ingredients, when mixed, are allowed to stand for about three or four weeks, after which the liquor is poured off and bottled for use.

The light wood or pine-knots should be of great age, and before being used for the purpose above mentioned they must be buried in a salt pond, so as to remain covered with water for a period not less than seven years, during which time they will become thoroughly

impregnated with salt. They are now ready for use and may be cut into small shavings by any suitable means. The quantity of these shavings used with a gallon of rum is preferably about eight ounces, though the precise quantity may be varied to suit different cases.

This compound of rum, light-wood shavings, and salt may be administered internally with benefit in severe cases of consumption, chronic dyspepsia, and other diseases in which a tonic and stimulant is indicated. The ordinary dose of the mixture for an adult is a tea-spoonful to be taken before meals, the dose for children to be diminished in proportion to age.

If desired, the medicine may be administered in New Orleans molasses or some similar sirup.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

The herein-described medical compound for use in consumption and chronic dyspepsia, consisting of rum, light-wood shavings, and common salt, in about the proportions specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

JOHN S. H. WHEALTON.

Witnesses:

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