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IMPROVEMENT IN PREPARING CAMPHOR.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **136,623**, dated March 11, 1873.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. SIMES, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a process for preparing the distilled or refined camphor of commerce for medicinal purposes, as well as for preserving furs, woollens and other articles from destruction by moths and other insects, of which the following is a specification:

Letters Patent No. 127,807 were issued to me June 11, 1872, for a process of preparing the crude or unrefined camphor by compressing the same into cakes, blocks or tablets, and for the camphor so prepared as a new article of manufacture, designed for the preservation of furs, &c.

I have found that the process in said patent may be applied with great advantages to the distilled or refined camphor of commerce intended for medicinal purposes.

I compress the refined camphor, when either cold or warm, into cakes, blocks or tablets, in said patent, proceeding in all respects according to the process therein described as applicable to crude camphor.

The cakes, blocks or tablets of refined camphor, owing to their compactness, have advantages over the refined camphor of commerce in the large saving from evaporation, and in the saving from the waste incidental to handling, and also in greatly facilitating the dispensation, packing, and shipment of the drug.

The refined camphor thus prepared in blocks may of course be employed for preserving furs, &c; but for these uses I prefer the article of prepared crude camphor described in my said patent.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, cakes, blocks, or tablets of distilled or refined camphor, formed by pressure, for medicinal and other uses as set forth.

WILLIAM F. SIMES.

Witnesses:

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