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IMPROVEMENT IN MEDICAL COMPOUNDS FOR LIVER DISEASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH M. CUNNINGHAM, of Mount Morris, in the county of Ogle and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Medical Compound, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to supply an efficient compound for diseases arising from a deranged condition of the liver and complaints having their origin therein. It will also be useful in a great class of other cases, as it purifies the blood, invigorates the action of the stomach, and stimulates the whole system. My invention consists mainly in extracting with alcohol the bitter part of different roots and herbs, to be mixed, after percolation, with water, sugar, and the oil of sassafras.

The proportion of the different roots and herbs is as follows: Socatrine aloes, five ounces; gentian, one-half ounce; quassia, one-half ounce; golden seal, one-half ounce; saffron,

one-half ounce; capsicum, one-half ounce; gamboge, one dram; rhubarb, one-half ounce.

These ingredients are placed in an earthen or stone vessel, and one quart of alcohol added to extract the medicinal parts contained therein. After about nine days the liquid is percolated, and a quart of water (*aqua fontana*) with one dram of the oil of sassafras added. The compound is sweetened by two pounds of sugar, and is then ready for use.

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

The compound for the cure of liver and kindred diseases, consisting of the parts and in the quantities stated, and prepared substantially as specified.

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