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IMPROVED MEDICAL COMPOSITION.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS W. SPEISSEGER, of Charleston, in the county of Charleston and State of South Carolina, have invented an Improved Medical Compound; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to fully understand and make use of the same.

My invention consists in a compound composed of purified lard, flowers of sulphur, tincture of myrrh, and aqua-ammonia to form a remedy or cure for almost all cutaneous diseases.

I use the said ingredients in about the following proportions: purified lard, one and one-half pound; flowers of sulphur, four ounces; tincture of myrrh, six fluid ounces; concentrated aqua-ammonia, one fluid ounce.

The sulphur is ground in a mortar with, say, two ounces of tincture of myrrh. The lard is then added and thoroughly mixed. The mortar is then placed over a slow fire until the contents are melted. It is then removed, and

the balance of the myrrh and aqua-ammonia is slowly added, and the mass stirred constantly until all the liquid is taken up. The compound should then be put in bottles before cooling.

This composition is intended for the cure of the itch and all cutaneous diseases, bruises, cuts, chaps, old sores, prickly heat, taller-worm, ulcers, and all eruptions of the skin.

When using the compound it should be warmed to a blood heat, and should be applied once or twice a day till a cure is effected.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A medical compound composed of the ingredients herein specified, and in about the proportions named.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 6th day of April, 1866.

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