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TONIC AND APERIENT ALTERNATIVE PILL.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 446, dated October 28, 1837.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. OELLIG, of Waynesborough, in the county of Franklin and State of Pennsylvania, have discovered a new and useful Compound Medicine, called "Oellig's Tonic and Aperient Alternative Pills," which is described as follows:

The following is the compound for one hundred and fifty pills: Crab-apple-root bark, one dram and a half; rhubarb, two drams; extract of hoarhound, twenty grains; sal-soda, two scruples; and castile soap sufficient to make the above into a mass for pills.

It is an undeniable truth that many medicines which are recommended to the public have not even the negative merit of being harmless. Nevertheless there are others which possess sterling merit, and among that class certainly ranks my tonic and aperient alternative pills. After thirty-seven years' practice and untired attention to the different disorders of the digestive power of the stomach, I can confidently recommend the above pills in the various diseases hereinafter named—namely, all derangements of the stomach and bowels, as dyspepsia in its different degrees, by removing

the sourness and costiveness so frequent in symptoms of dyspeptic persons, functional derangement of the liver, sick-headache, cardialgia or neuralgic facier, chronic rheumatisms, tic doloureux, incipient consumptions, epilepsy, palpitation of the heart, derangement or suspension of the menses, hysteria, melancholia, nervous convulsions, delirium tremens or mania-potu, and in all cases of mania and nervous debility occasioned by the use of drastic purgatives, palsy, cramp of the stomach, podagra or gout, and by their power give strength to weak eyes and restore loss of hearing occasioned by debility.

Many of the most difficult and obstinate cases of the above diseases have been radically cured by the above tonic aperient alternative pills.

The discovery claimed by me, the said JOHN J. OELLIG, and which I desire to secure by Letters Patent, consists in the above-described compound medicine, called "Oellig's Tonic and Aperient Alternative Pills."

JOHN J. OELLIG.

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