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IMPROVEMENT IN MEDICATED SMOKING-TOBACCOS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WESLEY A. WRIGHT, of Lynchburg, Campbell county, and State of Virginia, have invented a new and Improved Method of Treating and Preparing Medicated Smoking-Tobacco, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to furnish the public with a safe and effective cure for asthma by means of a medicated tobacco, which, by being smoked, passes its remedial properties directly to the seat of the disease.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and manufacture my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

I.—*The Preparation of the Tobacco.*

I use a tight room, either brick or plastered, in which to hang up my tobacco. The tobacco is not to be hung up very thick.

I have charcoal prepared, and place a charcoal-fire under the tobacco. I increase the heat gradually until it reaches 100°. Then I take one pound sulphur and one quart salt, and sprinkle them on the fire. The heat is then raised to 125° or 130°, and kept at this point for two hours. The tobacco is then taken down, ground, and prepared for packing.

II.—*Mode of Preparing for Packing.*

In a large kettle I make a strong tea of life-everlasting and red sassafras-root. This is well strained, and to six gallons of the tea I add from one quart to three pints of my medicated asthmatic rum, prepared as follows: I take three pounds tonka-beans, one pound mace, one ounce vanilla-beans, one gallon compound extract of lavender, one pound wild-ginger root, dried, and one-quarter ounce opium, dissolved and strained through fine

cloth. These ingredients are ground fine and well mixed, when I pour on them one gallon of alcohol, and allow the whole to stand about four days. I then put the combination into a barrel of New England rum, say about forty gallons, at twenty-five or thirty degrees above proof, and allow the rum to stand about ten days, to be shaken well, however, each day. The medicated asthmatic rum is then ready for use. One quart or three pints of this rum added to the six gallons of tea will make a weak toddy.

I put my tobacco, prepared as above described, into a large box or vat, and then moisten it well with the toddy. It is then allowed to stand over night. Next morning I sprinkle over it one pound of tonka-beans (ground fine) to about three hundred pounds of tobacco. I stir it well and let it stand that day and the following night, and the tobacco is then ready for packing.

Smoking-tobacco thus treated is found to be, in a great measure, deprived of the injurious properties of nicotine, the same being destroyed or counteracted by the use of sulphur and salt, and the result of the whole treatment is to render the effect of the tobacco soothing to the nervous system, while the smoke carries the asthmatic remedies directly to the lungs.

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

1. The process of treating medicated smoking-tobacco, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

2. As a new article of manufacture, medicated smoking-tobacco, when treated substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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