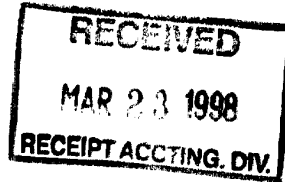


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(hereinafter designated as the undersigned) has (have) invented certain new and useful improvements in \_\_\_\_\_

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