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ASSIGNMENT

For valuable consideration, H.H. Brown Shoe Company, Inc., of 124 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830 hereby assign to Columbia Insurance Company, a Nebraska corporation having a place of business at 4016 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131, and its successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter called "the Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the inventions and improvements which are subject of an application for United States Patent assigned to us, entitled SHOE OR BOOT WITH ADJUSTABLE ANKLE COLLAR, filed June 2, 1998, and assigned U.S. Serial Number 09/089,281, and we authorize and request the attorneys appointed in said application to hereafter complete this assignment by inserting above the filing date and serial number of said application when known; this assignment including said application, any and all United States and foreign patents, utility models, and design registrations granted for any of said inventions or improvements, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said application under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention, and all other treaties of like purposes; and we authorize the Assignee to apply in all countries in our name or in its own name for patents, utility models, and design registrations and like rights of exclusion and for inventors' certificates for said inventions and improvements; and we agree for ourselves and our respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns, without further compensation to perform such lawful acts and to sign such further applications, assignments, Preliminary Statements and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at GREENWICH, CT,
this 25TH day of MARCH, 1999

James E. Issler L.S.
James E. Issler, President of H.H. Brown Shoe Company, Inc.

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COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD :ss.

Before me this 26TH day of MARCH, 1999, personally appeared

James E. Issler known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment, and acknowledged that he/she executed the same as his/her free act and deed for the purposes therein contained.

Robert Prach
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