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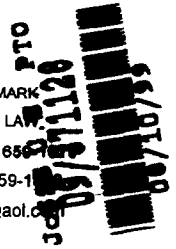
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and (2) James Larry Peacock, City of Rochester,
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have invented certain improvements in
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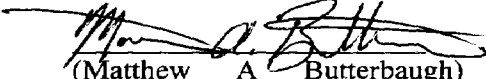
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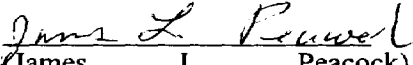
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