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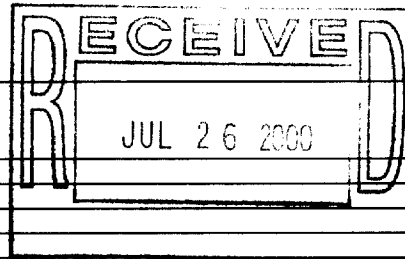
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09/549,121

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved:
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Date

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ASSIGNMENT

1. **WHEREAS**, David Bardin of Bridgeton, Missouri (hereinafter referred to as Assignor), has invented an improvement in Cart, and has filed an application for United States patent based thereon, Serial No. 09/549,121, filed April 13, 2000;

2. **WHEREAS**, Peter J. Pierce of St. Louis, Missouri (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder;

3. **NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration by Assignee to Assignor in hand paid, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has agreed to and does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee one-hundred percent (100%) of my entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto in and to said invention, said United States application, any other United States applications (including provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuing or reissue applications) based in whole or in part on said United States application, any other United States applications (including divisional, continuing or reissue applications) based in whole or in part on said invention, any foreign applications based in whole or in part on any of the aforesaid United States applications or in whole or in part on said invention, and any and all patents (including extensions thereof) of any country which have been or may be granted on any

of the aforesaid applications or on said invention or any part thereof;

4. **SAID ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%)** to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor had no sale and assignment of said interest been made;

5. **AND** Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America to issue any and all United States patents which may be granted upon said United States applications or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, jointly to Assignor and said Assignee.

6. **AND** Assignor hereby agrees for himself and for his heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuing, reissue or other applications for patents of any country, that may be deemed necessary by said Assignee fully to secure to said Assignee his interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them.

7. **AND** Assignor hereby covenants for himself and his legal representatives, and agrees with said Assignee, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, that Assignor has granted no right or license to make, use or sell said invention, to anyone except said Assignee, that prior to the execution of this

deed, Assignor's right, title and interest in said invention had not been otherwise encumbered, and that Assignor has not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

8. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand this 6 day of July, 2000.

David Bardin
David Bardin

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Missouri)
County of St Louis) SS.

On this 6th day of July, 2000, before me personally appeared David Bardin, known to me to be the person who executed the within Assignment and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes stated therein.

My Commission Expires: *Terrill A Wessler*
Notary Public

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TERRILL A. WESSLER
Notary Public - State of Missouri
Lincoln County
My Commission Expires: April 14, 2003

(Notarial Seal)