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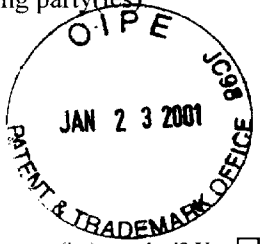
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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by us, **Arthur Lavitt**, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 7235 Governors Row, Charlotte, North Carolina 28277; and **Samuel Kaplan**, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 3622 Knapdall Dr., Charlotte, North Carolina 28226, respectively;

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of certain new and ornamental design for SOCK for which an application for United States Design Letters Patent has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 6, 1999, under Application No. 29/104,521, and

WHEREAS, PAUL LAVITT MILLS, INC., a North Carolina corporation having a principal place of business at 1517 F Avenue, S.E., Hickory, North Carolina 28601, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

We hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that we have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

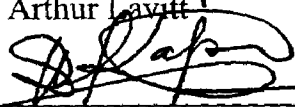
We further covenant and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns promptly to communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to

execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this 20th day of JULY, 1999.



(SEAL)

Arthur Lavitt


(SEAL)
Samuel Kaplan

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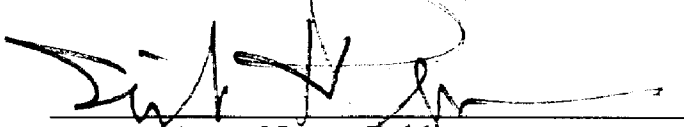
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)

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I, Nils H. Jensen, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that **Arthur Lavitt** personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 20th day of JULY, 1999.

(Official Seal)



Nils H. JENSEN
Notary Public

My commission expires: Oct 28, 2001

STATE OF _____)

COUNTY OF _____)

I, _____, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that **Samuel Kaplan** personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the _____ day of _____, 1999.

(Official Seal)

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____