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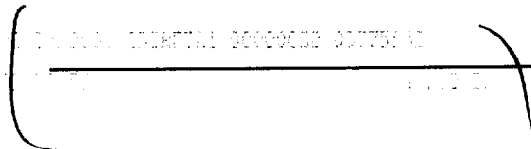
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WHEREAS, Taira UEHARA

have invented certain new and useful improvements in "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DRYING WOOD"

for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States of America;

AND WHEREAS, Wood Drying Research Association

of 5-8, Hacchobori 3-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan

desirous of acquiring an interest therein and in the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor from the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of

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Wood Drying Research Association

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as fully set forth and described in the:

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for its own use and behoof, and for its legal representatives, to the full end of the term

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix seal at

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