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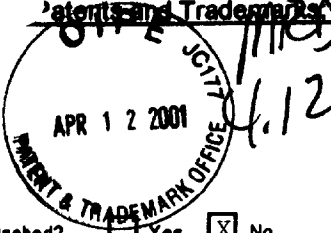
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have invented a certain improvement in

METHOD FOR LAYING FLOOR COVERINGS ON GROUNDS.

an application for which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 22, 1999, Serial No. 09/235,154.

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