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**PATENT**  
**REEL:** 011852  
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Gary A. Kasper, residing at 0-13989 Windemere Drive, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49544 (hereinafter "Assignor") has invented certain new and useful improvements in an

UPRIGHT EXTRACTION CLEANING MACHINE WITH HANDLE MOUNTING

for a full description of which reference is here made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America executed by Assignor as of the respective dates associated with his/her name herein; and

WHEREAS, BISSELL HOMECARE, INC., a corporation of the State of Michigan having its principal office and place of business in the City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, State of Michigan, (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under said invention and application above-identified, and in, to, and under any Letters Patent that may be obtained for said invention, together with all foreign rights corresponding thereto, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar ($1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by Assignor from Assignee is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has agreed to sell, assign, and transfer and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto Assignee the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under: said invention and application above identified; any Letters Patent of the United States of America that may be obtained in respect thereof; any corresponding applications for Letters Patent and Letters Patent therefor in all other areas of the world; and any reissues, extensions, substitutions, confirmations, divisions, and continuations of any of the foregoing (hereinafter "Invention Rights"), to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of Assignee forever.

Assignor hereby covenants and agrees, for himself/herself and for his/her respective legal representatives, to assist and cooperate with Assignee in the preparation and prosecution of any applications included within the Invention Rights and in the prosecution or defense of any interference, opposition, or other proceeding that may arise in connection with any applications or Letters Patent included within the Invention Rights and further to execute and deliver to Assignee any and all additional papers that may be requested by Assignee for the purpose of implementing the terms of this ASSIGNMENT.

Assignor hereby authorizes and empowers Assignee to invoke and claim for any applications or Letters Patent included within the Invention Rights the benefit of any rights to which Assignor might be entitled under international law or under the laws of any particular country (such as, without limitation, the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended) and to invoke and claim such rights without further written or oral authorization from Assignor.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests Assignee to fill in the following blanks specifying the United States Serial No. and filing date for said application above identified:

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but Assignee's failure to do so shall have no bearing whatsoever upon the validity or legal effect of this ASSIGNMENT.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to issue Letters Patent to Assignee in accordance with the terms of this ASSIGNMENT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Assignor has hereunto set his hand on the date indicated below.

Dated: 5/21/01                SIGNATURE:   [Signature]
NAME: Gary A. Kasper

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF KENT

On this 21 day of May, 2001, personally appeared before me the above-named Gary A. Kasper, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Theresa E. Hansen

Notary Public, Kent County, Michigan.

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