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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Thomas Matthew Smith, residing at 62 Fiord Drive, Eaton, Ohio 45320 a citizen of the United States (hereinafter the "ASSIGNOR") have invented certain new, original, and ornamental designs in:

AUTOMATIC BASKET LIFTING FRYER

as described in a design application for United States Letters Patent filed on August 28, 2001 and accorded Application No. 29/147,292;

WHEREAS, HENNY PENNY CORPORATION, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, having a place of business at 1219 U.S. Rt. 35 West, P.O. Box 60, Eaton, Ohio 45320 (the "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the aforesaid designs and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States or any foreign region or country, which may be granted therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or the equivalent thereof, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, my entire right, title, and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and any foreign countries or regions in and to said designs, said U. S. applications, any other U.S., international, regional, or foreign applications, including provisional, divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation, reexamination and reissue applications, based in whole or in part on said U. S. application or in whole or in part on said designs, and in and to any and all letters patent, including extensions thereof, which have been or may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said designs or any parts thereof;

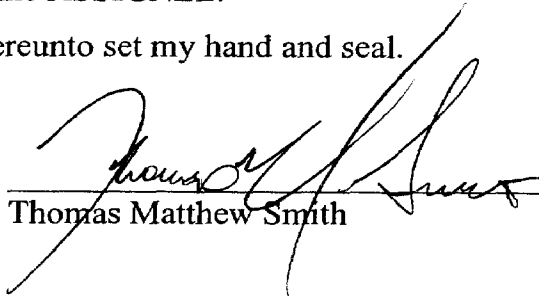
AND I HEREBY authorize and request the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or any other proper officer or agency of any region or foreign country to issue all said Letters Patent to the ASSIGNEE;

AND I HEREBY warrant and covenant that I have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned and that I have not executed and will not execute any instrument or assignment in conflict herewith;

AND I HEREBY agree to communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its representatives any facts known to me respecting said designs; to execute all divisional, continuation, reissue, reexamination, or the like, and any international, regional, or foreign applications; sign all lawful documents and make all rightful oaths and declarations relating to said designs; and to testify in any judicial or administrative proceeding; and generally do everything possible to aid the ASSIGNEE to obtain and enforce said Letters Patent in the United States or any region or foreign country when requested so to do by the ASSIGNEE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

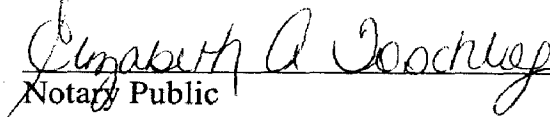
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Thomas Matthew Smith

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On this 15TH day of FEBRUARY 2002, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared THOMAS MATTHEW SMITH, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be of his free act and deed.


Notary Public

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My Commission Expires 10-31-04

Elizabeth A. Toschlog
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO
Commission Expires Oct. 31, 2004
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