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has/have invented certain new and useful improvements entitled:-

Method of Case Hardening

for which invention application for Letters Patent of the United States of America (a) is about to be made; (b) has been made on January 18, 2000 under Serial No.

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