

ASSIGNMENT

IN CONSIDERATION OF ONE DOLLAR and other good and valuable consideration, receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged by the undersigned named inventors of the invention entitled

**LINKAGE ASSEMBLY
FOR OPERATING ONE OR MORE LATCHES**

which is described and claimed in an application executed concurrently herewith, Atty's Docket No. 5-832,

THE UNDERSIGNED NAMED INVENTORS do hereby sell, transfer, set over and assign unto

The Eastern Company, a Connecticut Corporation

which has an office and place of business of its Eberhard Manufacturing Company division at

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its heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives (hereinafter the "Assignee") the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention of the above-identified application invented by us, and the application for United States patent therefor, and all original and reissued patents granted therefor, and all divisions and continuations thereof, including the subjects matter of any and all claims which may be obtained in every such patent, and the right to apply for and obtain patents in countries foreign to the United States including the right to claim in foreign applications the priority of United States applications, and in and to any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon in foreign countries, and do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue such Letters Patent to the Assignee as assignee and owner of the entire interest, and covenant that I (we) have full right to convey the interest herein assigned and that I (we) have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith, and agree that I (we) will communicate to the Assignee all facts known to me (us) respecting said invention, whenever requested, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute and deliver all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite to assist or enable the Assignee to obtain and enforce full benefits from the rights and interests assigned herein including such acts as may be required for the application and for such divisional, continuing or reissue applications, or

the procuring thereof, and that if and when the Assignee desires to file a disclaimer relating thereto I (we) will, upon request, sign and deliver all lawful papers requisite for the filing of such disclaimer, and I (we) further covenant and agree that I (we) will, at any time upon request, do everything legally possible to aid the Assignee either in my (our) own name(s), or in the name of the Assignee, to apply for, obtain and enforce proper patent protection in all countries, including priority rights granted to patents in foreign countries according to all the laws and treaties in force, all without further consideration but at the expense of the Assignee.

THIS ASSIGNMENT shall be binding upon my (our) heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives.

WHEREFORE THE UNDERSIGNED NAMED INVENTORS do hereby sign and affix their signatures to this document, each in the presence of a duly authorized Notary Public who likewise has signed and affixed his (her) signature hereto in the jurat paragraph(s) attendant the signature(s) of the inventor(s) who affixed his (their) signature(s) in the presence of said Notary Public.

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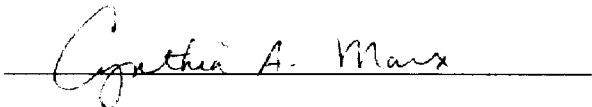
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