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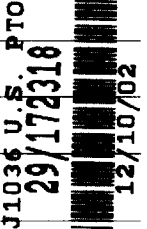
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*Whereas, we, the above-identified Inventors, have invented certain new and useful improvements in the Invention identified above and described in the above-identified patent application(s) and/or patent(s) (hereinafter referred to as "Invention");*

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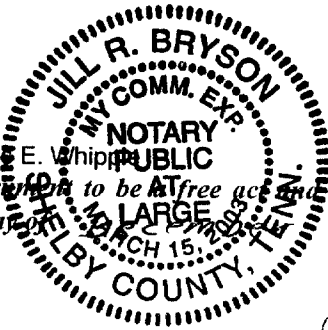
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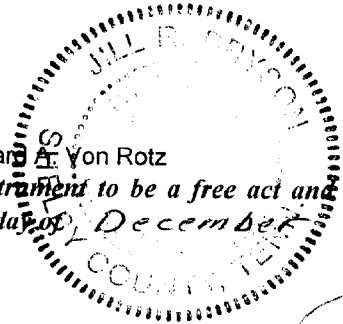
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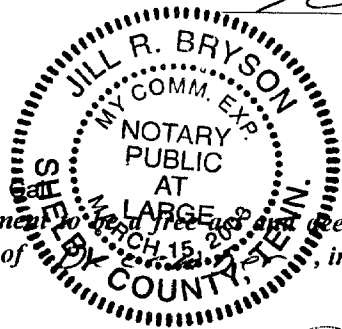
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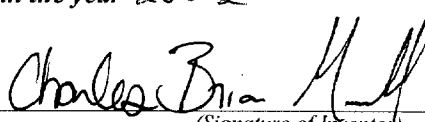
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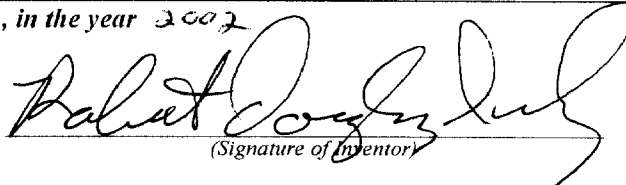
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