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Title: Needle Protecting Device

WHEREAS, I, Michel HIRSIGER, residing at Buetikofenstrasse 2, CH-3422 KIRCHBERG, Switzerland, and I, Daniel SCHEIDEGGER, residing at ~~Schwarztorstrasse 23, CH-3007 BERN, \*~~ Switzerland, have invented certain new and useful improvements as described in an application entitled **Needle Protecting Device** for Letters Patent of the United States, the application being identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Application No. 10 /384 ,397 , filed 3/7/2003 ; and

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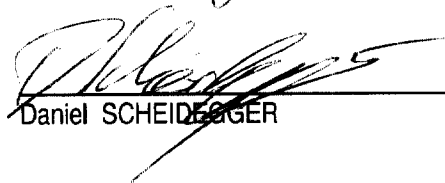
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