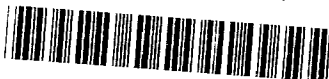


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described and claimed in an application for Letters Patent of The United States of America, said application having been executed by me on even date herewith; and,

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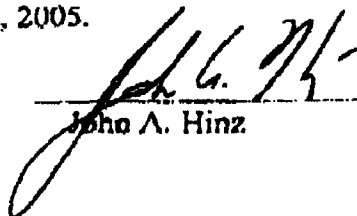
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