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<u>U.S. Patent No. 11,123,364</u> entitled "Medical Device Comprising Boswellic Acid" issued September 21, 2021 to BVW Holding AG of Cham, China. Invented by Michael T. Milbocker of Holliston, Massachusetts and Lukas von Bluecher of Eurasburq, Germany. Abstract: A medical composition and devices made from the composition for the delivery of extracts obtained from Boswellia genus, similar compounds synthetically derived, and in particular derivatives of triterpenes is disclosed. The medical device may be implantable, or alternatively a device which contacts the interior of a mammalian body. The medical device may be comprised, of or present an absorbable component containing Boswellia derivatives, or an eluting component. When administered into a particular body site, the Boswellia component may be released substantially and immediately, released slowly, or not released, into the body and residing actively on the medical device surface.

U.S. Patent No. D931,378 entitled "Mark Making Roller" issued September 21, 2021 to Marshall Plummer of Nashville, Tennessee. Also invented by Marshall Plummer. Claim: What is claimed is the ornamental design for a mark making roller, as shown and described.

<u>U.S. Patent No. 11,125,479</u> entitled "Apparatus and Process for Amateur HVAC Installation" issued September 21, 2021 to JOI Holding, LLC of Boaz, Kentucky. Invented by Jason Ingram, also of Boaz, Kentucky. Abstract: Apparatuses, systems, and methods for providing non-expert installation of HVAC systems are provided. The HVAC system includes an indoor unit, an outdoor unit, a first pre-charged refrigerant line-set, a second pre-charged refrigerant line-set, and a line-set coupler, each containing pre-pressurized refrigerant securely positioned therein prior to engagement between two or more of the aforementioned elements. The first pre-charged refrigerant line-set is couplable between an indoor unit refrigerant port of the indoor unit and a first coupler end of the line-set coupler. The second pre-charged refrigerant line-set is couplable between an outdoor unit refrigerant pot of the outdoor unit and a second coupler end of the line-set coupler.