

This Agreement entered into this
day of April 1881 by and
between S. Bergmann party of
the first part Thomas A Edison
party of the second part and Edward
H. Johnson party of the third part
all of the City, County, and State of
New York

Witnesseth the said Bergmann
party of the first part is possessed
of a Manufactory fully equipped for
the manufacture of electrical machinery
at 108 Wooster Street in the City of
New York and is desirous of entering
into the manufacture of ^{special} appliances
connected with Electric Lighting
and whereas the said Bergmann
also desires more capital to enable
him to manufacture and carry
a stock of such appliances and
whereas the said Johnson of the
third part is entitled to a share
in the profits arising from the
said business of the said Bergmann
by a previous contract and by
this Contract of twelve parts of
cash and every dollar ~~whichever~~
of the profits made by the said
Bergmann in the said business

see sheet!

and whereas the said Edison is
 will to contribute the sum of seven
 thousand five hundred dollars for
 the further development of the ~~business~~
~~of the said Bergmann~~ afore said for
 which the said Edison is to receive
 forty four parts of each dollar
 of profit earned in consideration
 of furnishing the said sum
 of seven thousand five hundred
 dollars ~~to~~ the said Bergmann
 is to receive forty four parts
 of each and every dollar and
 the said Johnson is to receive
 the remaining two parts of
 each and every dollar ~~as of record~~

It is hereby agreed ^{helpless} that the said
 Edison shall contribute the
 said sum of seven thousand
 five hundred dollars which he
 shall deposit with ^{Mayor} David Morgan
 & Co^{ys} of this city for use in the said
 business ⁱⁿ within in the ^{city} ^{of} ^{the} ^{state} ^{of} ^{Ohio}
 of a special partner and that
 his liability shall not exceed
 the above named seven thousand
 five hundred dollars and the
 said Edison agrees to use his
 best endeavours to sell the

'Promote'

business
 said appliances manufactured
 of the said Bergmann as said

Subject to
 Bergmann's
 order
 \$2500. on
 signing this
 contract of
 \$1000 the rest
 day of each
 month
 until the
 amount herein
 named is
 fully paid
 in 1900
 1900

day of each
month
until the
element herein
named is
fully paid
in 1/10
1/10
1/10

best endeavours to settle the

'Promote'

business
said appliances ~~manufactured~~
^{of} the said Bergmann as far
as lays in his power and the
said Bergmann on his part
agrees to use due diligence and
to give ~~his whole time and~~
~~undivided attention~~ to the said
business and he shall receive
a salary of twelve ~~thousand~~
hundred dollars a year as
salary for the superintendence of
the said business which shall
in all cases be deducted before
the profits are declared and the
said Johnson on his part agrees
to use his best endeavours and
inventive talent to devise articles
of utility in Electric Lighting
and capable of being manufactured
by the said Bergmann and the
said Johnson further agrees to
use his best endeavours to ~~and~~
~~be caused to be sold the appliances~~
~~in connection with Electric Lighting~~
manufactured by the said Bergmann
and it is further agreed that
should the business be closed
up at any time from any cause
whatever the said Edison

all requisite
time & attention

Promote
the business
of the

shall receive a sum equal
to the amount of the money
he has put in the business
prior to division of ^{any} the surplus
there may be

~~and that the said Benjamin
shall likewise receive~~

~~Amended~~

Proposed

Agreement

Edwin Bergman

& Johnson