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Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks

An informative booklet entitled "General Information Concerning Patents", is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20302, USA, at a cost of 20 cents.

Patents

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