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I suggest restriction requirements be issued when the alleged two inventions are both independent and distinct - not just independent or distinct. There are way too many restriction requirements being issued. If the USPTO needs more money, it should raise fees and not make up rules to avoid the clear language of 35 U.S.C. 121. A device and a method of using that device are not automatically independent and distinct nor are they automatically independent or distinct. This costs small inventors too much money.

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