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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Howard, John L.

(Last) (First)

(Middle)
100 Grainger Parkway

(Street)
Lake Forest, IL 60045-5201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

W.W. Grainger, Inc. GWW

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) 4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year

04/07/2003

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_ Director __10% Owner <u>X</u> Officer (give title below) __ Other (specify below)

Description Senior Vice
President and General Counsel

- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
- X Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One

_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned													
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2.Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
			Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr.			
Common Stock	04/07/2003		S (01)		5,000	D	\$46.00	21,713	D				

	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)												
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	sion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/	4. Transactio Code (Instr.8)	Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported				

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		Day/ Year)			Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)						Transactio (Instr.4)
			Code	٧	Α	D	DE	ED	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option	\$43.50						4/26/2003	4/25/2010	Common Stock	14,390	14,390
Option	\$43.50						(02)	4/25/2010	Common Stock	2,160	2,160
Option	\$37.50						4/25/2004	4/24/2011	Common Stock	20,000	20,000
Option	\$37.50						4/25/2007	4/24/2011	Common Stock	1,440	1,440
Option	\$54.61						4/24/2005	4/23/2012	Common Stock	25,000	25,000

Explanation of Responses:

(01) Sale pursuant to a previously adopted plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(02) Exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 4/26/2001.

By: Date:

/s/ K. S. Kirsner as attorney-in-fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

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04/08/2003

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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