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IMPROVEMENT IN TREATING PAPER OR OTHER FABRIC WITH TOBACCO FOR USE AS A MOTH-
PREVENTIVE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. PICKETT, of Baltimore, in the county of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Moth-Preventives; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to means for keeping moths and other like insects away from carpets, furs, and woolen fabrics; and it consists in the novel preparation and treatment of paper and cotton or linen textile fabrics, as hereinafter described, by which preparation and treatment I have produced a new article of manufacture for public use.

The following is a description of my mode of producing the new article: I first take tobacco and grind it by any suitable means until it is comparatively well pulverized. I then pass the ground tobacco through a sieve. The fine particles pass through the meshes of the sieve-cloth, while the coarse remain within the sieve-body. These fine particles or flour of tobacco are then transformed into pulp by a proper admixture of water, and the coarse particles are converted into a pasty substance by similar means. I next take paper of proper thickness and coat it thoroughly with the tobacco-pulp on both sides, and then treat it to an outer coating of the tobacco-paste.

The article thus produced becomes lining for carpets, bureau-drawers, chests, and wardrobes, and it is also adapted for folding within or around furs, clothing, or woolen goods, to prevent visitation by moths and other destructive insects.

In preparing my article I find that cotton and linen cloths may often be profitably used as a substitute for paper, and that with very light body of paper or cloth the second or outer coating of coarse tobacco-paste may sometimes be dispensed with.

I am aware that paper has been saturated in tobacco-pulp to form wrappers for cigars, and do not therefore claim such treatment, broadly.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The new article of manufacture described, consisting of a body of paper or cloth treated in ground tobacco, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

J. H. PICKETT.

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