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DECORATING WALL-HANGINGS AND OTHER FABRICS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM SOCHEFSKY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Decorating Wall-Hangings and other Fabrics, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement on the decorated fabric described in Letters Patent No. 320,409, granted to me June 16, 1885, which consisted of a stiffened and embossed textile material coated with a solution of shellac and painted.

My improved fabric consists of a textile material—such as muslin—coated with a solution of shellac, and provided with a lining of suitable material—such as paper or cheap leather—secured thereto by starch or other suitable paste, the united fabric being embossed and painted with suitable coloring-matter on the textile side.

In carrying out my invention I take a textile material—such as muslin—and apply thereto a lining of a suitable material—such as paper or cheap leather—by means of starch or other suitable paste. This lined fabric is subjected to the action of embossing dies or rollers, and, finally, the textile side or face of the fabric is painted with suitable coloring-matters. By the lining and the paste used in attaching the lining to the textile material a certain stiffness is imparted to the completed fabric, so that the relief-designs produced by the embossing dies or rollers will be able to resist a considerable pressure, and will not be liable to be crushed when my fabric is used for wall-hangings, coverings for furniture, linings for carriages, or other purposes of a similar nature.

The textile face of the lined fabric may be painted to suit, either before or after embossing, and in order to fill the interstices of the textile material, conceal its grain, and afford a smooth surface for the coloring-matter a coating of a solution of shellac is applied to the textile material, either before or after it is attached to its lining. This coating of shellac or other similar liquid also serves to assist in stiffening the fabric and imparting the requi-

site body and finish, besides enabling it to resist the effects of moisture.

I am aware that a water-proof fabric for use in the manufacture of traveling bags, trunks, valises, carriage-tops, and like articles has heretofore been made by combining paper with a textile fabric, the surface of the paper being finished with a coating of enamel to resemble what is known as "patent-leather." It has also been proposed to ornament such fabrics on the paper side by painting, stamping, printing, or gilding. A floor-cloth has been composed of a layer of paper-board covered with a woven fabric saturated and finished with paint. Cotton velvet or velveteen has been backed or lined with paper and embossed or painted, and other ornamented fabrics have also been provided with a paper backing or lining. These, however, I do not claim; and my improved fabric differs therefrom and from the fabric described in my former patent above referred to in that, according to my present invention, the fabric consists of a textile material coated with shellac and having a lining attached by means of paste, said fabric being embossed and painted on the textile side, thus producing a durable and effective decorated fabric that can be readily attached by its paper side to walls or other surfaces by means of paste without liability of injury to the ornamented textile face of the fabric, which is protected from the effects of moisture by its coating of shellac.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a decorated fabric composed of textile material—such as muslin—coated with a solution of shellac, and having a lining of a suitable material—such as paper—said material being caused to adhere by means of paste, and the textile side of the fabric being embossed and painted, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

WILLIAM SOCHEFSKY. [L. S.]

Witnesses:

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