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PICTURES ON STONE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGEN WAGNER, sculptor, a subject of the King of Prussia, Emperor of Germany, residing at Charlottenburg, Kingdom of Prussia, Empire of Germany, have made a certain new and useful Invention Relating to the Manufacture of Thin Portable Plates, Printed with Pictures, of Polishable Limestone, of which the following is a specification.

The effect and novelty of the articles in question consist in the choice of the material of which they are made and in the manner in which they are finished.

As raw material I use polishable limestone, (marble, alabaster, or the like,) which is cut into possibly thin plates. The latter are prepared in the known manner by means of pumice-stone, so that a dead surface is obtained on which landscapes, portraits, or writing may be produced in suitable manner by printing, lithography, or the like. The plates thus prepared can be used for a great many purposes—for instance, for congratulation, birthday, or New-Year cards, keep-

sakes, wall-pictures, transparent pictures, and for imitation of Delft painting. Especially for the latter purpose the new thing has the advantage of being of a most beautiful effect, because of the crystals contained in the stone and the possibility of producing dead and polished or shining surfaces on the picture without detriment to the effect of the colors.

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

Thin portable plates of elastic, polishable limestone, on the front surface provided with pictures produced by ordinary, or heliographical printing with colors which are so transparent as to let the structure or grain of the stone shine through, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

EUGEN WAGNER.

Witnesses:

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