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Fig. 1.

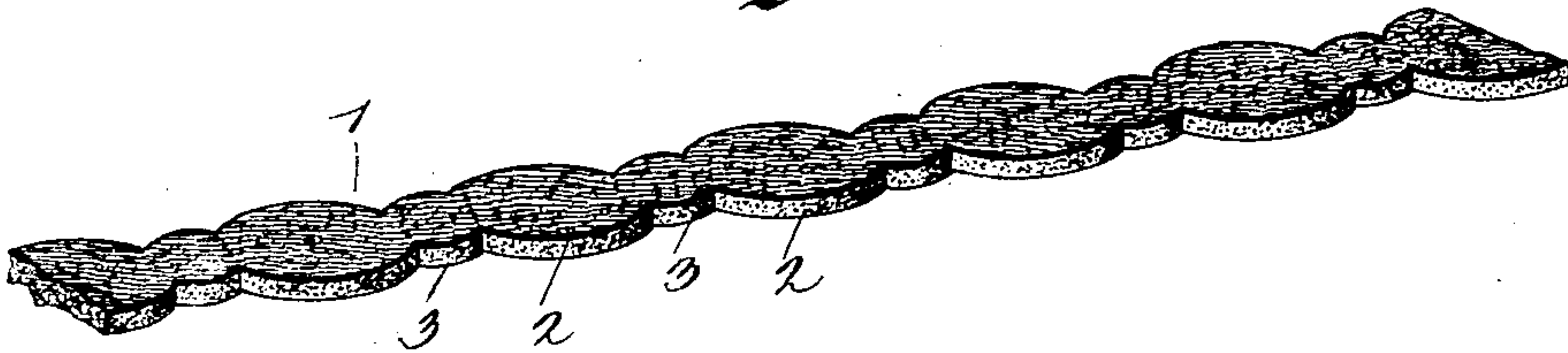


Fig. 2.

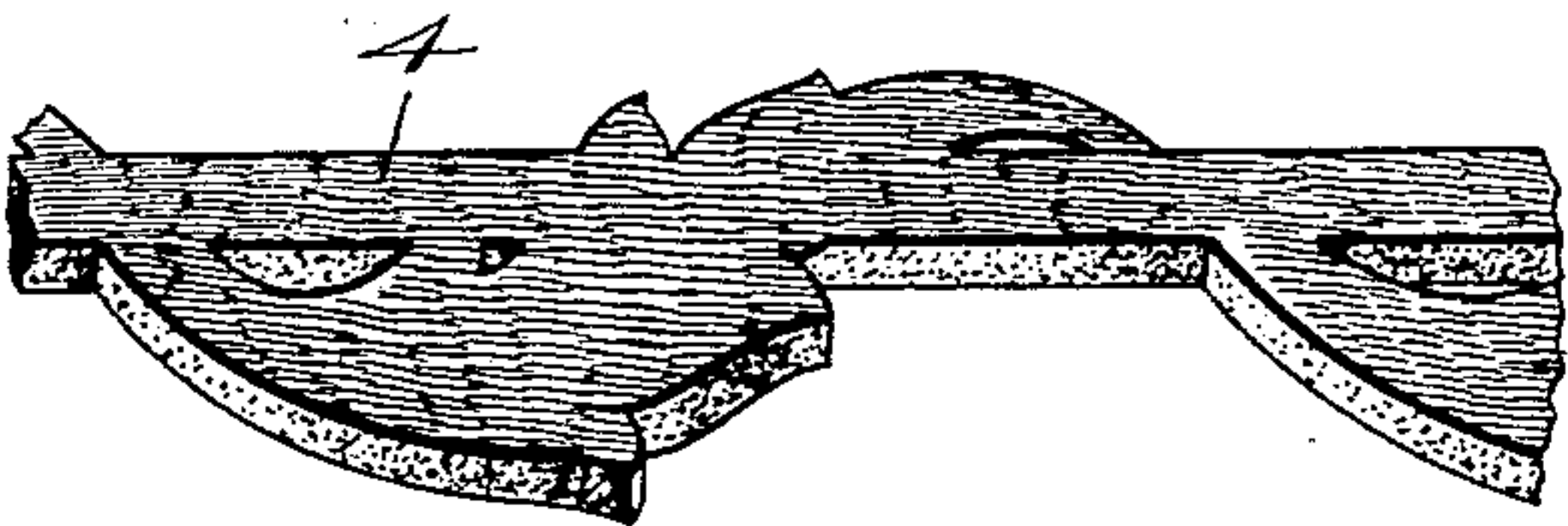


Fig. 3.

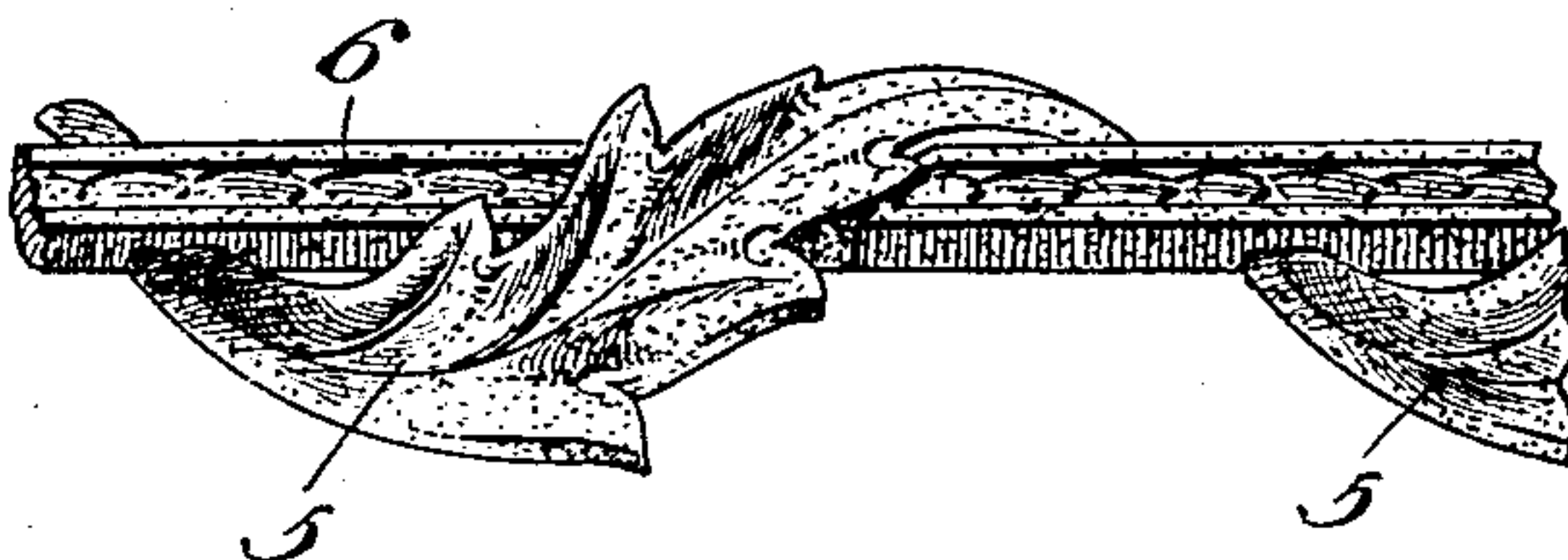
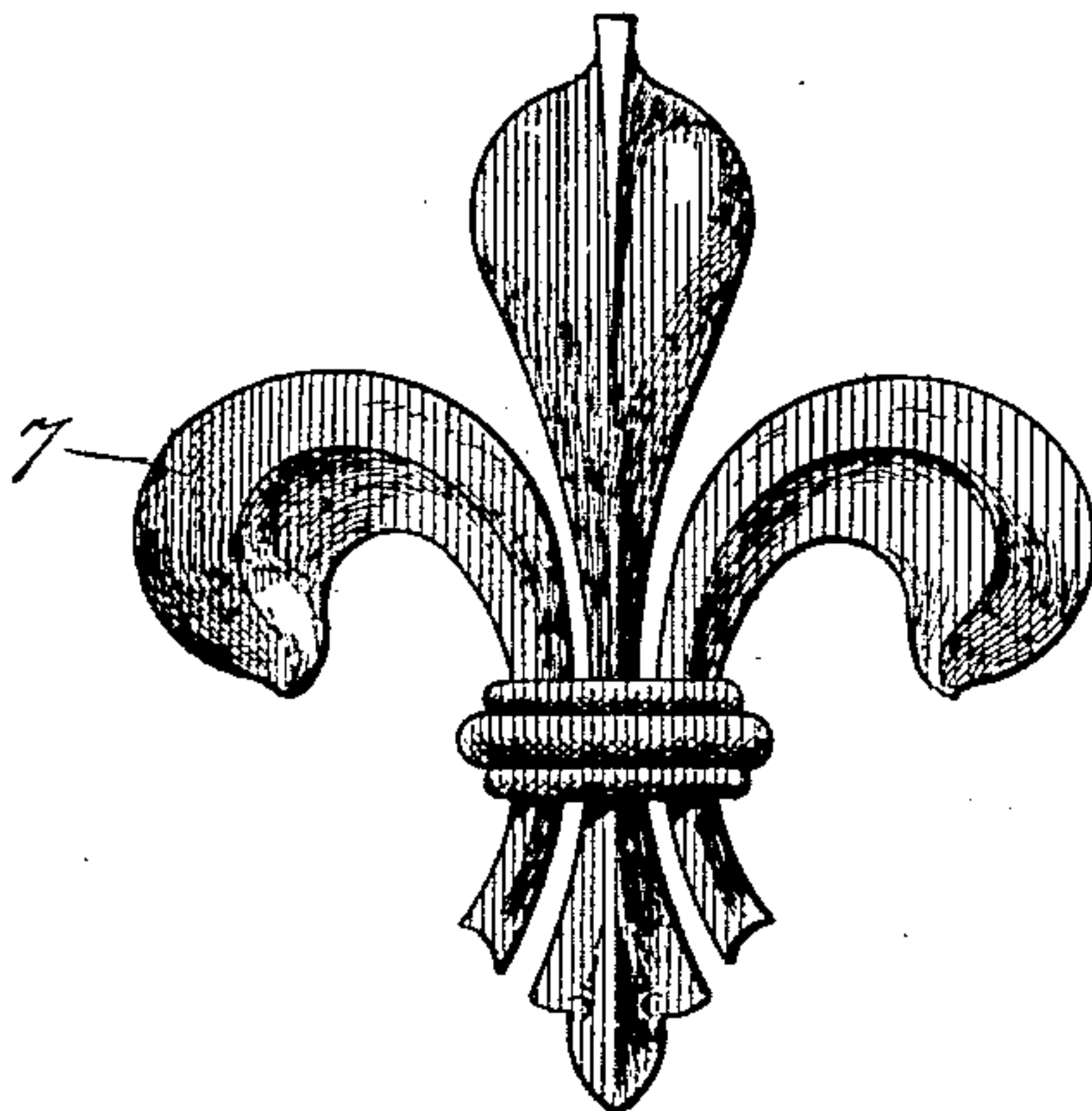


Fig. 4.



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## INTERIOR DECORATION.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PAUL M. HEERWAGEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Little Rock, in the county of Pulaski and State of Arkansas, have invented a new and useful Interior Decoration, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to interior decorations, and refers more particularly to complete members of different designs formed from molded, cut, stamped, and embossed fabric, such as felt or other analogous material, and adapted to be combined or used individually; and the object of the same is to provide a light, strong, and durable interior decoration for forming moldings, individual appliqué, frieze components, and the like capable of being fastened to a support of any character by an adhesive material and be colored as desired and also pliable for working into different lines or contours at the will of the decorator without liability of injury or fracture to the same and afford means for delineating a multiplicity of designs from a member of a particular shape.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a member forming a complete feature of the invention as molded or cut from felt, felt-pulp, or other suitable fabric. Fig. 2 is a similar view of another complete member or element having a different design which is cut from suitable material to provide a blank for a subsequent operation thereon. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the member or element shown by Fig. 2 after it has been pressed to provide portions thereof in relief and intaglio. Fig. 4 is a detail front elevation of a molded relief component or appliqué embodying the principle of the invention.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The numeral 1 designates the complete member or element shown by Fig. 1 and which consists of a pliable strip of molded or cut felt, felt-pulp, or other suitable light fabric having alternately-arranged large and small substantially curved members 2 and 3 to serve as an edge molding or as a component part thereof or be combined with other parts having a different design to produce a frieze or panel. In Fig. 2 a blank 4 is shown which

is cut from felt or other suitable material and representing in skeleton form a conventional acanthus twined about a bar, and in Fig. 3 the same member or material is shown after having been pressed to dispose the parts in intaglio and relief and showing the acanthus 5 alternately curved under and over the bar, which is now shaped to represent a beading or a support 6 of ornamental or pleasing design. Fig. 4 shows a fleur-de-lis 7, which is molded or cut from material similar to other complete members or elements heretofore set forth and given a bas-relief appearance, this member, as well as the others, being capable of being applied individually or unitedly to produce a combined design and which may include shapes or component parts not illustrated, but embodying the same principle, as it is obvious that it would be impracticable to show the multitudinous forms that can be produced.

The present improved decorative means includes complete members that each have a complete structure in one thickness of flexible material that is not affected by changes in temperature or a humid atmosphere, that is freely pliable and can be twisted or turned into any shape and to follow any regular or irregular design, that has the coloring-matter or other surface ornamentation applied directly thereto, and that may be pressed to give it a unique appearance as set forth and firmly held in applied position by adhesive material exclusively.

The improved decorating members or materials can be applied to a light or heavy wall or other support without in the least injuring the wall structure and be taken down and the design rearranged or another placed as a substitute therefor.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

An interior-decorating device consisting completely of a piece of textile fabric of single thickness or ply which is freely flexible and bendable in opposite transverse directions and molded, cut or pressed to give it a raised and depressed surface appearance or an open design inside of the margins as well as a marginal contour while in its original manufactured condition and without application thereto of extraneous matter or mate-

rial and which is varied by bending the device when applying the same, the device being capable of receiving coloring-matter directly on the outer surface after application  
5 and of detachment and variation in the design from that originally formed by after bending or shaping.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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