This invention relates to new and useful improvements in shower and bath mats.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a shower and bath mat of superior quality at lower cost and that will prove more sanitary because of the ease and facility with which it may be cleaned.

Some of the other more important advantages derived through the use of my invention, may be briefly enumerated as follows:

First: Because of its simplicity, that mat may be manufactured in mass production with the maximum speed and at the minimum cost.

Second: The mat is colorful and very attractive, and can be made of dyed canvas and printed toweling combinations, or if made with a plain upper toweling surface, a stenciled design can be applied to such surface.

Third: The present mat design is easy to clean, since there are no ragged edges or long yarn exposed to act as dirt and water collectors. A soft brush or cloth, with soap and water, is all that is required for easy cleaning.

Fourth: The mat is of light weight construction, and combines the durability and strength of heavy grades of canvas, with the soft firmness of pressed cotton; because of its lightness, this type of mat will dry quickly after it is dampened.

Fifth: The mat may be made in many varying sizes, and an unlimited number of attractive designs are possible.

Sixth: The mat may be hung by means of a becket or loop at a convenient place in the bathroom, when not in use.

With the foregoing and other objects in view that will appear as the nature of my invention is better understood, that same consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts illustrated in the accompanying drawings and more particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings, which are for illustrative purposes only and are therefore not drawn to scale:

Figure 1 is a face view of a shower or bath mat, constructed in accordance with my invention.

Figure 2 is a similar view, before folding the edges of the canvas base in.

Figure 3 is a bottom plan view.

Figure 4 is a horizontal section, taken on line 4-4 of Figure 1, with the parts represented on an enlarged scale.

Figure 5 is an enlarged detail section, taken on line 5-5 of Figure 1, and

Figure 6 is an enlarged detail fragmentary view of one corner of the mat.

Referring to the drawings for a more particular description of my invention, and in which drawings like reference characters throughout the several views, my novel mat comprises the base 1 of heavy canvas or similar material, and of square or rectangular or other form, the upper toweling surface 2 and the pressed cotton filler 3, which is disposed between the canvas base and toweling surface.

The base 4 comprises the central body portion 4, of slightly greater area than that of the toweling face 2, formed at its edges with the flat outwardly extending flaps 5, which are folded in along the dotted lines 6 over the edges of the toweling face 2, as illustrated in Figure 1 of the drawings.

The canvas base 1 is recessed at its corners, as at 7, and the corners of the flaps 5 folded along the diagonal lines 8, preparatory to folding the flaps in. The face of the mat is made of toweling material, which is preferably quilted, as at 9, or of plain toweling on which any of an unlimited number of designs may be stenciled, as at 10, or otherwise applied. One corner of the mat is provided with a becket or loop 11 for convenience in hanging when not in use.

In carrying out my invention, the canvas base is stitched along the outer edges of its inwardly folded flaps, as at 12, to provide additional strength, firmness and durability, and the mat is also stitched along the inner edges of the folded flaps, as at 13, and along its diagonal edges, as at 14.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the drawings, it is thought that the construction, and advantages of my invention will be readily understood, without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportions and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principles or sacrificing any of the advantages of my invention, as defined in the appended claims.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A shower or bath mat comprising a flat base of heavy canvas, a face of toweling material and a filler of pressed cotton between the base and face, said base comprising a body portion formed with outwardly extending flaps which are folded in over the edges of the face and with recessed corners folded in along diagonal lines preparatory to folding said flaps in, stitches along the outer edges of the inwardly folded flaps, stitches along the inner edges of the inwardly folded flaps, said last mentioned stitches passing through said flaps and the canvas base and toweling face, and
other stitches passing through the several parts of the mat at the diagonal corners thereof.

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