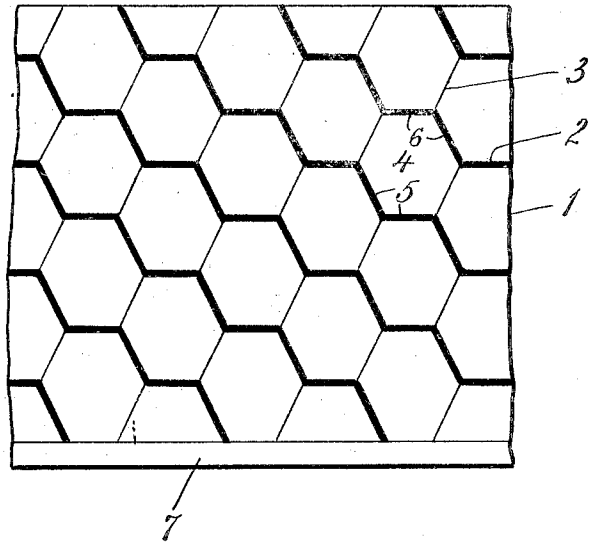
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT ABRAHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Decorative Roofings, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in ornamental prepared roofing of the character that is marketed in rolls ready to lay.

The object of the invention is to provide a decorative roofing having its weather surface ornamented with a pattern or design of such character that the roofing may be laid either vertically, from ridge to eaves, or horizontally, parallel to the eaves, and in either case present an attractive appearance simulating shingles or tiles.

A further object is to provide a pattern or design which gives an illusion of shadows and of massiveness when the roofing is laid in either direction.

The accompanying drawing illustrating the invention shows a plan view of a piece of prepared roofing material embodying my improvements.

Referring to the drawings, 1 indicates a web or sheet of flexible prepared roofing material of the character usually marketed in rolls, and consisting of a foundation of roofing felt saturated or impregnated, and coated on one or both faces with suitable water proofing bituminous compositions. The product is sometimes faced, on its weather surface, with particles of mineral matter.

The ornamentation, to which this invention particularly relates, comprises a series of heavy oblique serrated lines 2, the apices of opposite convergent serrations being connected by light lines 3 thus forming series of hexagonal shaped units 4. The units 4 are disposed in staggered order, with the contiguous ones having a side in common.

The lines 2 and 3 may be applied to the roofing by any suitable process, such as printing, painting, stenciling, etc., and they may be of any desired color contrasting with that of the roofing itself. Preferably the lines are printed on the roofing with black coloring matter.

When the sheet is laid horizontally, that is parallel to the eaves of the roof, the sides 5 of each unit 4 of the design will appear to stand out in bold relief. This gives an appearance of massiveness and creates an illusion of shadows about said sides. Similarly, when the sheet is laid vertically, that is from ridge to eaves, the sides 6 of each unit will stand out in relief.

A strip 7, of approximately 2 inch width extending along one of the longitudinal marginal edges of the roofing, is preferably left free from ornamentation. This provides a lap to which a succeeding sheet may be joined without breaking the continuity of the design.

My invention provides a decorative roofing which may be laid either vertically or horizontally, and having an ornamental design that, when laid in either direction, produces an illusion of shadows about a lower corner of each unit of the pattern.

While I have illustrated and described my invention particularly with reference to a preferred pattern having hexagonal units, I do not limit myself to units of such configuration.

What I claim is:

1. A decorative roofing sheet having a surface ornamentation composed of a series of heavy parallel lines extending obliquely of the sheet and connected at regular intervals to form uniform symmetrical figures.

2. A decorative roofing sheet having a surface ornamentation composed of a series of heavy parallel broken lines extending obliquely of the sheet and connected at regular intervals by light lines to form uniform symmetrical figures.

3. A decorative roofing sheet having a surface ornamentation composed of a series of heavy parallel serrated lines of uniform width extending obliquely of the sheet, the opposite convergent serrations of adjacent heavy lines being connected by light lines to form uniform symmetrical figures.

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