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DECORATIVE MATERIAL

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Fig. 1.

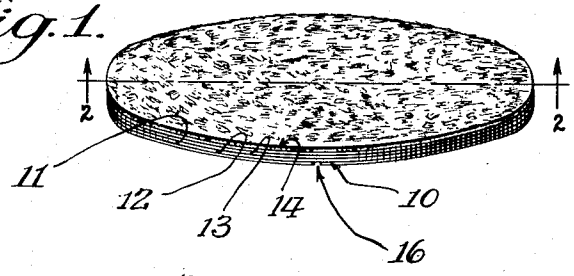
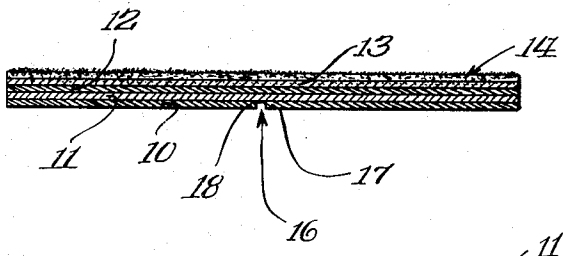


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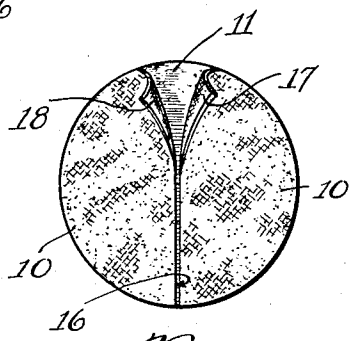


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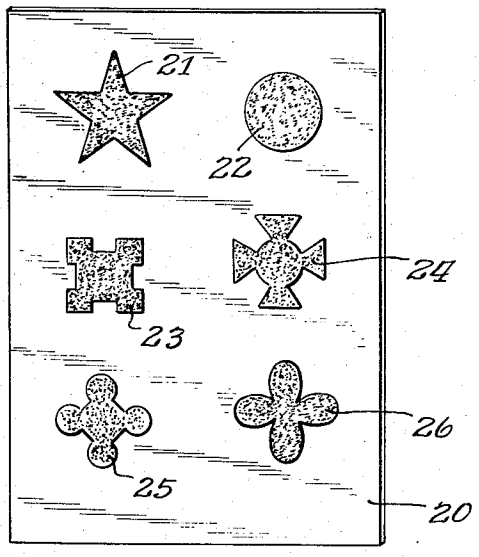


Fig. 4.

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My invention relates to the art of decorative material and is particularly concerned with material which may be used for the decoration of theatrical costumes and the like, although, as will be apparent, its field of utility is broad.

It has hitherto been proposed to make tinseled or glittering fabrics or the like by providing a fabric body with an adhesive on one or both surfaces thereof and embedding in said adhesive metallic powders, finely cut paper, comminuted glass, etc. It has also been suggested in the past to prepare ornamental material for packing and wrapping purposes by coating paper or the like on one surface with thermoplastic adhesive material and affixing thereto the material to obtain the desired ornamental effects such as finely divided cork, metals, mica, feathers, pigments, and similar material.

In general, my invention comprises providing a flexible fabric body, preferably material like the well known surgical tape. A coating of a suitable non-drying adhesive is applied to both surfaces of said material and then only one of said surfaces is treated with tinsel flitter, paper flitter, "Cellophane" flitter, metallic powders and the like to coat the same to obtain the desired ornamental effects. The other surface of the material, which is coated with the non-drying adhesive, may then be caused to adhere to any suitable surface such as clothing, paper, cardboard, the human skin, etc. To protect the adhesive surface until the material is ready for use, I provide a liner or backing of paper, "Cellophane", cardboard or similar material which may be readily stripped from the decorative material.

It is accordingly an object of my invention to provide an improved decorative or ornamental material, particularly for use on festive occasions.

Another object of my invention is to provide an improved decorative or ornamental material which is simple and economical to manufacture and which possesses a wide range of usage.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a decorative material which will simplify the ornamentation of theatrical costumes and the like.

With these and other objects which will become apparent as the description of my invention proceeds, I shall now make reference to the drawing illustrating my invention and wherein

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of one embodiment of my invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken along the line 2—2 of Figure 1 and is shown in enlarged form for purposes of clarity.

Figure 3 represents a view looking upwardly against the bottom of Figure 1, the split backing portion being turned back slightly to show the manner of removing the backing portion.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of my invention wherein the decorative material is mounted upon a card or similar backing material.

As is shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3, the ornamental material of my invention comprises a backing 10 upon which is attached the decorative object. The latter comprises a fabric such as paper, "Cellophane", cloth or, preferably, surgical tape or like material, denoted by the numeral 12, and provided on opposite sides with a non-drying or moist adhesive, denoted by the numerals 11 and 13. The adhesive surface 13 serves to hold suitable material 14 such as cloth, cut paper, comminuted "Cellophane", metallic powders, finely divided cork, mica, feathers, et cetera, which is applied in any suitable manner and pressed into the adhesive surface 13 to obtain a strong adhesion. In the case of the use of the so-called flock or tinsel flitter material or finely divided or comminuted materials, such may be distributed over the surface of the adhesive and the resulting article passed between rollers in a manner well known in the art to unite the decorative material to the fabric through the medium of the adhesive coating 13.

The backing 10 is preferably made of paper or similar material and serves to protect the adhesive coating 11 from contamination and to facilitate the handling and shipment of the decorative material until it is ready for use, at which time said backing may be stripped from the decorative material and the latter utilized for its intended purposes. To facilitate the stripping of the backing 10, I provide it in two parts which are separated by the very narrow slit 16. To effect the stripping, the decorative object with its attached backing may be flexed or bent back upon itself along the slit 16. This will result in a slight parting of the backing from the adhesive 11 along the edge of said backing. The backing 10 may then easily be grasped with the fingers or between the finger nails and peeled or pulled away from the adhesive. This arrangement prevents the tendency to cause the material 14 to flake off around the edges as might occur if the backing had to be removed by separating it from along the peripheral edge. Fig-

ure 3 discloses the parts 17 and 18 of the backing partly pulled away from the adhesive coating.

In Figure 4, I have disclosed a plurality of decorative objects attached to a support or mounting card 20 which serves in part the same general purpose as is achieved through the use of the backing 10 in the embodiment of my invention covered in Figures 1, 2 and 3. In other words, the adhesive material of the decorative objects serves to unite the latter to the support 20 from which they may be removed for use as desired. This embodiment of my invention makes for simple and economical handling and shipment of the decorative objects or materials. As is shown in Figure 4, the objects may take various ornamental shapes or forms, variant aspects thereof being indicated by way of illustration by numerals 21—26, inclusive.

In use, the decorative material is stripped from its backing or support and is pressed upon any desired surface to which it will readily adhere and from which it may be readily removed without leaving any undesirable marks. Thus, theatrical costumes and fabrics may be decorated including dresses, hats, ties, suits, shoes and stockings. Similarly, the decorative material may be affixed to the human skin. It can also be used for decorating packages and boxes, pictures, curtains, and for numerous other purposes which will readily be appreciated by those versed in the art.

It is evident that the decorative material may take various forms and shapes. Thus, the ornamental articles may be made in circular, triangular, square, hexagonal, star and any other desired shapes. Similarly, the decorative material 14 may take the various forms mentioned in an earlier part of this description and includes such materials as tinfoil, aluminum foil and the metal foils broadly. The finished material may also be made up in the form of stripping so that it can be sold or merchandised by the yard or the like.

The adhesive which I employ has been described as being of the non-drying type. By this I mean that type of adhesive which is naturally moist and requires neither moisture nor other extraneous means to bring out its adhesive properties. The most common example of the type of adhesive which I contemplate is that employed on the conventional adhesive tape. This is so well known to chemists versed in the art that no useful purpose would be served by describing specific formulae which are suitable for my purposes.

While I have described my invention in considerable detail, it is apparent that numerous variations may be made therein without departing from the spirit of my invention as defined in the appended claim. Thus, for example, for the adhesive 13 I may substitute alternative types of adhesives such as thermoplastic adhesives, or those which exert adhesive properties when moistened, for the purpose of bonding the flocks, flitter or the like to the fabric. The adhesive on the opposite surface of the fabric or the like and which serves to unite the ornamental object to the backing or supporting plate or the like is, however, of the aforementioned non-drying type. While this variation is within the broad scope of my invention, it is not so satisfactory as the preferred embodiment of my invention which I have fully described heretofore.

It is to be understood that my invention is not to be limited other than by the terms of the appended claim and the prior art.

What I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent of the United States is:

Decorative material for application to theatrical and similar costumes, said decorative material being in the shape of an ornamental design of a type commonly employed for decorative purposes and comprising tape having a layer of adhesive on one side thereof, comminuted ornamental material imbedded in said adhesive so as to form a decorative surface, a layer of non-drying adhesive of the type employed on surgical tape attached to the opposite side of said tape, and a backing essentially entirely covering said non-drying adhesive, said backing having a slit therein and formed of relatively stiff material whereby such backing may be removed readily without causing the comminuted material to flake off or become roughened at the edges of the design, said non-drying adhesive being of such character that, when the backing is removed from the tape, the decorative material can readily be adhesively applied to the cloth of a costume and can readily be stripped therefrom without leaving a mark thereon.

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