

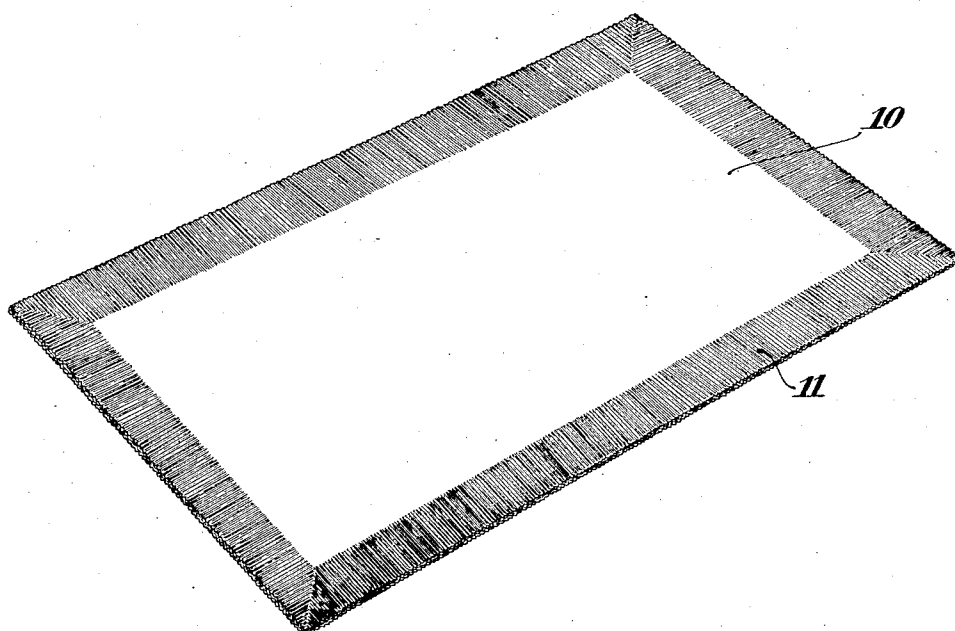
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The present invention relates to an improvement in bath mats.

A textile bath mat made of woven, pile or looped fabric is an expensive thing, and it is expensive not only in its first cost, but it requires to be washed at frequent intervals, resulting in continuously decreasing vividness of coloration due to fading. The laundry expense incident to the use of textile bath mats is by no means insignificant.

The object of the present invention is to produce a cheap bath mat of paper adapted for one use, inexpensive in first cost, and which may be renewed as inexpensively and probably at a less expense than the laundry charge for washing a textile mat. Or, if its renewal exceeds slightly the cost of laundering a textile bath mat, the added expense per month, or any given period of time, would be less because of the insignificant first cost. The invention consists in the paper bath mat hereinafter described and particularly defined in the claims.

The accompanying drawing is a perspective illustration of the invention.

The bath mat 10 of the present invention consists of a plurality of pieces of paper, all of the same size, the several layers being united at their margins by crimping or pressure. The crimped margin is shown at 11, and consists of a succession of little folds which extend through the several layers of the mat. The several layers of paper are associated together, and then the margins are subjected to pressure or a crimping operation by running the mat through fluted rollers or the like. This crimping secures the several layers together sufficiently for the purpose of use, that is to say, it holds the layers of the mat together when it is in stock and when the user is unfolding it and spreading it on the bathroom floor. After use the mat is simply gathered up and thrown into the waste basket.

The paper of which the mat is made will

preferably be somewhat thicker than ordinary tissue, and preferably it will consist of three or four layers of kraft paper having the edges united by crimping or otherwise. Another suitable material for the mat would be paper towel stock.

The mat may match the ordinary paper towel used in bathrooms and other places, and might be made of any desired color, thus, where a bathroom is finished in Chanel red, the mat may match the same, or be of some harmonizing color.

What is claimed is:

1. A bath mat comprising a plurality of layers of paper whose central portions are substantially plane and whose margins are formed into crimps whose edges are directed substantially outwardly from the center of said mat.

2. A bath mat comprising a plurality of layers of paper whose central portions are substantially plane and discrete and whose opposed margins are formed into crimps, the directions of the edges of which are substantially parallel and outward from the center of the said mat.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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