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FIG. 1

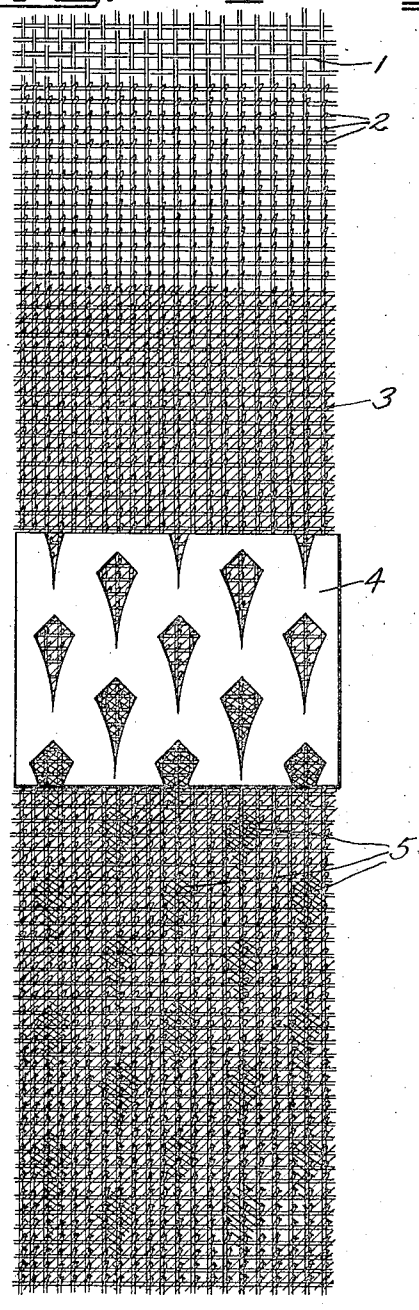
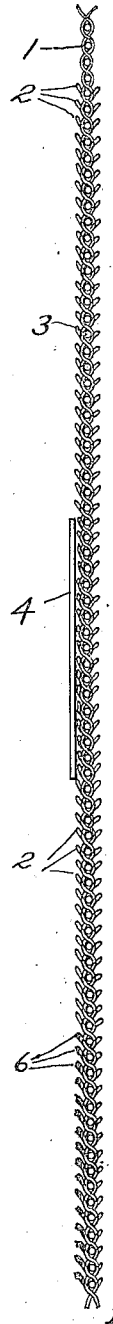


FIG. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN H. FLAGG, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Los Angeles, county of Los Angeles, and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Processes for Making Curtains, Draperies, and the like, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new process for making curtains, draperies and the like of an ornamental or decorative character, and has among its salient objects to provide an improved process for the manufacture of such articles.

In carrying out my improved process, I use what is known as terry cloth, or a woven fabric having uncut loops projecting from the side thereof, and in order to fully explain my process, I have shown on the accompanying sheet of drawings, a strip of curtain material with portions thereof in the different stages of the process of manufacture.

Figure 1 is a face view of a strip of material showing the different stages of the process; and

Figure 2 is an edge or sectional view thereof.

In carrying out my process, I use a fabric 1, having formed as part thereof, the loops, 2, the portions 1 and 2 of the drawings representing the natural cloth as it is manufactured, one kind of which is known as terry cloth. The section 3 of said strip of material represents the cloth after it has been dyed, the shade lines indicating purple. The whole piece being colored to any desired color as the first step in my process, if any other color is desired than the original color in which the material is manufactured.

Where a pattern is desired, the next step is to color the pattern thereon. This is done by means of a stencil, 4, a simple form being shown for illustrative purposes only. After the stencil is put in place, the coloring liquid is forced on to the fabric, through the stencil, by means of an air gun, or the like, whereby the coloring matter colors the body of the fabric and also the loops projecting therefrom. This is done while the curtain is stretched, the lower end of the curtain, as a rule being completed first and the entire curtain lowered as the work progresses. The patterns, designated 5, having been applied by the air gun, or other suitable instrument, so as to avoid matting or packing the loops of the fabric, a further decorative matter, 6, is applied to the loop ends by means of a brush, or other instrument. This matter may be a bronze mixture and when applied to the loops gives a beautiful effect.

Thus I have produced a process of making curtains, draperies and the like out of a very soft and flexible material which will hang in beautiful and uniform folds, and which can be economically manufactured and made to suit surrounding fixtures and structures, and be used for all purposes for which curtains are used.

I do not limit the invention, except as I may be limited by the hereto appended claims.

I claim:

1. The process of manufacturing curtains and the like which consists in using a fabric having loops of the material projecting from the surface thereof, coloring the fabric through a stencil by means of an air gun for forcing a liquid coloring into the fabric, and applying a decorative matter to the ends of the loops, whereby said decorative matter stands outermost.

2. The herein described process of making curtains and the like which consists in dyeing terry cloth and the like in a desired color, then forming patterns thereon by forcing liquor coloring matter on to said cloth, and then applying a decorative matter to the loops of said cloth, whereby said decorative matter stands out with said loops over the colored and decorated background, substantially as described.

3. The process of making curtains, draperies and the like which consists in using a fabric having material loops projecting from the surface thereof, and decorating the same by forcing liquid coloring matter thereinto in spray form and in forms, and

applying a bronze mixture to said loops over the colored pattern formed thereon, substantially as described.

4. The herein described process of making curtains, draperies and the like which consists in dyeing terry cloth to the desired color, then dyeing patterns thereon by using a spray of dyeing fluid forced into said cloth, and then applying a decorative matter to the ends of the loops projecting from said terry cloth, substantially as shown and described.

Signed at Los Angeles California, this 21st day of March, 1922.

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