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## IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FLOOR-CLOTHS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES B. HODGSKIN, of the city of New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Floor-Paper, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a paper covering for use on floors, which will be inexpensive, while it is neat in appearance, durable, and as well adapted to the purpose of covering floors as the ordinary floor oil-cloths, and made of paper of suitable thickness and sufficiently tough, (any ordinary thick paper will do,) prepared by the process invented by J. H. Green, and described in the Letters Patent granted to James B. Hodgskin, June 30, 1863, for an improved water-proof varnish for paper, cloths, &c., and having suitable designs printed upon its surface in oil or other colors. Oil-colors are preferred, though others may be used. The designs may be printed or painted on the prepared paper by the machinery used in printing the oil-cloths for floors now in use, or it may be done in any other way deemed best.

This will render the paper very tough and durable, so that it will be as well adapted to covering floors as the printed canvas commonly used, and cost very much less. The paper being properly printed with a design, it may be coated or varnished with the composition described in the above-named Letters Patent, in order to form a more durable surface, or it may be used without this subsequent coating, as may be preferred.

Having thus fully described my invention and the manner in which it may be usefully employed, I do not claim, broadly, painted or printed paper for use on floors as a covering; but

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, the paper described, when prepared as hereinbefore set forth.

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Witnesses:

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