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(54) Title: CELLULOSE ETHER SLURRIES ✓ (57) Abstract Slurries of water soluble cellulose ethers are disclosed. The slurries comprise particulate cellulose ethers in an oxygenated, organic carrier which is substantially a non-solvent for the cellulose ethers, a thickening agent and optionally surfactants and other ingredients. The ingredients contained in the slurries are compatible with the ingredients used in the manufacture of latex compositions, e.g., latex paints.		