During the Victorian period, the potteries produced tiles which were used to decorate fireplaces, stoves and pedestals (cases around heating coils). Tiles were, of course, used mainly for bathrooms, kitchens and floors.
Tiled register grates by Pryke & Palmer, 1896
“The Elements of Style,” Stephen Calloway (Ed), 1991
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Fine Cast and Berlin Blacked—
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Ten 6 in. Tiles are required for this Stove. Read page 54, and for selection of suitable Tiles, see Lithographed Drawings.

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Cast-iron grate with tile side panels, O’Brien catalogue, 1891
(Herbert & Huggins)
Moulded fireplace by Maw & Co in the Renaissance style, c.1870 (Herbert & Huggins)

Tiled fireplace surround by Jackfield, c.1900 (Herbert & Huggins)
Sample of Pryke & Palmer’s range of decorative multi-coloured tiles
(Calloway)
Fireplace designed by Digby Wyatt designed for the 1862 International Exhibition in London set with Maw’s majolica tiles (Herbert & Huggins)

Cast-iron register grate with floral tiled cheeks, London, c.1880 (Calloway)
Tiled fireplace in the Living Room at Cragside, the home of Sir William Armstrong; the house was centrally heated and fitted with the electric light by Swan (Calloway)
Ceramic stove designed by A W N Pugin for the Medieval Court at the Great Exhibition, 1851, using pierced majolica tiles by Minton (Herbert & Huggins)
Cast-iron radiator covers incorporating Maw’s pierced tiles by the Coalbrookdale Company, c.1870 (Herbert & Huggins)