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IMPROVEMENT IN LAMBREQUINS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY M. JOHNSTON, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Lambrequin; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

Lambrequins have been in use for a long time, and it is generally conceded that there is nothing that adds more to the adornment of rooms; yet, owing to their expense, arising from the use of the costly materials of which they are made, many people of refined taste and love of the beautiful are prevented using them.

My invention consists in making a lambrequin having a body of paper, or paper and cloth combined, the paper surface of which I ornament in any suitable manner.

By the use of my invention I am enabled to manufacture lambrequins out of paper, or paper and cloth combined, ornamented in close imitation of silk, satin, cloth, velvet, and other suitable materials, with imitation trimmings of gimp, lace, cording, gilding, bronzing, and other suitable ornamentation, and at such a reduced cost that all persons of limited means may enjoy their use.

I will now proceed to describe my invention, so as to enable others skilled in the art to fully understand and make use of the same.

In the production of my improved lambrequins, I use one or more sheets or layers of paper of varying or equal thickness, or of various qualities and fineness, and I unite the sheets together with paste, glue, or other suitable adhesive mixture, and, if it is desirable to give extra strength to the lambrequin, I then embody one or more sheets of cloth with or between the sheets of paper; or I back the paper up with cloth.

The sheets of paper, or paper and cloth, can be easily united by first wetting them, and applying the adhesive mixture to the surface of the sheets by means of a brush, and then pressing them together in any convenient manner, and allowing them to dry.

After drying, the combined sheets of paper, or paper and cloth, are passed through calendering-rolls, to smooth and flatten their surface.

The outline of the lambrequin is then printed on the single sheet of paper, or paper and cloth, or the combined sheets of paper, from which it is then cut by means of dies, shears, or in any convenient manner.

The lambrequin having been thus produced from paper, or paper and cloth combined, I then decorate or ornament its surface with flocking, or any suitable water or oil-colors, or in any other desirable manner.

Very rich and beautiful variations in the decoration can be obtained by gilding, bronzing, or printing in designs with various colors.

The design of the lambrequin may be decorated upon the surface of the paper, or paper and cloth, and, after the decoration is finished, it may then be cut; but I prefer cutting the lambrequin before decorating it, in which case the edges can be covered in the process of the decoration.

The paper and cloth may be stained or died before being united, and, when combined with the adhesive mixture and dried, may be made into lambrequins with no further ornamentation other than printing the border.

Texture and quality of various materials of which lambrequins are now made can be imitated by embossing with rolls, dies, or in any other suitable manner.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The new article of manufacture—a lambrequin made of paper, or paper and cloth combined.

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