This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in drapes, such as curtains, portières, or the like, and has for its particular object the provision of means whereby the body of the drapes or the like may be folded or pleated into a given design and having associated means for permanently holding the draped curtain or the like, in such design as formed.

A further object of the invention is the method or manner of pleating or folding the body of a drape, curtain, portière, or the like, into a given design by the arranging of the pleats or folds and stitching the latter to provide pockets of any length or width, and a filler for said pockets to assure the maintaining of the pleats or folds in their given fixed position.

Hitherto it has been the practice in the creating of designs in drapes or the like, to pleat them in series so that they may hang in a given position, and it is the intention of the present invention to provide a means whereby these pleats or folds can be so arranged that they will be maintained in their designed position at all times.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a drape, curtain or the like, having the body thereof provided with pleats or folds at relatively spaced distance apart, providing individual pockets by virtue of stitching the contacting portions of the pleat or fold of the body together.

This consequently forms a pocket which produces a fixed pleat or fold in a given design, and in these pockets can be inserted fillers of any material suitable for the purpose to hold said pleats or folds in their set positions.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, pointed out in the accompanying drawing, and claimed.

In the drawing,

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of my improved drape as made in accordance with this invention;

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view, taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary, front elevational view, partly broken away to show the pleat constituting a pocket and a filler therein; and

Figure 4 is a fragmentary, side elevational view, illustrating the manner of stitching.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 indicates the body of a drape, curtain or the like, and said body provided at relatively spaced distances with outwardly projecting folds or pleats 2, the contacting edges of said folded or pleats 2 being held together as at 3, by suitable stitches 4, or other fastening means suitable for the purpose.

It can be readily seen that by virtue of the stitches or fastening means 4, the pleats or folds 2 are formed into circles or other configurations to form pockets or compartments 5 in which, if desired, may be arranged a suitable filler 7 made of any pliable material suitable for the purpose.

The particular design shown is the set of drapes 1 supported to a window or door casing 6 by suitable hanging means 7, and provided with a suitable valance or swag 8. This particular design shows a drape or curtain having its folds or pleats formed therein in such a manner as to cause them to be fixed in their given design and by virtue of the stitches or fastening elements said pleats or folds will be held in such fixed position.

It is to be understood that the variance of the design may be changed so long as the spirit and scope of the claims are conformed to.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

1. A drape of the class described, comprising a body portion, said body portion provided with a series of pleats, the contacting edges of said pleats being secured together to provide pockets, and means in said pockets to give a fixed design to said drapes.

2. A drape of the class described, having its body portion provided with a series of relatively spaced pleats, said pleats having their contacted edges secured together to define pockets, and a filler for said pockets whereby said pleats may be held in a given design.

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DISCLAIMER


Hereby enters this disclaimer to claim 1 of the said Letters Patent.

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