

[54] **TEMPORARY CURTAINS**
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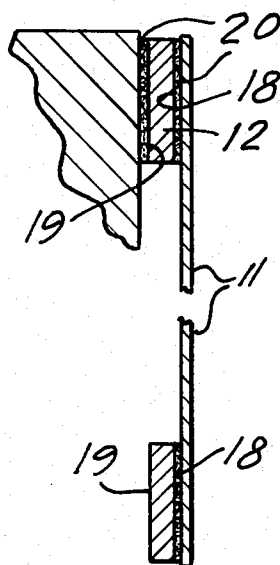
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[57] **ABSTRACT**
A temporary drapery or curtain kit consisting of two elongated strips of stiffener material having an adhesive coating of one or both sides thereof and a sheet of paper curtain material, the strips being attachable to the curtain material and at least one of said strips being attachable to both the curtain material and a housing wall.

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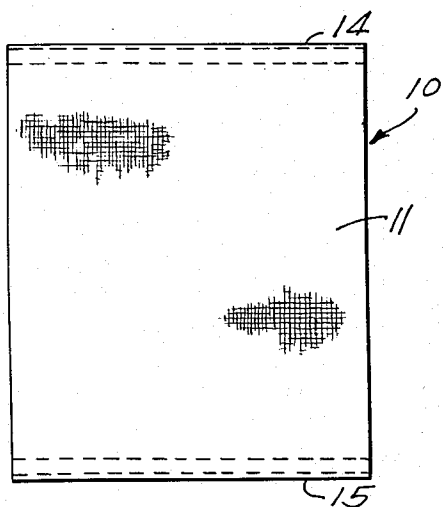


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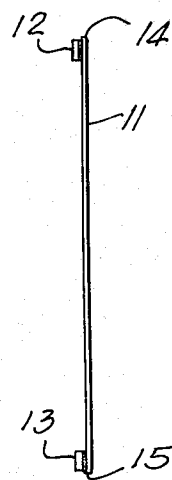


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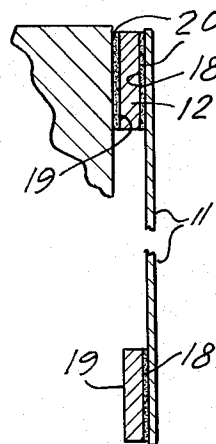


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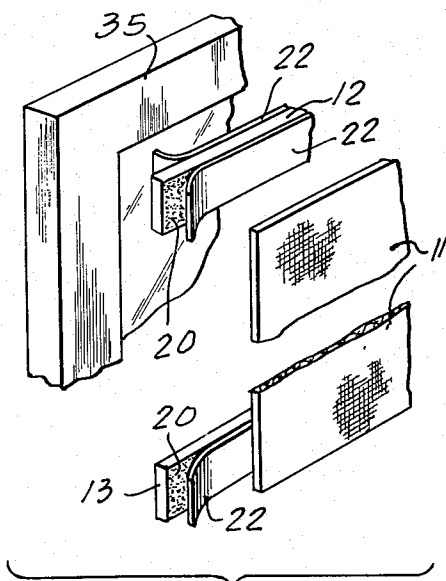


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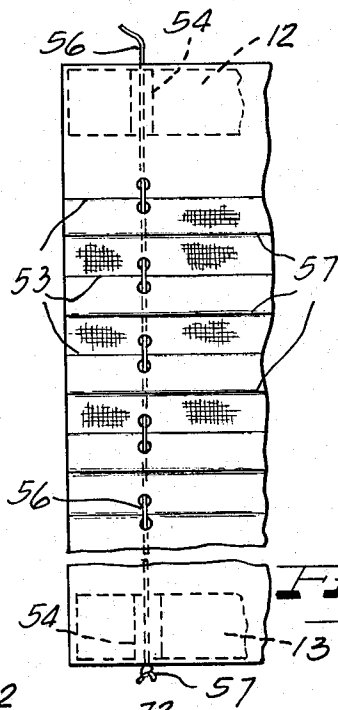


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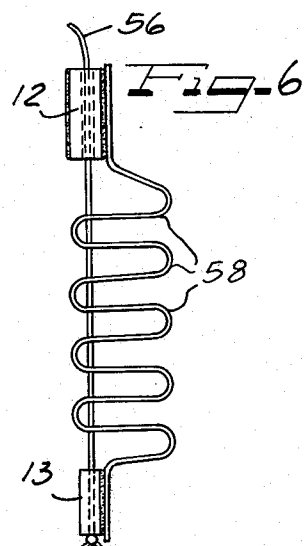


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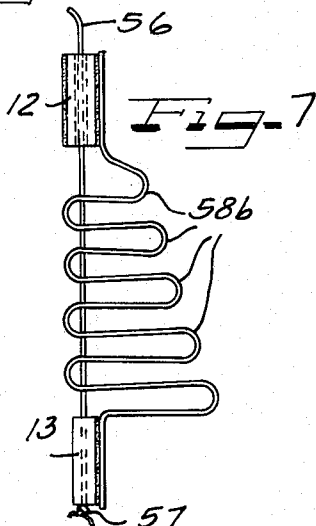
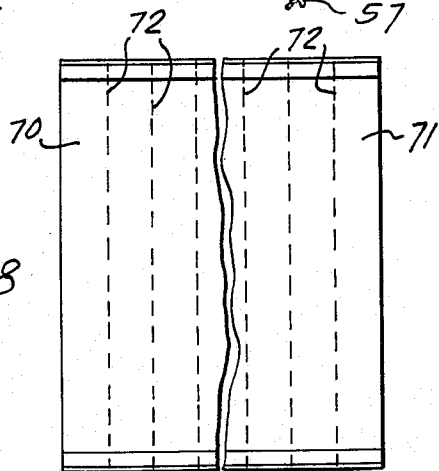


Fig. 7

TEMPORARY CURTAINS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

This invention relates to draperies and more particularly to temporary drapery structures.

2. Prior Art

Draperies are a major expense of any apartment or homeowner or renter. Further, pre-made draperies are often not purchased until after a new owner or renter has moved in and had an opportunity to finalize the room decor. The same is true of made to order draperies which, however, have the added disadvantage of taking a considerable period of time to acquire.

The result of this, is that there exists a need for temporary window coverings to be installed for the period of time between taking possession of an apartment or home and the installation of permanent draperies.

Quite often, people have solved this problem by pasting up newspapers, hanging sheets or the like over windows or soaping windows or the like to limit view there-through. Such temporary structures are inconvenient and lacking in aesthetics.

While it has been suggested to manufacture draperies out of paper, thereby reducing the cost, and while decorative papers are available in the open market, a simple, economical and sturdy kit for the erection of temporary draperies made of paper products has not heretofore been available.

SUMMARY

My invention provides an economical solution to this problem. I provide a drapery material made of paper which may be imprinted with designs or supplied in solid colors. Along with the drapery material, I provide stiffening and attaching strips consisting of elongated strips of cardboard or the like stiff material which have an adhesive attached to front and rear faces thereof. The adhesive is preferably covered by a removable strip of protecting material. One of the strips serves as an attachment strip for attaching the paper curtain material to the wall adjacent to the window or to the window frame by the adhesive. The other strip serves as a stiffening and weighting device and is attached to the bottom of the drapery material to insure that the drapery material will hang correctly. Since the drapery material is paper or the like inexpensive cuttable material, and since the strips are formed of an easily cuttable material, it is possible to provide a single kit for sale in the market place which will be usable for most windows and which will be extremely economical and usable by even the most mechanically inexperienced homeowner.

In other embodiments, my temporary drapery kit can include means for lowering and raising the drapes and maintaining them in a raised or semi-raised position, and can include tearable perforations on both the drapery material and the strips to allow the finished drape to easily conform to the window size.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide temporary draperies.

It is a more important object of this invention to provide a temporary drapery kit which is economical, yet aesthetically pleasing.

It is another and more specific object of this invention to provide temporary draperies made of paper and associated with attachment and stiffening strips which

are pre-gummed for attachment to the drapery material and for attachment of the material to a wall structure.

It is yet another more specific object of this invention to provide a kit for temporary draperies comprising a sheet or roll of paper drapery material and two elongated fastening strips, one of which is pre-gummed on front and back sides for attachment to both a wall structure and the drapery material and the other of which is gummed on at least one side for attachment to the drapery material at the bottom thereof, to insure that the drapery material will hang correctly.

It is another and more important object of this invention to provide temporary draperies constructed of paper having pre-gummed attachment strips for use therewith and having cord means for raising and lowering the draperies as desired.

It is yet another important object of this invention to provide a paper temporary drapery kit including drapery material and attaching strips, the drapery material being pre-creased and being usable with a raising cord attached to one of the strips and passing through the other of said strips to raise and lower the drape whereby the drape will fold along the crease line.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Other objects, features and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent from the following description of a preferred embodiment thereof, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, although variations and modifications may be effected without departing from the spirit and scope of the novel concepts of the disclosure, and in which:

FIG. 1 is a plan view of a temporary drapery according to this invention;

FIG. 2 is a side view of the temporary drapery of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary cross-sectional view of the temporary drapery of FIGS. 1 and 2 as attached to a wall structure;

FIG. 4 is prospective fragmentary view of the temporary view of the temporary drapery kit of this invention as it is attachable to a window frame;

FIG. 5 is a view of a modified form of this invention equipped with drapery raising and lowering means;

FIG. 6 is a side view similar to FIG. 5 illustrating the drapery as partially raised;

FIG. 7 is a view similar to FIG. 6 illustrating a different creasing of the drapery material;

FIG. 8 is a fragmentary plan view of a drapery material which is pre-perforated.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

FIG. 1 illustrates a plan view of a temporary curtain 10 according to this invention. The curtain is shown as viewed from the interior of a room having the temporary curtain positioned over a window opening.

As best illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 2, the curtain consists of a sheet of curtain or drapery material 11 and two stiffener strips 12 and 13 attachable to the drapery material 11 at the top 14 and bottom 15 thereof.

The drapery material is preferably of a substantial thickness having a reasonable degree of opaqueness. Further, the drapery material may be constructed of a paper having a textured or woven look to it and may be colored or imprinted with a decorative print if desired.

It has been found that KIM paper, manufactured and sold by the Kimberley-Clark Company is acceptable.

The stiffeners 12 and 13 consists of strips of a relatively stiff substance which, however, is easily trimmed or cut to size. It has been found that heavy weight cardboard will function adequately and particularly paper products such as corrugated box cardboard can be used.

The stiffeners 12 and 13, as illustrated in FIGS. 3 and 4 are coated on one or both of the front and back faces 18 and 19, with an adhesive 20. The adhesive is preferably of the rubber cement type or of similar adhesive material readily available to the trade. The adhesive facing 20 is covered initially with a removable strip of paper 22 which may be waxed or otherwise coated for easy removal without disturbing the adhesive.

A temporary drapery kit according to this invention, consists of a single sheet or rolled length of curtain or drapery material 11 and two such strips 12 and 13. At least one of the strips must be adhesively coated on both the front and back sides of the strip material. This double coated strip 12 will normally be attached at the top of the draperies while a second strip 13, which can be coated on only the front face, will normally function as a stiffener at the bottom of the drapery.

The drapery is assembled, as illustrated in FIG. 4, by peeling the paper 22 away from the stiffener 12. The stiffener then has a back face 19 applied to the window frame 35 or the wall adjacent a window frame. The top 14 of the drapery material is then applied to the adhesive 20 on the front face 18 of the strip 12 across the length thereof.

In order to assure that the drapery material will hang properly, the strip 13 is applied at the bottom 15 of the drapery material across the width thereof by removal of the paper covering 22, so that the adhesive coating 30 on the front face of the strip 13 will adhere to the back side of the drapery material.

It can therefore be seen that my kit will provide decorative temporary draperies which are easy to assemble and install and which are economical to manufacture. Since the product consists of mass manufacturable paper products and adhesive, it is anticipated that the retail price of a drapery kit would be well within the means of the majority of the population for the use as an essentially disposable item.

It will be understood that this product can be manufactured and sold with a single width and length of drapery material and two stiffener strips having a length equal to the width of the drapery material. Because of the paper construction of the components, the kit can then be cut to the desired size to fit whatever opening it is desired to be positioned over. This eliminates the need of stocking a large number of lengths and widths. Of course it is to be understood that the kit could initially be sold with a given quantity of drapery material and with plurality of stiffener material strips. It is not necessary that the strip at the top or the bottom of the drapery material be as long as the drapery material is wide. A plurality of such strips could be applied at both the top and bottom if desired. Further, of course, a single kit could be sold having sufficient drapery material and stiffening strips to cover a number of windows.

In FIGS. 5, 6, and 7, I have illustrated a modification of this invention which allows the installed drapery to be raised and lowered as desired.

The material 50 of the modified form of this invention is creased across the width of the material as at 51. Openings 52 are provided on either side of the creases 51 adjacent side edges 53 of the curtain material. Bores 54 extending from the top to the bottom of the stiffening strips 12 and 13 are also provided. When the temporary drapery is assembled it is assembled with bores 54 aligned with the openings 52. Thereafter threading a cord 56 through the bores and the openings 52 and tying off the cord at the bottom 57 of the drape, provides a temporary curtain which can be drawn up as illustrated in FIG. 6 by pulling the length of cord 56 projecting from the top through the bore 54 of the top strip 12. The creasing 51 assures that the drapery material will loop properly as is illustrated at 58 in FIG. 6. It is not necessary to provide separate bores 54 if the strips of stiffening material are formed out of corrugated interlayered cardboard with the corrugations running from top to bottom of the strip. By running the cord through the strips, the top strip provides a point around which the cord can slide when drawing the drape up and the bottom strip provides an anchoring point for anchoring the cord. In addition, by providing the bore 54 through the top strip 12, the strip can be attached to both the drapery material and the wall without interfering with the movement of the cord.

FIG. 7 illustrates a modification of the embodiments of FIGS. 5 and 6 where the dimensions between the crease lines increases from the top to the bottom of the drape so that the folds 58B will increase in width as illustrated. Of course it will be understood that FIG. 7 is diagrammatic and that in the normal course the folds 58B will fall downwardly providing a wave effect when the drape is viewed from the front. The raised curtain can be maintained in its raised position either by tying off the free length of the cord at the top in a knot larger than the bore 54 or by attaching a device such as a paper clip to the cord which is larger than the bore.

The pre-creasing of the drape assures that it will fold properly and is advantageous in view of the relatively stiff nature of paper products.

FIG. 8 illustrates a further embodiment where side peripheral portions 70 and 71 of the drapes are scored or perforated along vertical lines 72 so that the drape may be easily ripped to size. The perforations are also provided in the stiffening strips so that they can be ripped to corresponding lengths. It is to be understood, of course, that the perforations can also be provided adjacent to one end of the length of the drapery material to provide for ease of tearing to the desired length. In that case, the perforations or score line could correspond to the crease marks provided for in the embodiments of FIGS. 5, 6, and 7.

It should therefore be appreciated that my above described invention provides a temporary curtain constructed of a sheet or roll of paper or paper like curtain material and a plurality of strips of stiffener material having adhesive applied to at least one front or back face thereof. Modifications include means for raising and lowering the drapes and for assuring that the drapes will fold along given lines when raised. It will be appreciated that the scoring to provide for proper folding can be done either only along the inside loops or both inside and outside loops of the folded drape.

Although the teachings of my invention have herein been discussed with reference to specific theories and embodiments, and although illustrative means for ac-

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completing explained results have been described, it is to be understood that these are by way of illustration only and that others may wish to utilize my invention in different designs or applications.

I claim as my invention:

1. A temporary drapery assembly comprising, in combination, a sheet of paper drapery material having a top and a bottom, and a pair of stiffening strips, each of which comprises a length of easily cuttable multi-sheet paper laminate stiffening material having a back and a front surface coated on one of said surfaces with an adhesive, at least one of the stiffening strips being coated on both of said surfaces with adhesive, the adhesive being covered by a removable paper strip, the stiffening strips dimensioned to be attachable to the drapery material adjacent a top and a bottom edge of the drapery material to stiffen the same, the attachment being by the adhesive, the stiffening material having a thickness from the back to the front surface at least twice the thickness of the drapery material whereby,

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when attached to the drapery material, the stiffening strips function to stiffen the top and bottom edges of the drapery material while providing weight to the bottom edge of the drapery material to keep the drapery material taught between the stiffening strips.

2. The drapery assembly of claim 1, wherein the drapery material has perforations therethrough, the perforations aligned in a vertical line from adjacent the top edge to adjacent the bottom edge thereof, the stiffening strips having bores therethrough running transverse the length of the strip, the bores alignable with the perforations, a cord receivable through said perforations and said bores, the cord being of a length sufficient to extend from a stiffening strip attached to the bottom edge of the drapery material through all of the perforations and through a stiffening strip attached adjacent the top edge of the drapery material when the drapery material is in a full extended condition.

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