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Fig. 1

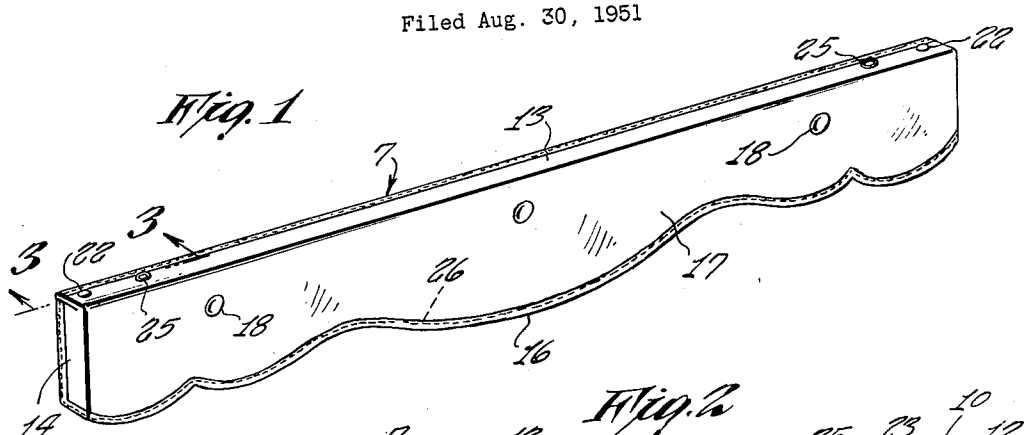


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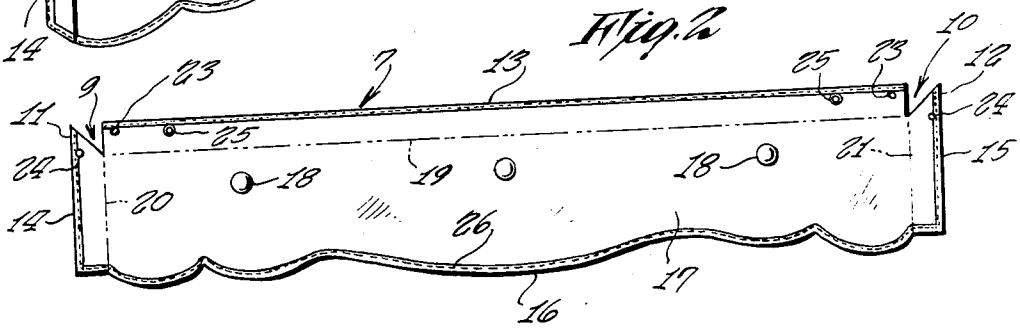


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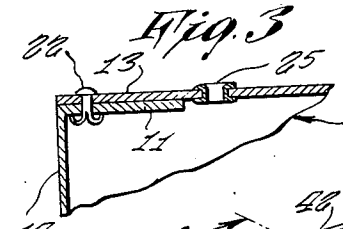
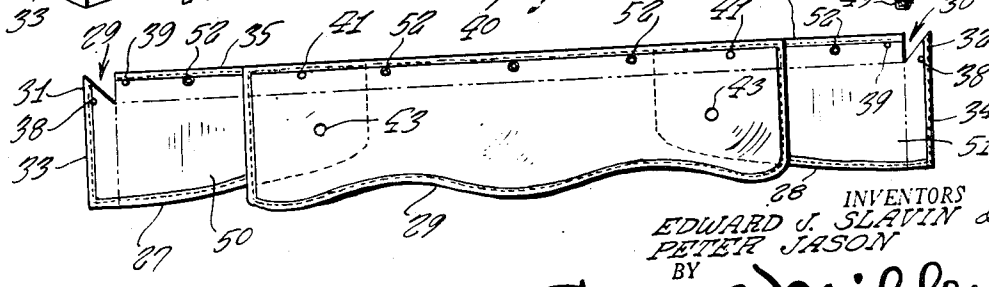


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The present invention relates to ornamental cornices and the like for windows and doorways, and particularly to a special cornice construction that we prefer to term an ornamental cornice.

The main object of our invention is to provide a window or doorway with a cornice that is more or less ornamental and serves to impart a finished appearance to the window thus equipped.

An equally important object is to provide a window cornice of simple construction that is low in cost and yet as serviceable as cornices of more costly construction and materials.

It is also an object of our invention to have a cornice that may be constructed for a single or a double window.

A further object is to construct such a low cost cornice for a window from plastic, filling material, corrugated cardboard and covered buttons.

Other objects and advantages of our invention will appear as the specification proceeds.

In order to facilitate ready comprehension of this invention for a proper appreciation of the salient features thereof, the invention is illustrated on the accompanying drawing forming part hereof, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a window cornice or ornamental cornice made according to the invention and embodying the same in a practical form;

Figure 2 is an elevation of the same cornice in initial flat condition; prior to being shaped into finished form as in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary vertical section as taken on line 3—3 in Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of the invention when the cornice is adapted for a double window;

Figure 5 is an initial flat view of the same cornice prior to being shaped into final form as shown in Figure 4; and

Figure 6 is a vertical section taken on line 6—6 in Figure 4.

Throughout the views, the same reference numerals indicate the same or like parts.

Cornices for windows and even the tops of doorways have become well known as desirable ornamentation of the rooms of a dwelling, but as a rule, they have the drawback of being somewhat expensive, so that general adoption is largely prevented by their cost. Upon considering this problem, it occurred to us to depart from conventional cornice construction and adopt another of our own conception as already outlined. As a result, we have succeeded in producing a low cost, yet attractive and serviceable window cornice, as will now be set forth more fully in the following.

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Hence, in the practice of our invention, and referring also again to the drawing, in Figure 2 is shown a substantially rectangular piece of corrugated cardboard generally indicated at 7 with a pair of corresponding corner notches 9 and 10 cut at 45° angles to form two lugs 11 and 12 and a top edge portion and two side edges at 13 and 14, 15. The lower edge 16 of the board is cut to form an ornamental profile in a symmetrical manner and the entire periphery of the board finished by securing a co-extensive sheet of plastic 17 thereon and inserting upholstering filling such as Tufflex or wood fiber filler, or even cotton to produce a raised effect upon the surface plastic. Covered buttons 18, 18 with self locking nails are preferably attached at predetermined points upon the cornice to balance the ornamental appearance of the same, being plastic covered.

The top edge 13 is bent rearwardly along a fold line 19, while the side edges or ends 14 and 15 are rearwardly bent along vertical fold lines 20 and 21, and the lugs 11 and 12 bent beneath top edge 13. The lugs are fastened in this position by spread fasteners 22, 22 fixed in holes 23, 23, 24, 24 in the lugs and top edge of the cornice. In addition, in the top are fixed a pair of grommets or eyes 25, 25 for receiving nails or the like in order to mount the cornice on the window frame.

As already intimated, the outside edges of the board with the plastic in place are finished by sewing or stitching the plastic all around at 26, for example, the cornice being light as a whole and readily handled and set up into position.

A modification is shown in Figures 4 to 6, wherein the principles of construction are virtually the same as in the cornice of Figures 1 to 3, but is intended for use with double windows. Thus, in Figure 5 is shown a three section flat board construction consisting of two end sections 27, 28 and a central section 29. Upon the ends of sections 27 and 28 are corner notches 29, 30 forming lugs 31 and 32 and end edges 33 and 34 as well as top edges 35 and 36. The lugs 31 and 32 are bent down beneath top edges 35 and 36 and the latter also bent rearwardly and secured to the lugs by self locking or spread fasteners 37, 37 extending through holes 38, 38, 39, 39. Top edge 40 of central section 29 has a pair of holes 41, 41 for receiving two further spread fasteners 42, 42 which extend also down through

top edges **35** and **36** of the end sections, while two lower holes **43, 43** for receiving two plastic covered buttons **44, 44** are disposed in the plastic sheet and the board of section **29** in such manner that the self locking buttons **44** may extend through the end sections **27** and **28** at appropriate points to allow initial adjustment of these end sections according to the width of the window involved. The central section, at least is provided not only with a plastic surfacing material **46** but also with upholstering stuffing **47** while the edges **48, 49** are finished by sewing or stitching on a machine, if desired. The end sections may be similarly provided with plastic surfacing sheets **50, 51** and stitched at the edges, the stuffing being included or omitted, as desired. Grommets **52** serve as before.

It is also possible to bind the edges without machine sewing or stitching, for we may instead use the plastic heat sealing or applying some adhesive material, for which some plastics serve well.

From the foregoing, it is evident that we may make a single window cornice or double window cornice of light and low cost materials but yet very attractive and serviceable, despite the presence on the market of cornices made of wood and plastic covered and upholstered and tufted.

Manifestly, variations may be resorted to and parts and features may be modified or used without others within the scope of the appended claim.

Having now fully described our invention, we claim:

A window cornice including a paper board having the ends and top edge thereof bent rearwardly and secured together, a plastic surface sheet upon the paper board with a plurality of covered buttons fastened to intermediate portions of the board upon said plastic sheet and finished edges upon the board and plastic sheet.

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