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SEMITRANSSPARENT SHOWER CURTAIN

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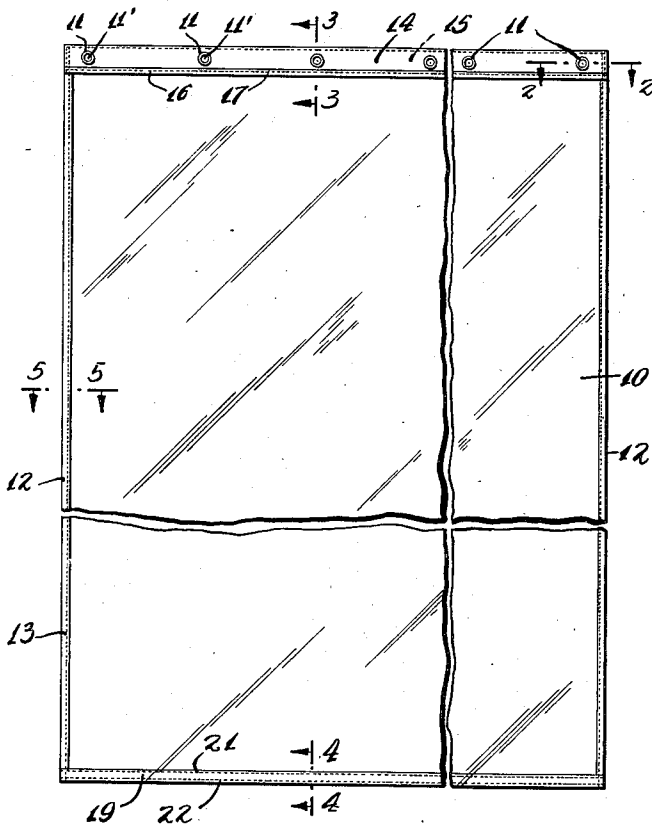


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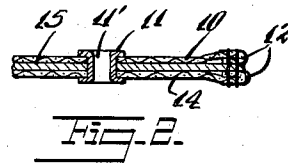


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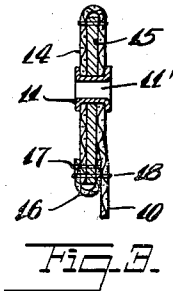


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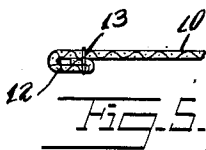


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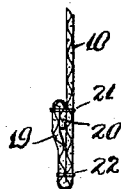


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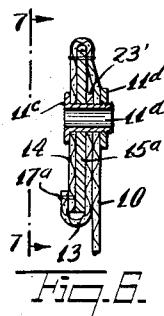


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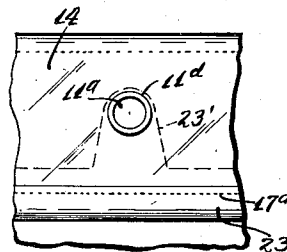


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SEMI-TRANSPARENT SHOWER CURTAIN

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a semi-transparent shower curtain.

The invention has for an object the construction of a shower curtain which is characterized by the fact that it is formed from sheet material of prepared semi-transparent or semi-translucent silk (oil treated silk).

A further object of the invention is to reinforce the edges of said sheet material, preferably by bending portions thereof and securing the bent portions down with stitches.

Still further the invention contemplates the association of cloth material encased in turned portions along the top edge of the shower curtain for providing a solid foundation in which supporting eyelets may be mounted.

Still further the invention contemplates the association of eyelets along the top edge portion of the shower curtain by which it may be supported on the frame in a shower bath.

Another object of the invention is the construction of an article as mentioned which is simple and durable and which may be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

For further comprehension of the invention and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:—

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary front elevational view of a shower curtain constructed according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary horizontal sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary enlarged vertical sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary enlarged vertical sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary horizontal sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary view similar to Fig. 3, but illustrating a modified construction.

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary elevational view of Fig. 6 looking in the direction of the line 7—7 thereof.

The shower curtain, according to this invention, comprises a very thin sheet material 10 of prepared semi-transparent or semi-translucent silk material. One form of this material may be an oil treated silk sheet. This material may be produced in various and all colors and

subjected to a chemical treatment in a bath of film forming composition which impregnates the fibres of the fabric and renders it smooth, tough, glossy and water-proof and acts as a preservative against deterioration of the silk fibres, and preserves its property of translucency. Water will not adhere to this fabric, so that in the event the shower curtain becomes wet, the surplus water can be readily shaken off when it is desired to remove the curtain for folding and prevents the rotting of the fabric occasioned by the retention of moisture. At the top, the shower curtain is provided with reinforced openings 11' by which it may be suspended.

The openings 11' comprise the central openings of eyelets 11. The sides of the sheet 10 have portions 12 bent inwards as shown in Fig. 5 and secured down with lines of stitches 13. At the top the sheet material has a portion 14 bent downwards and over a reinforcement strip 15. This reinforcement strip may be lining material or similar material. A binding strip 16 is secured by a line of stitches 17 to the lower edge of the material portion 14 and the lower edge of the reinforcement strip 15. Another line of stitches 18 is engaged through the binding 16 and the body portion of the sheet 10. The eyelets 11 are mounted at spaced intervals along the top of the shower curtain through the downturned portion 14, the reinforcement material 15, and the upper portion of the sheet 10.

The bottom edge of the sheet 10 is finished by a portion 19 thereof being bent upwards. This upward portion has an inturned edge portion which is secured down by a line of stitches 21. Another line of stitches 22 sewed down the bent edge at the back of the sheet.

A feature of the construction resides in the fact that the oiled silk material, which is waterproof, completely encases the fabric reinforcement material 15 which is not waterproof. Thus, this non-waterproof material is shielded from becoming wet when the curtain is in use.

In Figs. 6 and 7 a modification of the invention has been disclosed in which an arrangement is provided by which the reinforcement strip 15^a may be removed and replaced when desired. According to this form of the invention the shower sheet 10 has a downturned portion 14 which is secured at its edge by a line of stitches 17^a to a strip of material 23. This strip of material 23 is oil treated silk or other waterproof material. It is provided with a plurality of protruding portions 23' which extend upwards to the eyelets 11^a. The eyelets 11^a are of the come-apart type. They

engage through the downward bent portion 14, the reinforcement material 15^a, the protruding portion 23', and the sheet material 10. Each eyelet comprises a flanged tubular portion 11^c 5 threadedly engaging a flange element 11^d.

When the eyelets 11^a are opened the strip portion 23 may be lowered and the strip 15^a removed and replaced. It may be replaced with different types of material to suit specific requirements.

10 While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications 15 coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:—

20 1. A semi-transparent shower curtain, comprising sheet material of prepared semi-transparent or semi-transparent silk material, and reinforced openings at the top side by which it may be supported, said reinforced openings comprising 25 the openings in eyelets mounted through said sheet material.

2. A semi-transparent shower curtain, comprising oil treated silk sheet material having its sides formed with bent in edge portions stitched down, 30 at the top said sheet material being formed with a downturned portion, a reinforcing strip between the downturned portion and said sheet material, and eyelets engaged through said downturned portion, the reinforcement strip and said sheet 35 material.

3. A semi-transparent shower curtain, comprising oil treated silk sheet material having its sides formed with bent in edge portions stitched down, at the top said sheet material being formed with

a downturned portion, a reinforcing strip between the downturned portion and said sheet material, and eyelets engaged through said downturned portion, the reinforcement strip and said sheet material, and a binding strip secured to the edge 5 of the downturned portion and the bottom edge of said reinforcement strip.

4. In a semi-transparent shower curtain, semi-transparent silk sheet material having a top portion bent downwards, a strip attached to the edge 10 of said top portion and extended upwards beneath the top portion, a reinforcement strip of material encased between said upward extending strip and said downturned portion, and removable eyelets engaged through said downturned portion, the reinforcement strip, the upturned strip 15 and said sheet material.

5. In a semi-transparent shower curtain, semi-transparent silk sheet material having a top portion bent downwards, a strip attached to the edge 20 of said top portion and extended upwards beneath the top portion, a reinforcement strip of material encased between said upward extending strip and said downturned portion, and removable eyelets engaged through said downturned 25 portion, the reinforcement strip, the upturned strip and said sheet material, said removable eyelets, comprising a flanged tubular portion threadedly engaging another flange.

6. In a semi-transparent shower curtain, a 30 semi-transparent silk sheet material having a top portion bent downwards, a strip extending upward beneath said top portion, a row of stitches holding said strip fast to the lower edge of said top portion, a reinforcement strip encased between said strip and said top portion, a removable 35 eyelet engaging through said members to allow said reinforcement strip to be removed.

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