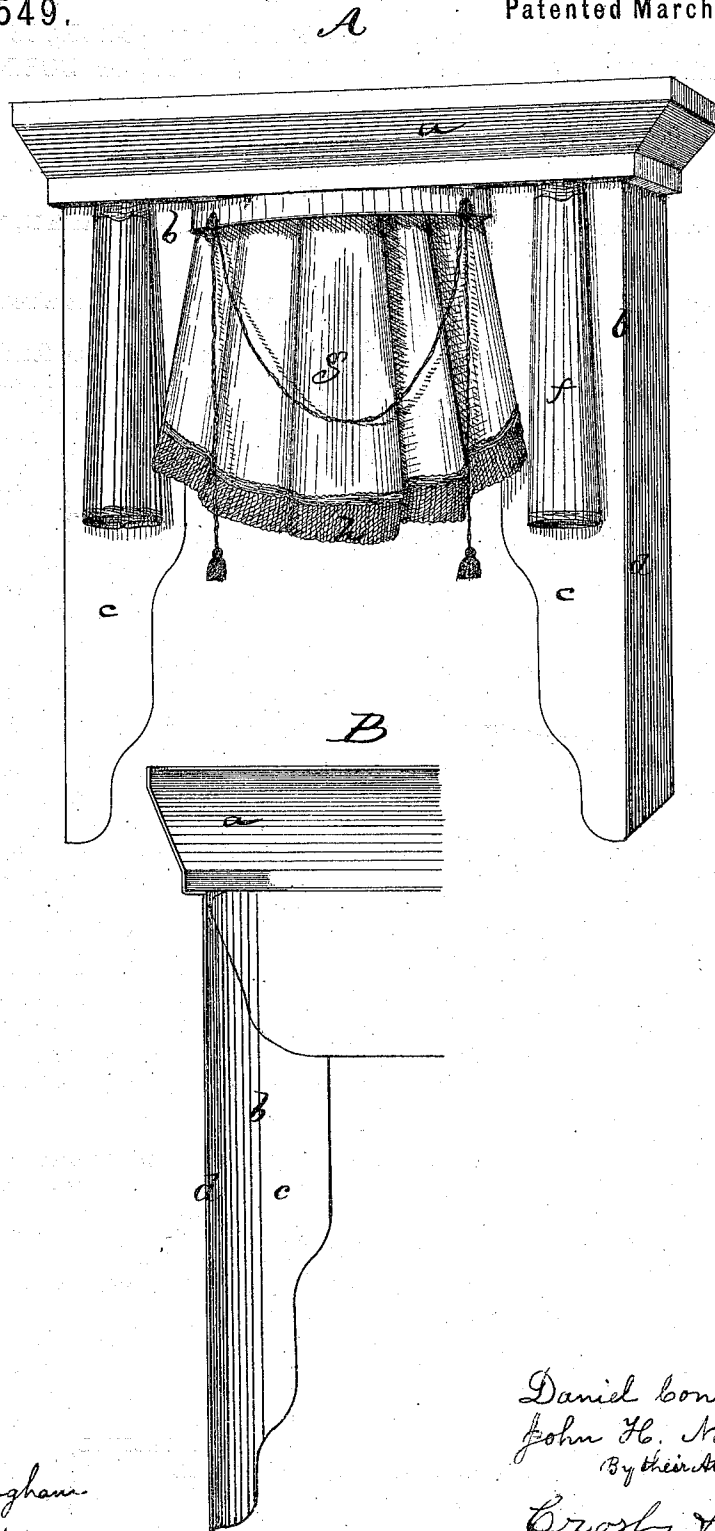


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IMPROVEMENT IN WINDOW-CORNICES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, DANIEL CONY, of Augusta, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine, and JOHN H. NORCROSS, of Melrose, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Window-Cornices and Valances; and we do hereby declare that the following, taken in connection with the drawing which accompanies and forms part of this specification, is a description of our invention sufficient to enable those skilled in the art to practice it.

In making decorations for window-curtains or draperies, it is customary to use for the fixed or stationary head-pieces, cornices, valances, and lambrequins, formed of wood-work and cloth to surmount the lighter hanging draperies or drapery curtains, such pieces being very expensive, especially when made considerably ornate.

Our invention has reference to a construction by which the said cornice and valance work shall be made much cheaper than when formed of wood and cloth, but shall be so made without lessening the richness or endurance of the work.

In our invention we form a cornice or cornice-frame of thick, hard, stiff paper or pasteboard, cut, bent, pressed and formed to proper shape, and from this cornice depends a valance-frame, which is also formed of stiff paper or pasteboard bent into suitable form. The cornice and the valance-frames being thus made, and being preferably formed of paste-board, the inner surfaces, angles, and seams are covered with paper cemented to the pasteboard, so that all the angles and bends of the work are made rigid and permanent, and the outer surface is covered with flock and velvet and gilt paper, or other paper having a rich surface representing velvet or other suitable material of which draperies are generally made. It is in this construction that our invention consists.

The drawing represents a window-drapery frame embodying our construction.

A shows a front view of the valance, cornice,

and lambrequins. B is a rear view of one side thereof.

a denotes the cornice formed of stiff pasteboard, having angular bends, and having all of its parts secured together, so as to insure a permanency of form. *b* denotes the valance depending from this cornice, said valance being made of pasteboard, with front portions *c* configuratively cut, and with side or end portions *d* bent at right angles to the front portions. Each part *a b* being thus made and the two parts being connected firmly together, and each having suitable stays or appliances cemented to it at its inner angles to keep it in form, the whole outer surface is covered with ornamental paper or other material, the front side of the valance being, if desirable, provided with ornamental pieces or pipes *f*, similarly formed of pasteboard and covered with ornamental paper. From the center of the cornice the piped lambrequin *g* may be suspended, this lambrequin being preferably made of paper-covered muslin gathered into vertical folds or "pipes," and having a fringe or other edging, *h*, and other ornamental appendages.

By thus making a cornice and valance-frame for window-draperies very fine and rich effects may be produced at a far less cost than common wood and cloth cornice and valance-frames, the construction having a permanency and a freedom from injury unattainable with wood or cloth hangings.

We claim—

The decorative cornice and valance-work, made of pasteboard, bent and retained in form as described, and outer-surfaced with flock, ornamental paper, or other material, substantially as specified.

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