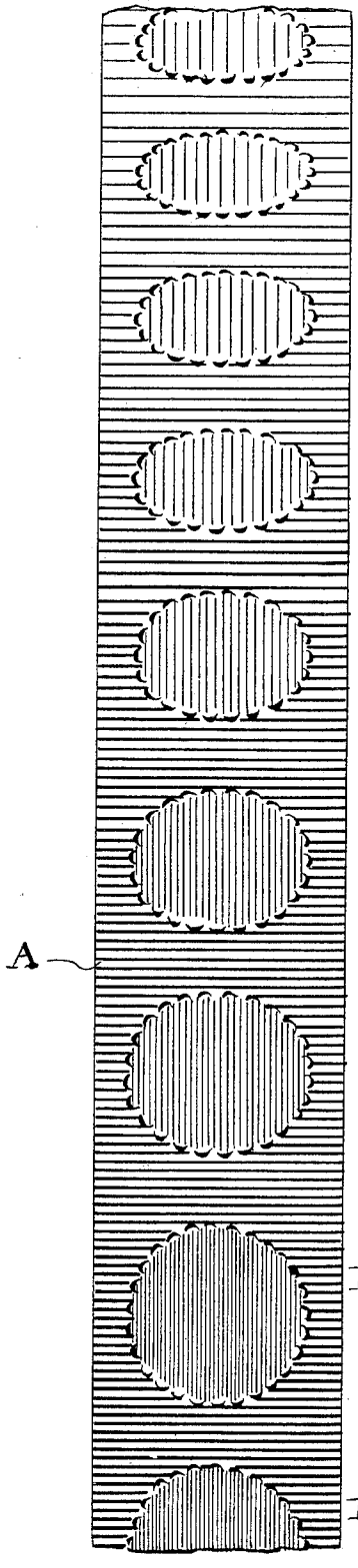
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## WALL-PAPER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. FRYER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of New York, in the State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Wall Decoration, of which the following is a specification.

I print the paper in lengths only sufficient to extend once the height of the room and graduate the ground and also the figures impressed thereon from a point near the bottom to the top, making the ground and the figures lighter at the top than at or near the bottom, and making the figures, while so nearly similar as to impress the eye that they are identical representations, gradually contracted in space and also in height. I have discovered that the effect thus produced on the eye is the impression of increased height in the walls, so that a room nine feet in height in the clear will seem to have a height of ten or more feet, with a correspondingly-improved sensation of space and comfort.

The accompanying drawing forms a part of this specification and represents a length or strip of my newly-invented wall-paper.

Referring to the drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon, A is the ground, the portion of the paper not covered by the figures. The ground is shaded, the lines being darker and more plentiful at and near the bottom and growing gradually less toward the top.

B B are the figures at and near the lower end of the strip, and C D E, &c., are the several figures generally similar in pattern and equal in breadth, but more and more contracted in height from the bottom upward. The spaces between the several figures are also contracted in a similar gradual ratio. The figures may be smaller than shown, so that two or more rows or series shall come on a strip of paper; but however that may be the uppermost figure I has a little less height than the next below. The space between each figure or tier of figures and the figure or tier below is similarly increased with each step downward, the same difference obtaining all the way down to about four feet from the lower end—about the level of the eye of an ordinary person standing or sitting in the room. From about this level downward the ground and the figures are uniform; but from such level upward both are lightened in tone, and the figures and the spaces between them are contracted in height more and more from the bottom upward.

It is not necessary to make the strips of varying lengths for different heights of rooms. It will be sufficient to make the strips long enough for the highest rooms in which the paper is to be used and cut off and reject the excess of length when used in lower rooms. Ordinarily such surplus will be removed from the top. If it is taken from the bottom, it may have the effect to extend the graduations quite to the bottom. Some may prefer to have the graduating thus conditioned. There may be the ordinary dado and border at the bottom and top, applied as usual by a separate strip extending horizontally along at the top and another at the bottom.

Instead of manufacturing my paper in short lengths it may have the ordinary length, but with the graduated portions in proper succession, being cut apart when used.

I claim as my invention—

1. In the art of decorating the walls of rooms, the improvement consisting in placing thereon a succession of figures of corresponding pattern and equal breadth but more and more contracted in height toward the ceiling, substantially as described.

2. In the art of decorating the side walls of rooms, the improvement consisting in placing thereon a succession of figures of corresponding pattern and equal breadth but more and more contracted in height toward the ceiling, and shading or tinting the wall lighter as the figures become more contracted in height, substantially as described.

3. For decorating the side walls of rooms, a paper on which are exhibited a succession of figures of corresponding pattern and equal breadth but more and more contracted in height lengthwise of the said paper, substantially as described.

4. For decorating the side walls of rooms, a

paper on which are exhibited a succession of figures of corresponding pattern and equal breadth but more and more contracted in height lengthwise of the said paper and in which the shading or tinting becomes lighter as the said figures are more contracted in height, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the invention above set forth I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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