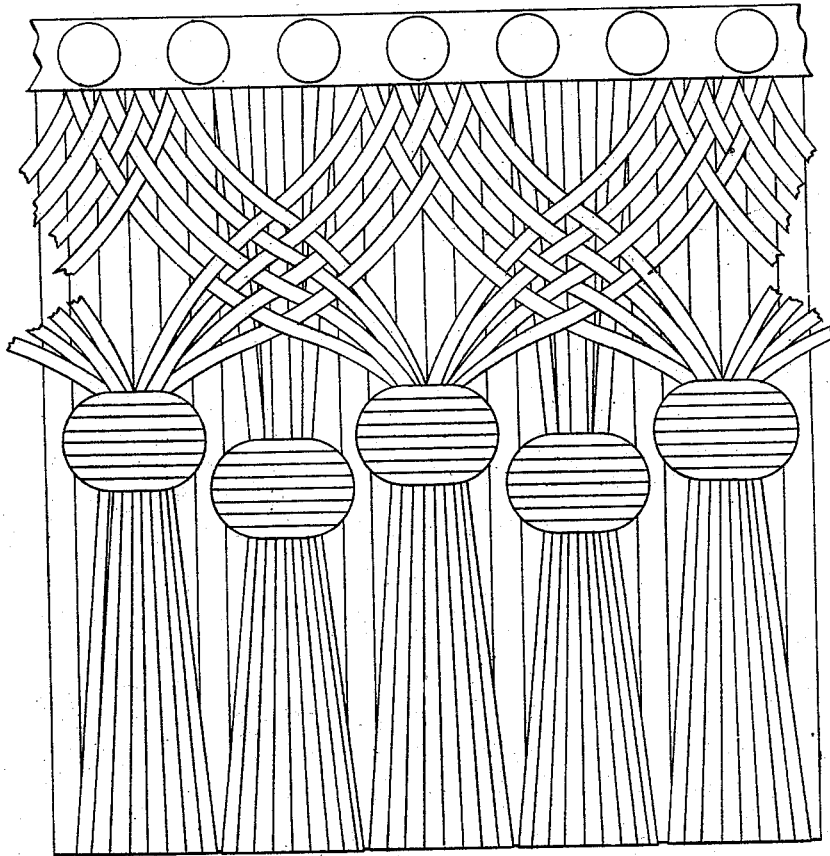


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IMPROVEMENT IN LEATHER TRIMMINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST RÜDIGER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Process of Manufacturing Leather Trimmings, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which shows a piece of trimming embodying my invention.

In the manufacture of sofas, chairs, or the like with leather coverings, it is desirable that the trimming used be of the same material as the covering, in order that the article may be equally durable and may have a like appearance throughout; and the object of my invention is to furnish a trimming practically adapted to this purpose and to other purposes.

It consists in staining the leather upon both its surfaces and slitting it to form fringe, either the staining or slitting being performed first, as desired. The strands of the fringe thus produced when in use will each present to view a stained surface, however much the fringe may be disordered.

It also consists in staining leather fringe by dipping or immersing it in a suitable liquid stain after the leather has been slitted to form the fringe, thus producing a uniform color on all the surfaces of the strands.

In carrying out my invention, I take a piece of leather of the kind usually employed for covering furniture, and apply to its two sides or surfaces a stain or color suitably prepared, using different colors or one and the same color for each side, as may be desired; or, if the leather is already prepared or stained on one side when procured, I color the other or remaining side thereof the desired shade. In some cases the stain used consists simply of varnish, through which the ground color of the leather remains visible. If the leather is not in a prepared state before using, I now generally varnish or polish the same on one side, after which I cut the same into strips or shreds of proper width and length, and join these strips to produce a trimming of the desired character. For the purpose of joining the leather strips I use paste or thread, or

both; but, as a rule, I follow the well-known methods of making trimmings from cords or tapes, merely adapting the leather strips to the pattern, and using leather of different colors, or of one color, to suit the fancy, in any single trimming.

By this means I obtain a leather trimming which has a finished appearance in any position of its parts—that is to say, one in which this appearance is preserved if any part thereof, particularly the pendent ornaments, should become disordered, thereby exposing the reverse side of the leather—while the trimming obtained is also very durable, owing both to the nature of the material employed and the fact that both sides of the material are protected.

It is obvious that in the manufacture of my trimming the leather can be colored or stained by a different method than the one described—as, for instance, the leather may be first cut into strips and then colored by immersion or otherwise—and I do not wish to be restricted to any particular mode of preparation.

This method of coloring the fringe after slitting is quite advantageous, as thus the edges of the strands formed in slitting are stained, as well as the rear and front surfaces.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An improved method in the manufacture of leather trimming, consisting in first cutting or slitting the stock into an edge fringe, then coloring or staining the entire outer surface of a uniform shade of color, all substantially as set forth.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, leather fringe having the outer surfaces of its strands colored or stained of a uniform shade of color, all substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of February, 1879.

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