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Embroidery Pattern.

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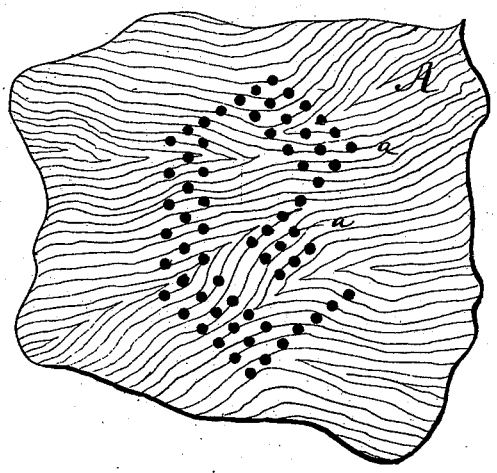
Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN EMBROIDERY-PATTERNS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLPH B. RICE, of the city of Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Perforated Board for Embroidery; and I hereby declare the same to be fully, clearly, and exactly described as follows, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents an embroidered veneer panel, suitably mounted in a molding-frame; and Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of a portion of the panel, bearing a single letter.

This invention relates to that class of material used as a basis for needlework or embroidery, and which has heretofore consisted either of a species of coarse canvas or perforated card-board. Both of these materials are open to objections, which it is the design of my invention to obviate. The canvas is so deficient in stiffness as to render it necessary to mount it upon a frame when it is desired to embroider upon it, while the card-board is liable to break or tear, and dampness or moisture at once destroys it.

In order to avoid these objections, and at the same time secure certain advantages which will be at once apparent, I construct an embroidery-pattern by perforating, in any desired design, thin veneering of any suitable wood.

I do not consider it necessary to describe here any especial mechanism for perforating the veneer, as such forms no part of my present invention. Any suitable machine may be used, such as that now employed for perforating card-board.

A piece of veneering, preferably of French walnut, bird's-eye maple, ash, satin-wood, or other variety of wood having a handsome grain, being chosen, I perforate the same by forming in it a series of holes of the proper size and shape, and arranged either to form a certain design, such as a monogram, motto, or other object, or else evenly distributed over the entire board, or a part of it, leaving the user to elect the design to be embroidered.

The sheet of veneering may be oiled or varnished, and finally cut into proper sizes and shapes to form match-boxes, wall-pockets, glove-boxes, or similar objects.

In the accompanying drawings, I have illustrated a sheet of veneering, A, having a series of holes, *a*, arranged to form the word "Welcome," embroidered and mounted in a frame.

A most unique, handsome, and tasteful appearance is produced when the holes are arranged, as shown, simply to form a certain design, leaving the rest of the veneering solid, the said design being worked in floss-silk or worsted.

The advantages of the veneering over the ordinary card-board are evident. It is far handsomer, much more durable, being practically unaffected by moisture, and can be produced nearly, if not quite, as cheaply.

Obviously the veneering may be backed with canvas, paper, or other material, if increased stiffness is desired, without departing from the spirit of my invention; and instead of simply perforating the veneering, and leaving it to be subsequently filled in with embroidery, I may obviously produce the complete article by embroidering and perforating at the same time upon an ordinary embroidering-machine.

I am aware that embroidery-patterns of textile fabrics, leather, and metals are not new; also, that designs have been formed in wood by cutting or punching, the sheet being subsequently backed with a lining of contrasting color to show through the apertures in the wood. Such is not my invention.

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

As a new article of manufacture, an embroidery-pattern, consisting of a sheet of wood veneering perforated for ornamentation, the said perforations being arranged and adapted for filling in with needlework, substantially as described and shown.

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