

LACES, ANCIENT AND MODERN.

Changes in Fashion from "Rose" to "Plisse."

The decadence of taste, so far as lace is concerned, affords a curious chapter in the records of degeneration. It is easily traced; for lace, properly so called—that is to say, in which groundwork and flowers are equally made by needle or bobbin—is comparatively a new thing. Those industrious antiquaries who can not do without the Greeks and the Romans may rave of "woven air" and "Coan Robes," but these were probably only the muslins of Dacca, or its predecessor; and the needlework of the Bible seems to have been embroidery. Lace may have been represented in Rome by "cut and drawn work," which seems to have been of great antiquity, and certainly heralded the advent of lace in the modern world.

This "cut work," in which a design is made by drawing out some of the threads of a material already woven, is, however, quite distinct from the genuine needle-point lace, which is entirely made by the needle, according to a design previously drawn upon parchment. The concurrent testimony of portraits and pattern books points to the sixteenth century as that of the invention and progress of lace, and to the seventeenth as that of fruition. What is absurdly called "Gothic" is the product of the ruff and farthingale period, and is the older *punto tagliato* which preceded the *punto tagliato a jogliumi*, called also bone lace, bone point, Spanish lace, etc., but which is really Italian, and composed of great flowers made in "button-hole stitch" and then linked together with brides, as they were called, or pieces of lighter work, which held the massive flower together.

Venice became an important centre of lace-making, and the best of the beautiful "rose," or rather "raised" point was made there. The period during which this noble lace prevailed was short. In Vandyke's pictures the *punto tagliato* occurs as often as the "rose" point, which is many degrees more beautiful, and by Kneller's time both were quite old-fashioned. By swift transition the great, heavy flowers became smaller, flatter and lighter, and the *reseau* or "body" of the lace, grew out of the brides, or connecting links, and acquired an importance of its own. Venice point completely changed its character in the reigns of Louis XIII., and Louis XIV. Instead of a massive, richly modelled fabric, depending in some measure for its full display on the surface over which it was spread, it became an independent and extremely beautiful material, quite apart from any backing of velvet.

It was the manufacture of this higher kind of Venice point that Colbert introduced at Alencon, and which spread thence to Argentan. It is the lace which served and still serves as a model for what is now known as "real" Brussels point, and more technically known as point gaze. The body is beautifully delicate, and the flowers are daintily outlined and superbly worked. From this, perhaps, with "rose" point, the highest expression of lace work, a rapid decline was brought by bobbin or pillow lace, which, pretty as it is, was at first merely a cheap imitation of the more costly needle-point, and in its best period lacked the beautiful precision of the elder art.

By degrees taste, probably influenced by price, veered round in favor of bobbin lace. The older needle-point was pronounced stiff and heavy, and the aerial productions of Flanders proper and French Producers, the fabrics of Mechlin and Valenciennes usurped the place of those of Venice and Alencon. It was no longer the design and its execution which made the value of lace work. On the contrary, the body or *reseau* might be said to have eaten up the design almost completely, or reduced it to mere edging or a scattering of *petits pois*. To these base uses fell lace-making during the reign of Louis XVI., whose wife may be said to have set the fashion for the simpler, gauzier kinds of laces, "frilled" and "quilled" into a cloud-like addition to the toilet.

Holcroft, the ex-jockey and author of the "Road to Ruin," was horrified at thin practice, albeit there is no doubt that the lady who received him "up to her chin in water" was suitably enveloped in point lace. The golden days of lace, when the trimmings of the dowager Duchesse de la Fertes' couch were "worth 40,000 crowns," and £5,000 sterling was paid for a bride's outfit in the matter of lace, were over; but the degradation to the machine level was not yet consummated. It was the ease with which Mechlin lace could be machine-made that threw lace out of fashion, despite the efforts of the first Napoleon to sustain the Brussels work.

Lace, except to the more practiced eyes, fell under suspicion until the taste for needle-point revived a few years ago. This revival of feeling is by no means likely to injure the manufacture of machine-made lace, which, considered as "quilled" or other trimming of the ruffled or plisse kind, may do as well as needle or bobbin work. What is gained is a revived taste for the superior kinds of needle-point, which partake as essentially of the character of art manufacture as the finer porcelain.

PIOUS SMILES.

In the old days the Israelites worshipped a golden calf. People don't go in so expensive these times. They buy an orchestra chair and worship padded ones.

Even a deacon won't say grace when he steps into a railway eating-house. He knows that it would be asking too much to be thankful for anything he will get there.

A minister preaches on the question, "What is the Sabbath?" Around here the Sabbath is the day when you lie in bed longer in the morning, and wrestle with your collar-button until it is too late to go to church.

Singular fact: Young lady—"I have called, Mrs. Brown, to ask you why your children do not attend the Sunday school now, as they used; do they not like going?" Mrs. Brown—"Oh, yes, miss, they likes goin' well enough 'it's the stayin' after they gets there as they don't like."

The Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby says that the old version of the New Testament has some "little insidious absences" running through it. We had noticed them, but said nothing about it, taking for granted that the revisers would see them and mash them on their theological thumb-nails.

CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.

Home and Foreign Events.

THE United Free Gospel Churches of England, a Methodist body 80 years old, reports a considerable increase in the past year.

THE permanent commission of the unofficial Synod of the Reformed Church of France has issued a call for the meeting of the Synod at Marseilles, Oct. 18.

THE only legal way to sell Bibles in Austria is to take a subscription and then send the Bible to the subscriber by mail. The postage is one-third the price of the Bible.

AS an indication of the general attention the Christian religion is attracting in Japan, it is stated that a society has been formed whose members solemnly pledge themselves never to become Christians.

THE Methodist ministers in Bavaria complain that the Government has prohibited singing and prayer in their congregations and refuses to allow them to administer the sacrament. Choir singing and a lecture are permitted.

THE English Presbyterians have made a new departure in the matter of the acquisition of the Chinese by new missionaries to China. They send them to Prof. Legge at Oxford, feeling convinced that three months at Oxford is equal to a whole year's study in China.

THE British Syrian schools, founded by Mrs. Bowen Thompson in 1860, now number 27, and contain about 3,000 scholars. In addition they have a seminary for teachers, institute for the blind, young men's association, and employ 20 women to spread copies of the Bible.

A LUTHERAN paper says the matter of Lutheran Bishops in America has been solved by the body known as the "Missourians." "They have relieved their Synodical President of all pastoral duty, and pay him a salary of \$1,800. His duties are those of an overseer of the churches."

OF the 639 missionaries in India the United States sends 117. Of these Ohio sends 18; New York, 16; Pennsylvania, 12; Massachusetts, 7; Connecticut, 5; Indiana, 5; Illinois, 4; Kentucky, 3; Maine, 2; Vermont, 2; New Hampshire, 2; Virginia, 2; Tennessee, 1; Michigan, 1; Wisconsin, 1; Iowa, 1; other States, (or unknown), 20.

SAYS the *Observer*: "The annual outcry is made against ministers who leave the city for vacation. The cry is made by those, and those only, who do not go to church. Those who enjoy the privileges of the sanctuary know the propriety of the course pursued by such as can get away in the heat of summer. It is better for the preacher and the hearer too."

BELIEF in witchcraft is still to be found in Scotland. Recently an office-bearer in the Free Church not 100 miles from Kilmuir went to a Justice of the Peace, offering to give his oath that everything he had on his lands was bewitched by a woman who was his neighbor and required to be sharply dealt with at once. The Justice of the Peace refused to interfere.

THE Rev. William Taylor, formerly known as the "California street preacher," has sent out in the past three years on his own responsibility 91 missionaries. Part of them are in India and Burmah and the rest in Central and South America. All draw their support from the people among whom they labor. Mr. Taylor only provides the expenses of outfit and passage, and these are returned in some cases.

IN Saratov, Russia, a rapidly growing sect has appeared which rejects all priestcraft and adopts the Bible as their guide. The famous *heretics* of their sect. A leader of the new sect, Sikoff by name, opposed him so vigorously and put so many questions to him that he could not answer that he quit the field, and his defeat has greatly strengthened the "heretics."

EIGHT years will measure the actual time of missionary work in Japan, yet there are now in that empire 160 missionaries, 50 organized churches with 8,000 memberships, a Christian community of 8,000, schools, dispensaries, colleges, thousands of religious works, translations of Scripture, and the circulation of a Christian newspaper in all parts of the empire. The Bible has been admitted into the higher schools, and a Christian calendar has been adopted.

THE Princess of Wales, with Princesses Louise Victoria and Maud of Wales, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck, with all their children, were present on a recent Sunday afternoon at the annual flower service at Berkeley Chapel, Mayfair. The young Princess and Princesses presented offerings of fruits and flowers. After a short service, the fruits and flowers were sent to the various hospitals for sick children, the Princess of Wales, Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, and several ladies of rank taking them to the hospitals and distributing them there.

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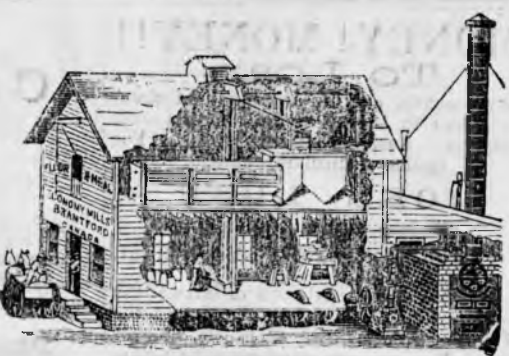
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