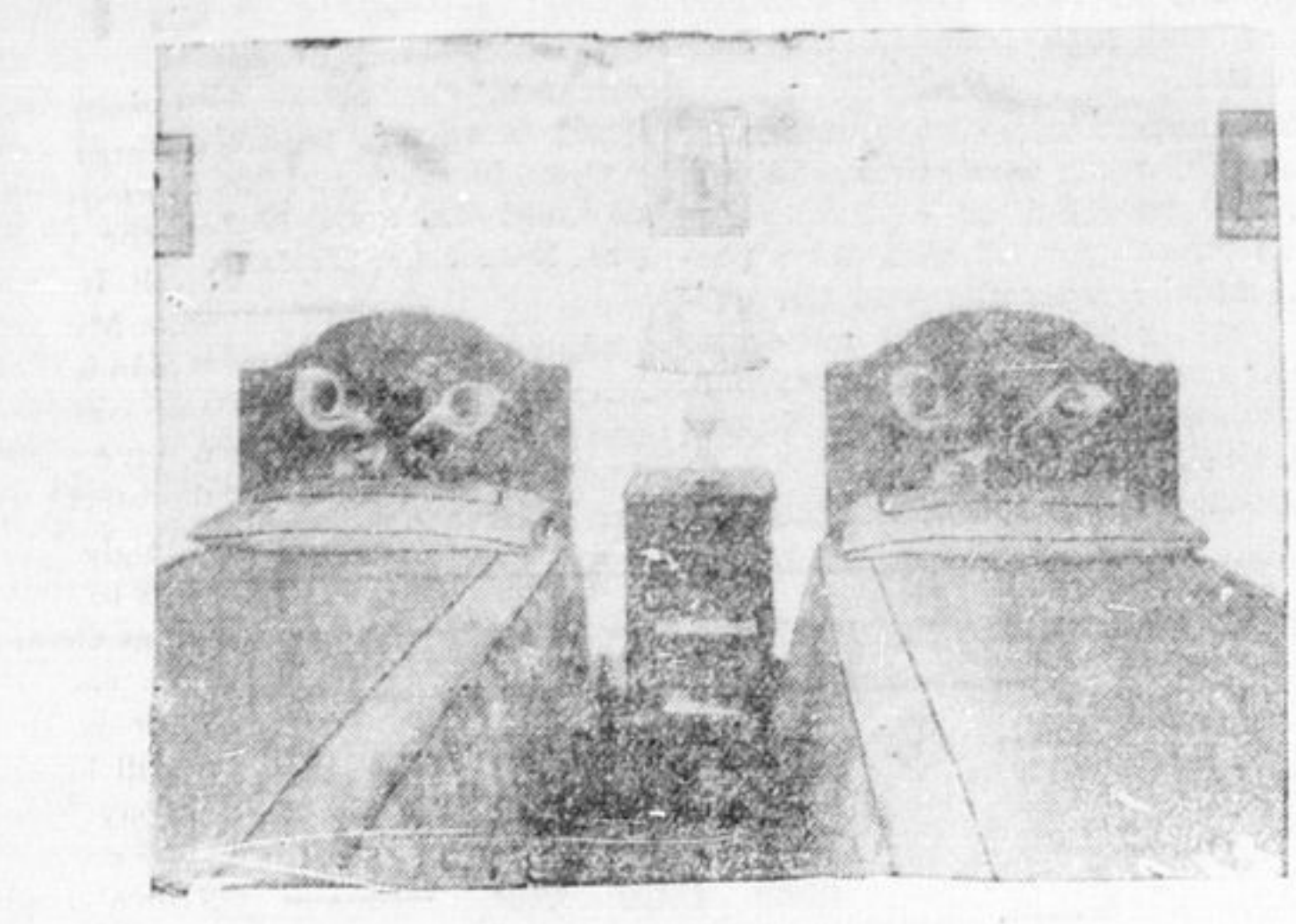


PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

NEEDLEPOINT IS A RESTORING "ESCAPE IN TRYING TIMES"
Fantasy Enters Needlepoint Designs—Federal American Designs Popular, Too—The Old Florals Still the Most Popular.



A needlepoint headboard for an upholstered bed is interesting, particularly when the pattern is so decorative as this one shown.

If anything good can come out of the horror of war, it is the resourcefulness it brings out in all of us. We get back to first principles in living and learn how much we can do, experience the satisfaction of doing work with our hands, in making things we had fallen into the habit of buying. Not only is work like this useful in times of stress... in fact, often necessary, but it is the greatest solace man has found for frayed nerves and tired spirits.

NEW SOURCES
But needlepoint has had its war problems. The most beautiful designs had always been worked in Vienna, while the canvas itself came from France, Belgium, Austria, and Czechoslovakia. When all these nations were blacked out, there was a flurry among needlepoint importers.

Luckily for us they are resourceful, and besides they couldn't say they weren't warned. So with needlepoint from Europe no longer available, the shifting to new sources was accomplished with such remarkable efficiency that most needlepointers didn't even feel the bump.

First, the canvas problem had to be solved—and it was—right here in America. It took considerable research and experimentation to produce a canvas of the quality that had been imported, but this has been achieved and is now on sale in the stores by the yard as well as in ready-worked pieces. China, that great, versatile skillful nation, could even in the midst of war could do the embroidery—as much of it as we could

use, and of a quality equal, if not better than that we had been getting.

But the designing responsibility, which Vienna had always assumed so superbly, had to be taken on in this country. The result has been the development here of several studios devoted to creating needlepoint patterns for the Chinese to copy—some merely adapt favorite Viennese types of florals, while others do a really creative job.

Even More Frugal
Inevitably the result will be a positive influence on American designing talents, even though right now these American studios each have their quota of refugees teaching young Americans how. The models, created in America, are sent to China where they are reproduced exactly and with astounding perfection. Comparison of the same design as made in Vienna and in China is interesting. On the front side even the expert store buyers can't pick which is which, but on the back side the Chinese work is much smoother and there are almost no loose dangling threads, for the Chinese are more frugal of thread than the Viennese.

The gracious Viennese type of floral continues to be the most popular design for needlepointers, and rightly so, for it is a classic sort of design with enduring appeal. And so this is what you will see in greatest quantity in every needlework department. But this is a versatile art, so there are many novel modern patterns and many interesting

Federal American patterns there last being especially appropriate for many contemporary homes.

Fantasy
The most glamorous needlepoint was that designed by Marcel Vertes and exhibited at the Pendleton Galleries. These are fanciful, often fantastic in conception but always delightful with flowers with little faces, and such things as white kid gloves, top hats and dancing figures in the patterns. New ideas for needlepoint in this exhibit include clock and mirror frames, boxes, lamp bases, table-top readboards for beds and fire screens as well as chair and bench seats, cushions and bell pulls.

Stimulating new colors are being used as backgrounds in place of the familiar dark neutrals. White and off-white yarn is stunning for needlepoint ground, as are nearly all the soft pastels—pink beige, gray-blue, mauve. Among high colors we have seen scarlet yellow ground for a sprigged floral, while scarlet and hammersweet grounds in the right places are delightful decorating cadenzas.

South Porcupine Comfort Club Doing Good Work

Have Packed and Sent 48 Boxes Overseas.

South Porcupine, Nov. 12—(Special to The Advance)—The Soldiers' Comfort Club announce that they have packed and sent 48 boxes of good things to boys overseas who enlisted from the Eastern Porcupine District.

Mrs. Ewing's home on Monday afternoon of last week was a hive of industry, five ladies—Mesdames Ewing, Anthony, Curtis, Courtney and Mitchell—packing and securely sealing and addressing all the parcels.

By the way, the ladies want to thank all who knitted the socks and sweaters and sent good things to be packed in the boxes. Each man gets a sweater and pair of socks, or two pairs of socks—and the following were packed:—84 pairs socks, 8 sweaters, 204 chocolate

bars, 100 razor blades, 60 pairs boot-laces, 153 cellophane pkgs. of prepared cocoa (with sugar and milk contained), 144 bags of peanuts rolled and chocolate covered, 135 packets of gum, and shortbread made by Mrs. Cummings.

The following list shows which men will receive the parcels. Any boy not listed means that somebody has neglected to give in the name to the ladies. They have asked repeatedly for names to be handed in and are almost confident that no one has been missed.

After receiving the last gift parcel from the Comfort Fund, Lieut. Breakey wrote thanking the ladies and asking them to substitute for his name in the next parcel, the name of a man in his platoon who had no friends or relatives in Canada from whom he was receiving mail. This nice gesture on the part of Lieut. Breakey has been honored by the ladies and the name of Pte. J. Gillis appears as substitute.

Follows the list: Lieut. Earl Hamilton (R.A.M.C.), C. Eyr, D. E. O'Connell, A. Haws, J. Loneragan, V. Gannon, T. Clark, V. Caselman, J. Farrell, L. McCaw, J. Wilson, N. Ziltz, H. Wright, Mae McDougall, W. Jamieson, L. Smith, N. Penner, K. Reynolds, R. Gordon, T. Fraser, S. Leeman, J. McCaw, G. Miller, G. Shanks, G. Halley, F. Vickers, Matt Miller, Roy Richards, J. Murray, Dave Cummings, W. Macdonald, J. Gillis, A. Uren, E. Hill, H. Franklin, J. P. McInnis, C. H. McInnis, J. Kobzy, M. Cypyk, S. Cypyk, Lewis Pyke, D. Gedding, Mark Ford, B. Richardson, Jack Burke.

The South Porcupine Badminton Club are planning a dance on November 31, in the Community Hall of the Arena. Dress is optional and Henry Kolnes's orchestra will be in attendance.

Mrs. T. E. Edge with Sgt. Charley Bruce and Tom Bruce Jr., of Coniston, have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Dave Kemp on O'Brien avenue.

Mrs. Genack left for Toronto on Friday's excursion train.

The Sewing Circle of St. Paul's Church (now known as the Women's Guild) held a remarkably successful afternoon tea and baking sale last Wednesday in the Parish hall. This event is by far the most profitable effort this little band has put on for some time, and the ladies (President, Mrs. Woodall) are very pleased with the support and co-operation they received. They would like to say "thank you" to all who helped in any way to make this tea such a success. Those ladies assisting at the sale and tea were Mrs. Woodall, Mrs. Kocheler, Mrs. S. Jay, Mrs. Spitz, Mrs. V. Hedges, Mrs. M. Keast, Mrs. Austin Walker, Mrs. W. Farren, Mrs. Harry Hall and Mrs. Anthony.

TRY AGAIN

He—"The bank has returned that cheque of your father's."
She—"Isn't that fine? What can we do next?"—North Bay Nugget.

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

Joseph F. Clunk, national supervisor of industrial employment, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, addressed the regular meeting of the council ten years ago. He explained what the Institute was doing to help blind people to help themselves. One of their plans was to build a little store, seven or eight feet wide on the town property on the space between the Goldfields theatre and the sidewalk on Peabody street. The little building would be put up according to the town by-law. They had such stands in Toronto, Ottawa, Regina, and other cities. Two similar stands were then planned for Kirkland Lake. Mr. Clunk explained the various ways in which the Institute helped the blind to help themselves and to be independent and self-supporting. He pointed out that it was remarkable the things that could be effectively done by the blind.

There was a large attendance at the Kiwanis luncheon at the Empire hotel ten years ago and all felt more than repaid for the attendance. The speaker for the day was the Rev. E. J. Miller and his address on Russia was considered one of the most interesting and informative heard by the club that year, and there had been many fine addresses. The members present appreciated very much the excellent address by the Rev. Bruce Miller. It was given an outstanding place for its interest and the information conveyed. He reviewed the facts as to the extent and population of Russia, together with the various classes of society in that land before the present Soviet regime. He traced the steps that led up to the revolution and then followed the facts from the revolution to the present Soviet organization.

The trial of the nine men charged at Toronto with belonging to an unlawful assembly and seditious conspiracy, was nearing a close ten years ago. The trial had been going on for about ten days or so. The addresses of the counsel for the defence and the prosecuting attorney were to be heard ten years ago, with the case then going to the jury. Some of the witnesses were previously heard on the witness stand. In effect they denied that they had advocated the use of force for overthrowing the present system of government. Tim Buck, acting as his own counsel, gave an address of three hours in which he dealt at length with communist principles and aims. One of the accused, Golinsky, was discharged at the suggestion of the crown prosecutor, who said there was not sufficient evidence to prove that this young man was a member of the communist party.

There was some excitement in town ten years ago when reports asserted that a local woman had attempted suicide by the use of a knife and the drinking of disinfectant. The knife wound was not a serious one and the disinfectant taken was not sufficiently poisonous to endanger the woman's life. It was not clear whether the knife or the poison was first used, but apparently after trying the one method it was found insufficient and the other means was adopted to complete the act. The knife wound was at the breast but the wound was not deep enough to be of serious nature, while the poison taken was also ineffective so far as permanent injury was concerned. The woman was found lying on the floor and the police were notified that she was ill or injured.

In The Advance ten years ago: "The new general office and change house of the McIntyre Porcupine Mines, probably the most modern and complete of their kind in Canada, are now practically complete and represent an achievement to the highest credit of the mine and its management and to the construction staff, as well as promising to the employees of the mine comforts, and conveniences and safeguards that are sure to be greatly appreciated. The new buildings are so complete and elegant that the general public will also be greatly interested, and for this reason will be delighted to know that on Sunday, Nov. 15th, the buildings and equipment will be open for public inspection from 10 to 4, with competent guides to take parties through the buildings."

The observance of Armistice Day in Timmings ten years ago was a notable one. All the stores were closed for the public holiday. Many of the windows had beautiful designs appropriate to the occasion and featuring the use of poppies and Armistice Day motifs. Flags were flying from all the public buildings, the mines and on the main street. At 10:15 the parade organized by the Timmings branch of the Canadian Legion gathered at the Oddfellows' hall marched to the cenotaph, where there were many effective addresses. At the close of the service wreaths were placed on the memorial stone in honour and affection for the dead soldiers.

Hosts of friends in Timmings and the Porcupine were especially interested in the diamond jubilee event observed at Cobalt ten years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyle, of Cobalt, were well known in the Porcupine where they had visited on more than one occasion, and where several of the family had lived in years past. Indeed, the Boyle family were pioneers of the Porcupine just as they were among the early residents of the Cobalt camp. Messrs James and Hugh Boyle were among the early residents of South Porcupine and both held high place in the municipal and other public affairs of the district. Mrs. Walter Armstrong, a

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyle, was one of the early residents of Timmings and lived in this town for many years as did also Mrs. M. A. Ellis, whose work in the D.Y.B. Club and other patriotic endeavours in this town and district during the war was long remembered here.

Among the local items in The Advance ten years ago were: "Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cain and son, Bobby, formerly of North Cobalt, have taken up residence in Timmings at 53 Elm street south." "W. O'Connor, provincial inspector for the Catholic wards of the Children's Aid Society, was a visitor to Timmings on a tour of inspection." "Mr. E. T. Wright, of Toronto, was a business visitor to Timmings this week."

British Surgeons Doing Notable Surgical Work

New noses, new cheek bones, new jaws, built up for the most part from the owner's ribs, are among the achievements of plastic surgeons in British hospitals today, says "Health" (the official publication of the Health League of Canada).

Although the heaviest air "blitz" kills or maims only a fraction of the total estimated before the Luftwaffe came, the proportion receiving facial injuries is high. Thirty years ago many of these mutilations would have been beyond remedy. To-day the plastic surgeon can virtually restore most of the features to normality.

He will graft as much as a hundred square inches of skin from one part of the patient's body to another. A

section of rib, six inches long, becomes a jawbone. A woman smiling to greet a friend does so thanks to the section of sciatic nerve that keeps normal a face which would have been permanently twisted by deep glass wounds. Every week the surgeons of Britain are slowly and successfully rebuilding these features damaged by splinters and fragments by flying glass, wood and steel.

PROFESSOR

The absent-minded professor had been dining out, and as most of the guests were ardent fishermen he listened to stories concerning the sizes of notable catches. This went on for hours.

He was extremely short-sighted and as he was crossing a field on his way home, he came across a scarecrow, with arms outstretched. Memories of the stories he had heard filtered back into the professor's brain. He halted in front of the scarecrow.

"My dear sir," he exclaimed, "I simply refuse to believe you; there never was a trout that large."—Exchange.

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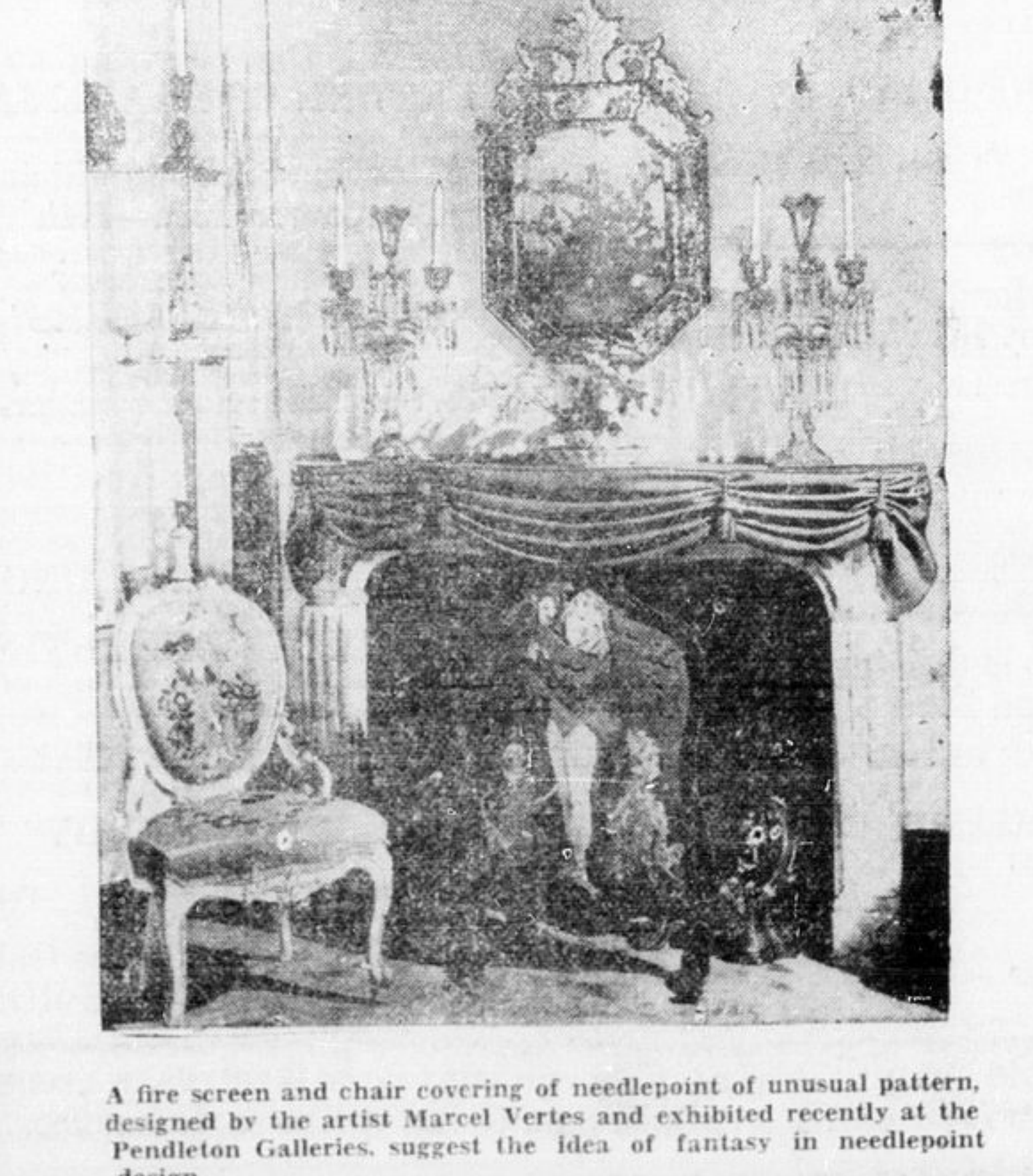
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A fire screen and chair covering of needlepoint of unusual pattern, designed by the artist Marcel Vertes and exhibited recently at the Pendleton Galleries, suggest the idea of fantasy in needlepoint design.