

SPIDERS IN TECHNICOLOR By: Marguerite Jackson, Michigan

As promised in the January issue of the Bulletin, we are going to add "spiders" to our Torchon or Dieppe plaid insertion.

If you have the #1 color arrangement on your pillow, you will continue with the Dieppe ground until the four pair of green bobbins meet in the center, then begin the spider after the right edge pin at 21. The spider is made where these dark bobbins intersect. If you are just setting up the pillow for this insertion, however, we will all begin together.

I find that pins with small colored heads are a great aid in keeping my pattern in order. Three colors are enough for this pattern. If you make a drawing of the numbered diagram on a larger graph paper as a reference, and circle the appropriate dot with a felt tip pen or colored pencil in the colors suggested. you will see what

in the colors suggested, you will see what an aid this is, especially FG for a beginning lacemaker. · 3 · 9 · 7 · 4 · 13 · 10 · 8 · 14 · 18 · 11 · Experienced "lacers" will not need this help. Color 5 code numbers 1, 2, 7, 8, 19 12 22, 25, 31, 32, 39, 40, 41, 28, 35, 36, 43, 44, 26.21 29 33 2 30 37 34 (for and 45 with orange instance) . Numbers 3, 4, 2° 39° 46° 40° 11° 38 . 42 35 * 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 24, 30, 38, 21, 27, 34, 42, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54 can be 43 0 47 51 44 4 48 13 52 45 50 1 19 53 7 19 54 22 20 15 . blue, and numbers 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 29, 26, 33, and 37 can be The yellow ciryellow. B DE Ċ. G cles surround the spiders. Place bobbins in order

as follows:
A. 2 pr. Green
B. 1 pr. White

C. 2 pr. White

D. 2 pr. Rose E. 2 pr. White

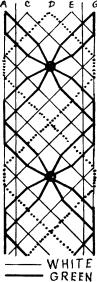
E. 2 pr. White F. 1 pr. White

G. 2 pr. Green

You may refer to the sketch in the last issue that shows the color arrangement.

The notes applying to the directions given previously, apply also to these instructions.

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Spider Insertion in Dieppe Ground
         TCTC
 2.
    (3T-4TT)C
               pin at 1
                          TC
         TCTC
 3.
    2-3
 4.
    (1TT-2T) CTC pin at 2 at R of 2 pr.
 5.
   2-3
         TCTC
 6.
          TTC
                  pin at 3
                            TC
    5-6
                            TC
    4-5
          TTC
                  pin at 4
 8.
    (3T-4TT) C
                            TC
                  pin at 5
 9.
    2-3
         TCTC
10. (1TT-2T CTC
                  pin at 6 at R of 2 pr.
11. 2-3 TCTC
12. 10-11 TCTC
13. (9TT-10T)C
                  pin at 7 TC
14. 10-11 TCTC
15.
    (11T-12TT)CTC pin at 8 at L of 2 pr.
    10-11 TCTC
16.
    7-8
                  pin at 9 TC
17.
          TTC
                  pin at 10 TC
18. 8-9
          TTC
19. (9TT-10T)C
                  pin at 11 TC
20. 10-11 TCTC
21. (11T-12TT)CTC pin at 12 at L of 2 pr.
22. 10-11 TCTC
23. *6-7
          TTC
                  pin at 13 TC
24. 5-6
          TTC
                  pin at 14 TC
                  pin at 15 TC
25. 4-5
          TTC
26. (3-4TT) C
                  pin at 16 TC
27. 2-3
          TCTC
28. (lTT-2T)CTC
                  pin at 17 at R of 2 pr.
29. 2-3
          TCTC
30. 7-8
          TTC
                  pin at 18 TC
31. 8-9
          TTC
                  pin at 19 TC
32. (9TT-10T)C
                  pin at 20 TC
33. 10-11 TCTC
34.
    (llT-l2TT)CTC pin at 21 at L of 2 pr.
35. 10-11 TCTC
36. 6-7 TTTCTC
    (5TTT-6)CTC
37.
                   (do not twist 6)
38.
    (7-8TTT)CTC
39. 6-7
                   pin at 22 CTC
                   (center of spider)
40. 5-6
            CTC
41.
    (4TT-5TTT)C
                   pin at 23
42.
    (3T-4TT)C
                   pin at 24
                              TC
           TCTC
43. 2-3
44. (1TT-2T)CTC
                   pin at 25 at R of 2 pr.
45. 2-3
           TCTC
46. 7-8
    (8TTT-9TT)C
                               TC
                   Fin at 26
47.
                   Pin at 27
48.
    (9TT-10)C
                              TC
49. 10-11 TCTC
50. (11T-12TT)CTC Pin at 28 at L of 2 pr.
51. 10-11 TCTC
52. 6-7
            CTC
53. (5TT-6TTT)C
                   Pin at 29
                               TC
                   Pin at 30
Pin at 31
54. 4-5
            TTC
                               TC
                               TC
55. (3T-4TT)C
            TCTC
56. 2-3
                   Pin at 32 at R of 2 pr.
57.
    (lTT-2T)CTC
            TCTC
58.
    (7TTT-8TT)C
                   Pin at 33
59.
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60.	8 - 9 TTC	Pin	at	34	T	3			
	(9TT-10T)C								
	10-11 TCTC								
63.	(11T-12TT)CT	C Pin	at	36	at	L	of	2	pr.
	10-11 TCTC								
	**6-7 TTC								
	5-6 TTC								
67.	4-5 TTC	Pin	at	39	T	3			
68.	(3T-4TT)C	Pin	at	40	T	3			
69.	2-3 TCTC								
70.	(ltt-2t)ctc	Pin	at	41	at	R	of	2	pr.
	2-3 TCTC								
	7-8 TTC								
73.	8-9 TTC	Pin	at	43	TO	7			
74.	(9TT-10T)C	Pin	at	44	TO	;			
	10-11 TCTC								
76.	(11T-12TT)CT	C Pin	at	45	at	\mathbf{L}	of	2	pr.
77.	10-11 TCTC*	: *	Rov	vs 7	78-9	90 :	:		

points 46 thru 54. *Complete pattern consists of rows 23 thru 90. I do hope you will try these insertions, and enjoy them as much as I have. You might try a 12 legged spider by arranging an intersection of three pair of dark threads from each side. To be effective, it would need to be a wider insertion,

with at least four or eight more pair of

Repeat rows 65-77 once more, pinning at

bobbins. Be sure to draw it on paper first. I should be interested to hear from anyone who tries these ideas of mine, would like to share their experiences, or anyone who has any questions about them that I can answer. Please write in care of the Bulletin. A self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed would be appreciated.

FILET LACE

Does anybody want to know anything about filet lace? The way to learn is to translate instructions for it. The D.M.C. "Encyclopedia of Needlework" was so pleased with the translated revision of the bobbin lace chapter that they asked me to do the filet chapter, so instead of writing my usual January Christmas letters, I am slowly, laboriously, meeting their February 1, deadline. -- Mary McPeek, Michigan

Winifred Lace

CAST on 38 stitches, knit across plain.

1. Knit 2, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 1, nar-1. Knit 2, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 1, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 10, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 1, narrow, over twice, narrow, *knit 2, (over, narrow) twice, over, knit 2.

2. Over, narrow, knit remainder plain, purling 2d of the "over-twice" loops. All even rows the same.

3. Knit 33, * (over, narrow) twice, over, knit 2.

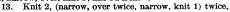
5. Like 1st to *; knit 4; like 3d from *.

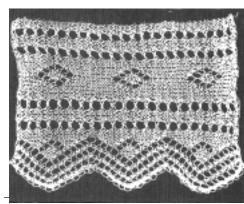
7. Knit 35; like 3d from *.

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9. Knit 2, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 1, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 3, * narrow over, knit 5, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 1, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 1, like 3d from *.

11. Knit 13, narrow, over, knit 1, over, narrow, knit 14, narrow, over, knit 3; like 3d from *.





narrow, over, knit 3, over, narrow, knit 2, (narrow twice, narrow, knit 1) twice, narrow, over, knit 5; like 3d

Knit 13, over, narrow, knit 1, narrow, over, knit 15. Knit 13, over, narrow, knit 1, narrow, over, knit 15, over, narrow, knit 1, * narrow, (over, narrow) 3 times,

17. Like 9th to *; over, knit 3 together, over, knit 4, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit I, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 4, over, knit 3 together, (over, narrow) 3 times, knit 1

Knit 15, over, narrow, knit 17; like 15th from *. Like 1st to *; knit 3; like 15th from *.

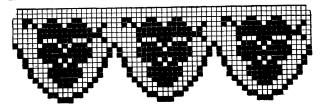
Knit 32; like 15th from *. Like 1st to *; knit 1; like 15th from *.

Knit 30; like 15th from *.

Over, narrow, knit 36.

Repeat from 1st row.

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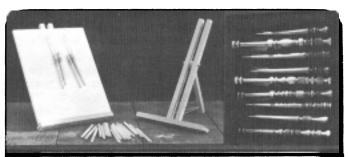
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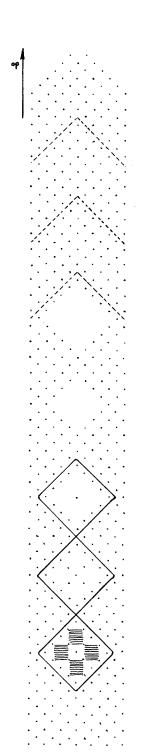
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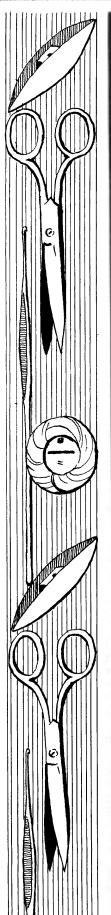
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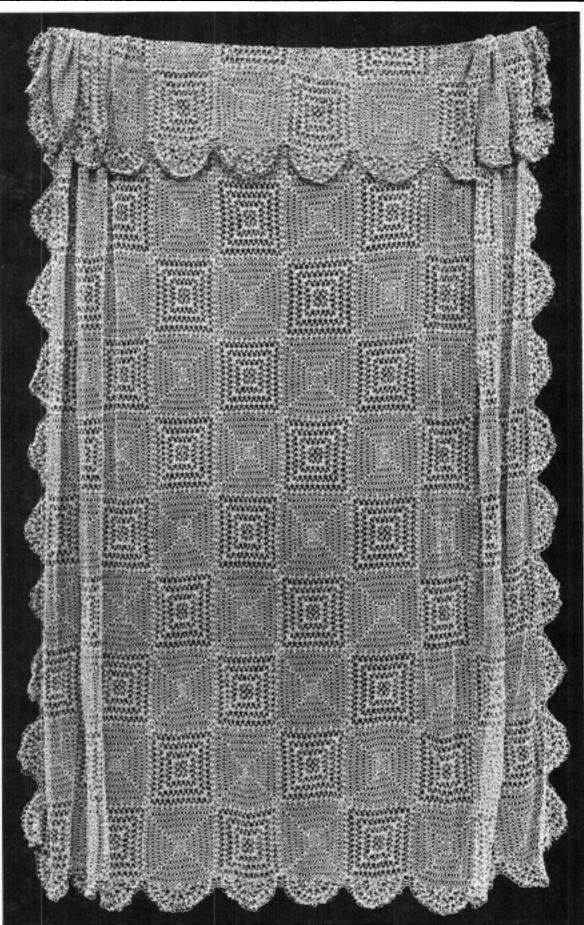


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International Old Lacers





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President's Message

Dear Members: Spring has Spring

and lace is flowing. A variety of lace is being made and taught by both women and men in the United States and the many countries where I.O.L. has members. countries and areas where we are not known, the family tradition is carried on. People become acquainted with I.O.L. and our members through school class schedules, notices in the papers and by word of mouth. As we continue to grow each member will have a part in advertising our hobby by taking part in the above mentioned during our daily routeen.

As of this writing we have 925 members. With our dues of \$5.00 we will have an income this year of over \$5,000.00 with the sales of past Bulletins, the donations to the E. Lolita Eveleth Lace and Book Collection, the donation of Books and monto our Library, Slides to our Slide and Museum Chairman and the Registration fee acquired at the convention. We are a non-profit organization and to keep I.O.L. in this non-profit category, we must report our complete income and expenses to the Internal Revenue Service. This is a must in 1975. We cannot ignore it this year; the I.R.S. is looking over shoulder and we cannot put this wonderful organization in jepardy.

The Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 11, 12, 13. the Convention Schedule in another part of the Bulletin.

Many members have been, and are, very ill and some have passed away. Also, some members have lost a member of their fam-The Officers of I.O.L. wish to exily. their Sympathy to those who have lost a loved one and to those who are ill we wish a speedy recovery.

A letter will be sent to the Officers. Chairmen and Branches asking for a report of their year's activities. These reports to be read during the Business meeting.

The By-Laws are being reviewed at this time and will be presented at a later date.

More details on the Convention will be in the July Bulletin. I wish to thank all members who are working to make this the best convention yet and with God's help it will continue that way.

As Ever With Lace

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"LACE - IN" The Craft Centre, Elstow, Bedford, England

Wed. July 23, 1975, 10:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M. Bring your pillow, patterns, samples, lunch; Tea and coffee served (charge to be made) Place: situated behind the Elstow County Primary school, in the village of Elstow which is 2 miles south of Bedford and on the A.6. Luton road. Parking available.

Send reservation to: The Secretary, The Craft Centre,

Elstow, Bedford MK42 9XP England

CONVENTION SCHEDULE subject to change

MONDAY, August 11, 1975
10:00 A.M. to 12 Noon, WORKSHOPS Classes on all types of Lacemaking Seminars on lace during Workshops

12:30 Luncheon, Price announced later

2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Workshops to continue

6:30 P.M. Dinner, Price announced later

8:00 P.M. Lace Program

TUESDAY, August 12, 1975
9:00 A.M. Pre-Convention Board Meeting

12:00 Noon Luncheon 2:00 P.M. Business Meeting 6:30 P.M. Dinner

7:30 P.M. Lace Program

9:00 P.M. Convention Meeting WEDNESDAY, August 13, 1975 BUS TOUR

All members wishing to attend the Lace Workshops, please contact the following two members who are in charge of this wonderful project.

Mrs. Trenna Ruffner 246 Lakewood Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48215

Mrs. Elsie Bentley Oxford Park Towers, Apt. 512 2345 Oxford Berkley, Michigan 48072

We have a nice large room to display our lace, both new and old; bring your lace and share its beauty with others.

will have two authorities identification of lace, bring your lace and members Muriel Mitchell and Virginia Gordon will identify your lovely lace and give you its name.

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"There is a lace exhibition in the Museum fur Kunsthandwerk at Frankfort on Main(open from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday until 8:00 P.M. except May 18th, 1975. There will be on display old lace (16th-18th centuries) and Lace Eastereggs made by myself.

In January and February we were in Switzerland. I did not only meet several people who took an interest in becoming club members but also found fine new material concerning museums and lace-making."

Gisela Graff-Hoefgen

Ann Arbor Michigan Branch

Sixteen members were present at the February 8th meeting of Ann Arbor Lacers in Michigan at Dolores White's, to enjoy exchanging, exhibiting, purchasing each other lace and articles made of lace. books, clippings, thread, surplus rollers and cord which were available for those present to enjoy or accumulate for use.

The meeting was preceded by Mary McPeek's Saturday students meeting for their regular lesson. Later everyone enjoyed seeing the hostess' needlework hangings and books on Needlework.

Mary Moody Selden

Lace Making as an Art Activity for Children

"THE TLC" * program and its Demonstration Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan at Pittsfield School has brought Bobbin Lace making as an art activity for children to the attention of officials from several sources such as the State Department of Education, the University of Michigan Department of Education and the central administration of the Ann Arbor Public This has been accomplished through a series of events which occurred in December 1974 and later.

1. One event was a visitation to the Center arranged to coincide with the quarterly meeting of the First-Year Project directors of Title III E.S.E.A. grant pro-State Department of Education grams and officials.

The Center was in action with Senior Citizens (and a few others like Eva Jensen from Ann Arbor Lacers) helping children with the usual art activities and in addition such handwork skills as are required for patchwork quilting, rug hooking, crocheting, knitting, sewing to make dolls, cooking, woodwork and bobbin lace making.

The lace making was a center of attraction, viewed with great interest and curiosity. Many thoughtful questions were asked of Eva and her lace making students as their work was admired.

Those visiting included: Mr. David Loman, Consultant, Program Development, Experimental and Demonstration Program, gan Department of Education.

Ms Evelyn Brezezinski, Evaluation, State Experimental and Demonstration Program.

Mr. James Doyle and his associates, an independant evaluation team.

Members of the Ann Arbor Public Schools, Central Administration, from Instructional Materials Center and Mr. George Huszco on Federal Grants; Mr. Samy Marcus, Financial Advisor; Mr. William Wade, Controller.

From the University of Michigan, School of Education came Dr. Finley Carpenter, and Mr. Terrance Tice, husband of Carole Tice, Director and originator of the TLC program and Dr. Howard McCluskey, who is now working in the Gerontological Field; concerning himself in his retirement years with Senior Citizens interests and needs.

Teacher Aides from some of the other Ann Arbor Schools who came, expressed interest in learning bobbin lace making or getting help in teaching bobbin lace making to children.

2. Another event was a visitation by Dr. Don Shader, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum in the Michigan State Department of Education. The request for his visit came from The State Department to the TLC Center. Since he was accompanied by Dr. Harry Howard, The City Superintendent of all Ann Arbor Public Schools; Dr. David * "TLC" - Teaching-Learning-Communities,

an innovative program funded under Title III ESEA, includes Senior Citizen volunteers helping children in the Art Program. Aberdeen, Associate Superintendent Curriculum and Mr. William Mays, Director of Elementary Education for Ann Arbor Schools, this represented an influentual educational group on both local and state levels who observed the many art activities at the TLC Demonstration Center. As before, the lace making attracted more than its share of attention.

3. The third event was the making of a video tape which included scenes of many of the art activities with the young lace makers given a prominent position by the TLC Director.

The outcome of all this interest in bobbin lace making is not predictable, but we hope it is significant. Unfortunately there are not many volunteers available who are as skilled as Eva Jensen in lacemaking, nor as well adapted to teaching young children, so that the requests for such could soon outnumber the supply. is interesting, however, for others know about this Federally Funded project that includes lace making among its Art Activities and the officials who are showing an interest in the project.

Mary Moody Selden

HELLO INTERNATIONAL OLD LACERS!

For quite a few years now I have been demonstrating Bobbin lace, also on T.V. The past couple of years I was Superintendant of the Western Washington Fair which takes place in September, 10 days long. I am in charge of Weaving and Macrame. This year I have changed all the entries to bring them more up to date; this had not been done for a long time. I dropped quite a few items and added some new things as Spinning (I demonstrate that too) and Basketry and Bobbin lace. I do not know if other Fairs ever tried this, if so I would like to know where and how was done. To see if there are people interested to enter their beautiful work. I just started with two items:

1. Traditional Design Article (bobbin)

2. New design Article. (bobbin lace) These things should have been made during the last two years and cannot be entered more than twice. 50% increase in awards.

I have invented a new type of large bobbin and make necklaces in colored heavier, linen thread, sometimes with ivory beads in it. I tried this way to get the younger generation more interested in it so that this old art does not get lost. I have given some workshops in this method. Also I spread the word around about the bulletin. Even had some people from South America, Colombia, who could not speak anything but Portugese.

For more info on this Fair you can contact: Susie Frank, 6521 Waller Road,

Tacoma, Washington 98443 Phone: 531-2087

7th Biennial - June 12-15, 1975 PACIFIC NORTHWEST HANDWEAVERS CONFERENCE Washington State University, Pullman, Wash. Booths open to the public Saturday P.M.





Lace Bobbin Pedlar 18th Cent.

Here's Herkimer Hobles of famous London Tower,
With trays full of bobs, to make thy fine laces!
Will you bui my bobs, ho?
to make some tape,
Or lace for your Cape,
My dainty ducks, my dear-s?

Laces of flax, laces of silk, for the strolling gentry, as fair milk. Bui any bobbins today, my fair dames?

Woodens for my bobbins from fair, foreign lands,
Bobbins, Mayds, bobbins!
Come bui my bobbins Mayds.
How else can thee weave
Thy fine fair threads?

Bobbins that sing in thy fair hands, Bobbins that sing from the twisting and tossing of thy gifted fingers Twisting and turning, tra la, tra la:

The Bobbin-man maketh his living most sweet,

With carring his bobbins from street to street!

Who would desire a pleasanter thing, Than all day long, to do nothing but sing - tra la -Bobbins for sale?

From Morn till eve I rove along, And joys my eyes illume.

If you but listen to my song, And kindly bui some bobbins afore noon.

Ye sweet housewives come to me, And bui a bobbin, two or three, To while away the fading hours, At the end of Autumn's day!

Come Maydens too, come quickly, Let me take a penny Here and there, with meary thread, Working at thy pillow

for a piece of bread.

Pray my lady, Pray do bui,

You can't have better than of me;

For never, surely were there seen,

Prettier bobbins than mine, to keen:

Pretty mayds, or pretty wives, I say

I sell them half the price of the shops,

So you'll bui of the Pedlar, I pray:

On me hat I vears a green feather On me hat for a twelvementh and a day! If anybody axes me the reason I wear it, I tells 'em for my own true love Who's far, far away!

'Twas a-going on my round On the street I first did meet her! Oh! I thought. She was a hangel Jist came down from the sky; As she sat, in her doorway making lace, For the gentle folk to bui!

She was a small young lass,
With turned-up nese, carroty hair,
And cheeks like a red, red rose.
I never knew a voice, mere louder,
or more sweeter,
Vhen she cried, "bui my laces,
My laces, come bui!"

Bui my Bebbins!
Bobbins of Ivory, of Wood,
Bobbins of horn, pretty and fine
Bobbins turned of bene,
With jingles and gingles,
Such pretties to while
Away the time!

Bui any Bobbins?
Bobbins, a farthing a pair,
Come! Who will bui them of me?
They are roung and long
And turned so pretty!
They're fit for the gals,
of the country or city!
Come! Who will bui them of me?

Bobbins, a farthing a pair, Bui any Bobbins, Ye maydens so fair?

Herkimer's Cry, I made up after reading hundreds of the 18th century cryes.

Evelyn Ballard Herkimer, Bobbin Pedlar, was made by Evelyn Ballard of Virginia as a companion piece to 'Primrese' the Lace Pedlar.

Both dolls are originals by Marianne De Nunez of California, and after exhaustive research, costumed by Evelyn Ballard. She used them recently to depict an 18th c. London scene at the Museum and everyone was charmed by them.



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22-D - THE SUNDAY NEWS Detroit, February 9, 1975 E

Bobbin Lace: It's Her Craft

By: Mary Ellen Kirby

"As a hobby, it's fun," said Mrs. Trenna Ruffner of Detroit, "but if you had to make your living at it, it would be awfully hard work, "Mrs Ruffner was describing the age old craft of bobbin lace, which she is teaching at the Grosse Point War Memorial.

The lace is made with threads wound on bobbins and is woven from a given design. It was in vogue during the Renaissance.

"The first laces were done with needle and thread." Mrs. Ruffner said, "then Italian lace makers added bobbins. We usually give Italy, France and Belgium the credit for this craft, but it has been done in all European countries.

"The colonists brought it to this country and a flourishing handlace business occurred in Ipswich, Mass. before the Revolutionary War.

"THE CRAFT started up again about 20 years ago," Mrs. Ruffner said. "A couple of women's magazines ran stories on it and a number of women weavers began to try bobbin.

"But it really took off in 1965 when there was a resurgency of all crafts. During the last four years the fiber crafts especially, have come into their own."

Mrs. Ruffner began making bobbin while her husband did research work at Cambridge University England.

"It was something I didn't know how to do, so I signed up for the class," she said. "When I returned to Detroit I asked a few people if they knew about it and before long There's one person led to another.

anamazing number who make bobbin lace. I've tracked down about 70 in all."

MRS. RUFFNER demonstrated the craft at last year's Michigan State Fair and found more interested women. She began her first class at the War Memorial last fall.

"When they finish, the women should know all the basic techniques," she said. have to keep the classes small because close supervision is needed."

Area women who took the class include Mrs. Eleanor Standaert and Mrs. Regina Gies, both of St. Clair Shores; Mrs. Lorraine Christy of Grosse Pointe Woods; Mrs. Dorothea Squiers and Mrs. Marsha Black, both of Grosse Point. Mrs. Standaert has sisters-in-law in Belgium make bobbin lace. She discovered craft while visiting them recently.

"THEY SHOWED ME how they made lace," she said, "and when I got home, a friend told me about Mrs.Ruffner's class." Mrs. Standaert uses a miniature Belgium pillow and bobbins that are more than 100 years old



BOBBIN LACE craftsmen Mrs. Eleanor Standaert (left) of St. Clair Shores and Mrs. Lorraine Christy of Grosse Pointe Woods twist and turn threaded bobbins to create intricate lace patterns under the watchful eye of their instructor, Mrs. Trenna Ruffner of Detroit.

to make her lace work.

Mrs. Christy, an art teacher, uses her

own homemade pillow.
"I wanted to learn something I didn't know," she said. "I paint, weave and do Macrame. Now I have learned a new way to use fiber and I gain a sense of personal satisfaction from the things I create."

Mrs. Ruffner says all of her students enjoy the craft.

"American women now have labor-saving devices which give them the time for crafts," she said. "That's why we've seen such a tremendous revival in them." (The Sunday News--Detroit, February 9, '75)

LACE BOOK

"I've just acquired a typically French bound copy of Le Poince de France by Mine Laprade with subtitle and the lace centers of the 17th and 18th centuries -- by Rothschild, Paris, 1905; 384 illustrations -- Mary McPeek and index"

From: "The Odessa (Texas) American" Dec. 4, 1974

NEEDLE-RUN LACE IS EXCITING...

Odessan Creates Own Patterns

The deft fingers of a talented Odessa woman has led her to make intricate Teneriffe lace; a lace that derives its name from the Teneriffe Islands near the coast of Africa. It is widely associated with the Canary Islands.

Mrs. Paul W. Kaiser, 604 Placer, became so engrossed in her ability to make the attractive patterns of lace which are created with a sewing needle, she has published a handbook on the subject, "Enjoy Making Teneriffe Lace". This personalized handbook "is in limited edition", she explains.

Eunice Gifford Kaiser made her own loom to design the medallions of lace, then described the simplicity in making the patterns; took photos of her finished art, developed the film, printed the pictures, typed the stencils, ran the mimeograph, assembled the pages, and attached black and white photos to each book.

The Odessan holds an associate of arts degree from Odessa College and a master handweaver's certificate from the Shuttle Craft Guild. She studied with the late Mary Meigs Atwater, dean of American handweaving, and with the late Harriet Douglas Tidball and with Elsa Reginsteiner of the Chicago Art Institute.

She is past president of the Odessa Creative Writers' Club and edited the club's 1971-1972 anthology. Her previous publications include articles in "Handweaving and Craftsman", the national publication for handweavers.

Also, Mrs. Kaiser has written various articles for Odessa College "Roundup" and "Reflections". Her weekly craft column appears in the Grandfalls Gazette.

The Odessan has many affiliations and member-ships in the International Old Lacers, Creative Writers' Club, Odessa Art Association, The Texas Fine Arts Association, Contemporary Handweavers of Texas, and is an exhibitor at the Odessa Community Art and Craft Center.

Yarns, fabrics and colors fascinate her. She is available as a teacher of weaving, needlepoint, lace making, knitting and other crafts.

Describing the lace in her book, "Enjoy Making Teneriffe Lace", Mrs. Kaiser says, "The lace is wreathed in romance and much antiquity and no one knows its origin."

(She believes that it was taught to the Canary Islanders in the 15th Century).

Great quantities of the lace are made in the islands off the coast of northeast Africa.

The lace is designed in various geometric forms. The designs may appear in squares, diamonds, stars, ellipse, or in the form of insertions or borders.

"The most common form, she declares" is that of a circle."

Regardless of the shape of the perimeter, it is always characterized by radials of spokes, which spread out from the center to an outer rim. Because of this, Teneriffe is classed as a 'sun' or 'sol' lace.

The lace is rapidly spreading throughout Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil and Mexico. Each locality developes its own traits in



NEEDLE LACE — Mrs. Paul W. (Eunice Gifford) Kaiser, 604 Placer, wears a beautiful shawl she made of the Teneriffs pattern of lace. The medallions are not difficult to create, she says, but takes hours of patience. Origin of the lace is not known, but is native to the Canary Islands. Mrs. Kaiser has written an illustrated handbook on the process. There are many patterns fur a person to perfect her own design. (Staff Photo)

the patterns and often takes the name of the country where it is made.

"Most women in the United States who have seen the beauty of the needle-run lace have overlooked the simplicity of making it," said Mrs. Kaiser.

One woman, when shown the lace, said she had learned to do that "a long time ago in a school in Mexico." One thing about The Teneriffe lace, "you can create something original and all your own, "she continued.

There is no need for a large working surface in making the lace. It can be carried from place to place and made while visiting with friends, such as knitting.

"Making lace", said Mrs. Kaiser, "does require patience. Any craft or art worth—while is time consuming. "This type of lace can be done by craftsmen of all ages; the Odessan believes.

May 1975



The Crochet patterns for Dutch Girl and Dutch Boy panels are from "Broderie sur Filet" by Marie Tramasure. -- Contributed by Mrs. Rutgers-Messick of Holland

In Wemoriam

Winifred Gordon, Denver, Colorado Jean Austin, Worthington, Ohio



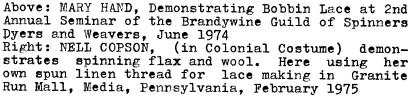
"The Mormans have a big museum in Salt Lake City, Utah with several counters of Meshes booklet, \$1.00 and Lolita Eveleth lace on exhibit." - Betty Jones, Wyoming Identification Chart, \$4.75 - from Editor

Back bulletins for 1972-1973 @ \$3.50 and 1973-1974 @ \$5.00: Book Plates, 10 for \$1.

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Brandywine Pennsylvania Branch

Our 3rd Annual day-long Seminar will be June 7th, 1975. We will again have Lace and Crewel on the Program as well as all the other regular activities of sheep sheering and related crafts. Anyone wishing information may write to Mary Hand or Nell Copson.

Mary Hand spent several days showing and demonstrating lace making in Exton Mall, Pa. last summer; held a week long workshop on Bobbin Lace in Chatauqua Institution, Chatauqua, N.Y. last July and is looking forward to the same again this June 30th to July 11th; also, in costume, for her area when the City of West Chester, Penn. had its 175th Birthday last September 4th; another occasion for her costume was Oct. 6th, when she was Guest Exhibitor of Lace and Lace making in the Stenton House, Germantown, Penn; and has given classes in Bobbin Lace in her home and the Y.W.C.A. of West Chester.

Nell Copson enjoyed two occassions in costume last August, showing Lace and Colonial Crafts with the "Colonial Plantation" members of the Bishop Mills Historical Society, Media, first at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, when the Mayor officially opened the Bi-Centennial Activities for the City and secondly in Media for the 17th Birthday Party—which was sort of a practice run for the Big 175th this year and the Bi-Centennial next.

Mary Hand has been invited to lecture on lace and exhibit April 11 and 12th when the Tropical Weavers of Orlando will host the Tropical Weavers of Florida.

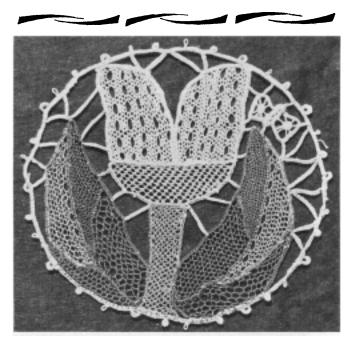
A 3 day Workshop in March held by the Mannings Studio of Creative Crafts & Weaving School, included a class of 8 in Bobbin lace where Neeltje Hain of Mohnton, Pa. was the lecturer and showed her slides.

Nell Copson is planning a visit to England the first two weeks of September. She will be staying in Bristol area and hopes



to meet up with as much lace as possible.
A visit to Luten and London is planned.
She would appreciate it very much if any
I.O.L. members could advise her where
"the Action is". Would also be happy to
correspond and meet members in England.
Mrs. D. L. Copson, 70 War Admiral Lane,

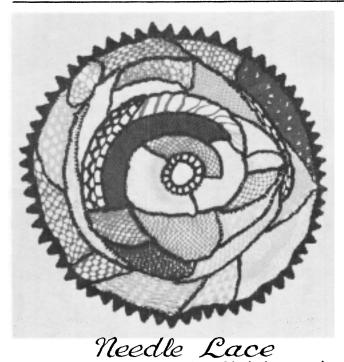
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"A mini Sampler by Katie Mooney. Katie is an I.O.L. member in Thayer, Mo. I've been sending her lessons by mail. She's used modern crochet threads and color on this charming mini-sampler."

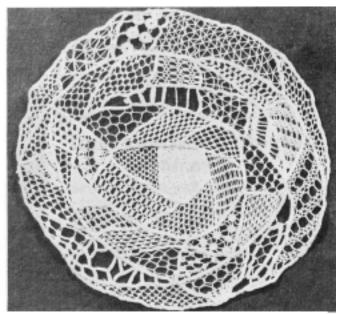
"One of the things that I require of my students, is to make a sampler to learn the stitches on. We've done round ones.

Each student draws a circle and devides the space in anyway she chooses. The samplers are all different." Nancy Evans



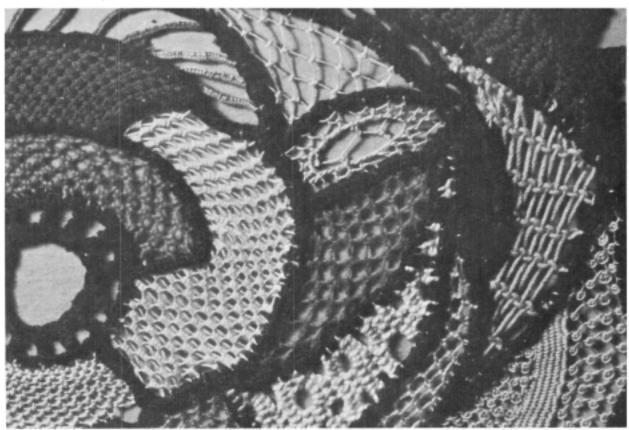
Above: My sampler, random division, using modern threads and color. -- Nancy Evans

Below: A blow up of detail of above sampler.



Patti Jolin's Sampler, using all one weight thread. Patti is a Kent, Wash. member.

(Photos were taken by Duard A Milks, California, Nancy Evan's father.)



"A needlepoint canvas, 15" x 19" with the famous Lace-Maker of Vermeer is available from Emile Bernat & Sons Co., Uxbridge, Mass. 01569 and Bernat Yarns Ltd.Toronto, Canada. --- The colors are quite true to the original picture and it has a chart for sellecting the yarn. Leslie Saari of Milan, Michigan is making it up and all Ann Arbor members are watching her progress." -- Mary McPeek

San Francisco, California Branch

"We had a very nice I.O.L. meeting last month (January) at one of our newest members' home, Isolde Geipel in San Bruno. She had a nice program, everybody brought one piece of lace and talked about it, this way, everybody was involved and interested." -- Gertrude Biedermann.

New York Metro Branch

"We had a nice Sunday meeting and lace demonstration at the Bergen County Museum.

Paula Saddler arranged it so members who were unable to attend the regular weekday monthly meetings could come."--A. Negron

Detroit Southeastern Branch

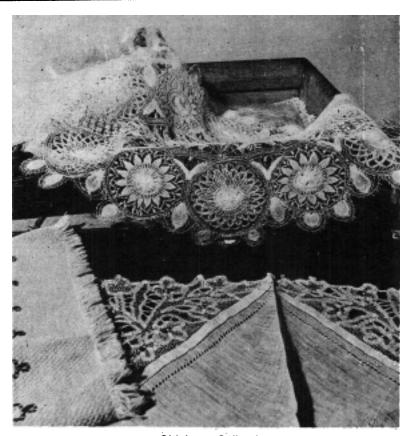
working group of the Southeastern Branch of I.O.L. met at
Jessie Bush's. There were 18 of
us, all with pillows to work on,
things to show and lots and lots
of chatter. There were three new
people; one had sent in for membership and the other two took
blanks. One of the new lacers
was an Italian woman who learned
as a child. Her bobbins made
such beautiful music. She had a
group watching her most of the
day. The meeting broke up at
about 3:30 P.M. so you can see
there was a lot of interest.

I will be conducting a one day workshop in Bobbin Lace at the Michigan State Fair. I hope to give them enough information so they will seek a teacher to continue to learn and also join our group. We will meet when the Fair opens and work all day."

From: "Providence Bulletin" R.I. February 21, 1975

VALLEY LACE MILL CLOSING

Valley Lace Co., last survivor of the Pawtuxet Valley's major lace mills closed in February. About 50 employes, including 30 weavers and about 20 auxillary members and threaders were laid off due to general lack of business. The firm, a division of Wiener Laces of New York, made fine lace for dress goods. It also suffered, as had the rest of the leavers lace industry, from the competition of the Rachelle lace machine which can knit lace much more cheaply. (Contributed by Ethel Cutler)



Old Lace Collection

From: "Winchester Evening Star" January 29, 1975
WORLD WAR I LACEMAKER ADDRESSES 1st MEETING OF
L-A-C-E CONCERN

Native-born Belgian, Helen Hunt of Purcellville, was the featured speaker at the first meeting of the newly formed Virginia L-A-C-E Concern, a branch of the International Old Lacers, held recently at Handley Library in Winchester.

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Mrs. Hunt began lace making during World War I and specializes in the making of bobbin lace. She is the Virginia L-A-C-E Concern instructor for beginners.

Following the talk, she displayed several examples of her work, including ecclesiastical laces and conventional bridal handkerchiefs.

Hazel Lowery of Falls Church and Karen Schroeder of Arlington, students of Mrs. Hunt, also displayed examples of their work, and Mrs. Lowery brought a large portion of her lace collection for viewing.

Edna Coryell of White Post, a third generation lace maker, demonstrated meshing or netting and exhibited pieces of Guipure D'Art.

Mrs. Harry Black of Waynesboro exhibited her collection of laces.

Several types of pillows, bobbins, books, patterns, winders, thread holders, pricking devices and patterns were shown and discussed.

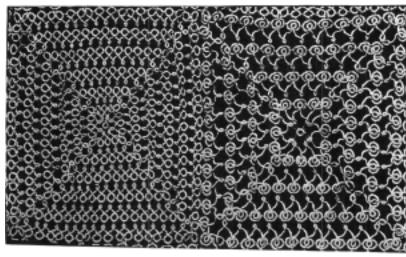
During the business portion of the meeting Inez Rodefer, branch organizer, introduced Richard Miller, Handley's librarian, who chaired the meeting. Three guests were received as members before adjournment.

Meetings will convene bi-monthly, corresponding with the issuance of the Old Lacers Bulletin.

The next meeting will be March 20 at 1:00 P. M. at the Handley Library.

A Handsome Bedspread in Modern Tatting

By JESSIE C. AVERY



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From: "Needlecraft" December 1925

The design is a simple one, easy to work because of the constant repetition, and very effective. The alternating squares or blocks are made separately and joined later, and the many who enjoy tatting will find them extremely fascinating pick-up work. There are no picots save those used for joining the various portions of the design, hence the spread may be easily laundered. For the model, No. 8 cotton, hard-twisted, was used, and ten and one-half dozen spools required for a large spread. (Squares may be joined in making.)

For the close-work square (No. 1):

1. Using the shuttle-thread, begin at center with a r of 1 ds, p, (5 ds, p) 3 times, 4 ds, close and tie.

2. A tiny r of 3 ds, join to p of center r, 3 ds, close; using second or spool thread, turn and make a ch of 3 ds; a lg r of (5 ds, p) 3 times, 5 ds, close; a ch of (3 ds, always, unless otherwise specified) corner r of 2 ds, join to last p of preceding r, (8 ds, p) twice, 2 ds, close; a ch; a lg r, joining by lst p to last p of corner r; a ch, a tiny r, joining to same p with lst tiny ring; a ch; a lg r, joining by lst p to last p of preceding lg r (always, unless otherwise directed), a ch; repeat from beginning of row 3 times joining last lg r also by last p to lst p of lst lg r, and last ch at base of lst tiny r; tie and cut threads.

3. Tie ends of shuttle and spool threads together; make a small r of 5 ds, join to p of corner r of last row, 5 ds, close; a ch; a lg r (as described in last row); a ch; a corner r (as in last row), joining to preceding r; a ch; a lg r, joining to corner r; a ch; a small r (like lst of this row) joining to same p with lst small r; * a ch; a lg r, joining to preceding lg r; a ch; a tiny r (as in last row), joining to next lg r of last row; repeat from * twice; a ch; a lg r, joining to

preceding; a ch; repeat from beginning of row, joining last lg r to lst, and last ch at base of lst small r; tie and cut threads.

Each medallion, as completed, should be perfectly square.

4. Like 3rd row, save that there are 6 tiny rs instead of 3 between corners

5. Like 3rd, with 9 tiny rs on each side, between corners.

6. Like 3rd, with 12 tiny rings between corners.

7. Like 3rd, with 15 tiny rings between corners.

This completes the square; if desired, it may be made larger by additional rows, each row increasing the tiny rings on each side by 3. It will be seen that each

row, from the 2nd to 6th, or more, completes a medallion of different size, and these may be used in various ways for the fashioning or trim of an entire bedroomset. The curtains may have inset medallions, say of the size produced by the 3d or 4th row, and an edge of the large and tiny rings, alternating. Many ways of using the different parts of this attractive square will occur to the enthusiastic tatter.

Openwork square (No. 2)

1. A r like that used for the center of No. 1, save that the ps are twice the length — about one fourth inch.

2. A tiny r of 3 ds, join to p of center r, 3 ds, close; a ch of 10 ds; a lg r of 7 ds, p, 7 ds, close; bring the thread around as for a ch, turn the last r over to make it lie flat, keep spool-thread close in, holding it with the last r, make a ch of 7 ds, p, 7 ds, fasten shuttle=thread in p of last r with spool-thread still held in place, draw the shuttle-thread down tight, make a p at top of r with spool-thread, then a ch of 7 ds, p, 7 ds, and draw both threads down tight, thus completing a double are applied. thus completing a double or enclosed r; turn, make a ch of 5 ds; a lg r; join to 1st p of preceding double r, 11 ds, join to p at top of r, p, 11 ds, p, 3 ds, and draw threads tight, thus making the enclosed r like lst, joining by lst p, to last p of corner r; ch of 10 ds; a tiny r, like lst, joining to same p; ch of 10 ds; enclosed r, like lst, joining by lst p to last p of preceding enclosed ring (always unless otherwise directed), ch of 10 ds; repeat from beginning of row 3 times, joining last enclosed r by last p to 1st p of 1st enclosed r; and last ch at base of 1st tiny r; tie and cut threads. 3. Tie ends of threads together; make a lg r of 7 ds, join to p at top of enclosed r at corner, 7 ds, close; ch of 10 ds, and enclosed r, like 1st enclosed r of last row; ch of 5 ds; a corner enclosed r, as

in last row, joining as directed; ch of 5

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ds; enclosed r, like lst, joining to preceding; ch of 10 ds, a lg r, like lst r of row, joining to same p; * ch of 10 ds; an enclosed r, joining to preceding; ch of 10 ds; a tiny r, as in last row, joining to p of next enclosed r, repeat from twice; ch of 10 ds; enclosed r, joining to preceding; ch of 10 ds; repeat from beginning of row 3 times, joining last enclosed r to lst, as before, and last ch at base of lst lg r; tie and cut threads.

4. Like 3rd, with 6 tiny rs between corners.

5. Like 3rd, with 9 tiny rs between corners.

This completes the square, as shown; it may also be enlarged, if desired, by adding other rows made in the same manner, and the medallions will serve many uses.

As suggested, they should be perfectly scuare when finished.

They may be joined as made, or with needle and thread, as preferred; join the corner ring to picot of corner ring of preceding square; (next enclosed ring of No. 2 to picot of next 2 rings of No. 1, taken together, next enclosed ring to single ring of No. 1, next enclosed ring to 2 rings, taken together) 3 times, then the corner rings.

When finished, the spread contains one hundred and twenty squares, each about 9 inches across; it is twelve squares in length and ten in width.

For the border, a design similar to or matching the openwork squares is used:



1. Tie ends of threads together; make an enclosed r, as previously described, joining by 1st picot of outer r or ch to p of 1st of the 6 rs at center of one side of No. 1 square; ch of 10 ds, a tiny r of 3 ds, miss 2nd and 3rd of the 6 rs, join to the p which connects 3rd and 4th rs, 3 ds, close; ch of 10 ds; * an enclosed r, joining to preceding enclosed r, as before; ch of 10 ds; a tiny r, joining to same p as before (which is exactly at the center of the side of square); repeat from * twice; ch of 10 ds; an enclosed r joining to preceding, and by last p to p of 6th of the center rs at side of square.

2. Make the inner r of enclosed r, as before, miss 1 r at side of square and join to next (which will be the 5th from the p to which the 4 tiny rs of last row are joined), ch of 7 ds, join to next r back, 7 ds, and complete the enclosed r in the usual way; * ch of 10 ds, a tiny r, joining to the p of enclosed r of last row; ch of 10ds, enclosed ring, joining to preceding; ch of 10 ds; a tiny r, joining

to same p; ch of 10 ds; enclosed r, joining to preceding; repeat 4 times from *
joining the last enclosed r by p of last
ch to p of 6th r from the center joining
of the side of square, and at base of r
from center. Tie and cut threads.

3. Like 2nd row to *, joining 1st enclosed r to 8th and 9th rs from the center of side of square; * ch of 10 ds; a tiny r, joining to p of enclosed r; ch of 10 ds; enclosed r, joining to preceding; ch of 10 ds; a tiny r, joining to p of next enclosed r; ch of 10 ds; enclosed r; joining to preceding; ch of 10 ds; a tiny r, join to same p as before; repeat from * 4 times ch of 10 ds; enclosed r, joined to preceding; ch of 10 ds; a tiny r, joined to p of next enclosed r; ch of 10 ds; and enclosed r, joining as before to 9th and 8th rs from center; cut and tie threads.

4.It is better to add this row after the scallups are all done, as it can then be carried entirely around, one scallop covering the side of a square.

Join the threads to p of corner r of square; make a ch of 7 ds, p, 7 ds; a tiny r, joining to p at top of enclosed r; alternate chs and rs around scallop, joining last ch to the corner r opposite, where the squares are joined; in making lst ch of next scallop, join at p to p of last ch of preceding scallop. All chs, save lst and last, may be 14 ds, omitting ps, if desired.

The openwork squares have 14 enclosed rings from corner to corner; join the 1st enclosed ring to 2nd enclosed ring from center on one side, the last on the other side, with the tiny rings joined to the picot between the 7th and 8th enclosed rs of the side; start the 2nd row of scallop by joining to 4th enclosed ring from center, and join to corresponding enclosed ring on other side of center, and start the 6th row by joining to 6th ring, ending by joining to 6th ring on other side, counting from center. This leaves corner rings for the 4th row.

A Bolster-scarf is easily made to match the spread, and the design may be arranged and combined in different ways to serve as a trim for matching accessories.

Lacemakers to Exhibit in May Events

The Virginia LACE Concern, branch of the International Old Lacers, met March 20 in the Handley Library at Winchester.

Plans were completed for the group to participate at both "Sunday in the Park" on May 4 in Winchester and "The Music and Craft Festival" May 18 at Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown.

The lacers will exhibit their work, equipment, and literature. Four lacers will be demonstrating, and students will be present.

As members will have a busy month in May the regular bi-monthly meeting date will not be until June 19 at 1:00 p.m., at the Handley Library.

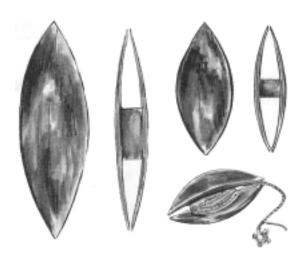
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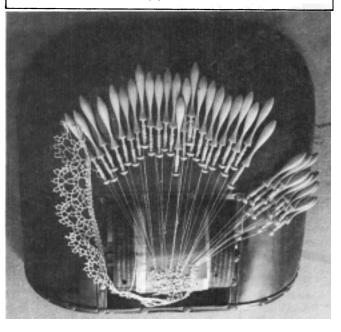


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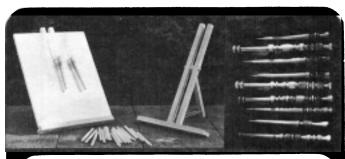
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The Development of Lace

(Danish history of bobbin lace)

Contributed by Mrs. Doras Culbertson, Cal. via Tove Ulriksen of Denmark

"When the first fabric was taken off the loom, loose threads hung from the edge of the weaving; from these thread's fringe originated. At first they were knotted together with simple knots, later this was done more artistically...."

Thus, according to tradition, fringe came into being but not even the most exhaustive study of source material reveals any definite trace of the origin of lace, itself. With the help of old patternbooks and the like, however, it is possible to follow its development from the beginning of the 16th century. Both Italy and Flanders claim to be the first country make lace. In Venice there still exists a pattern-book, Le Pompe, from 1557, and it is asserted with some justification that such a volume would not have appeared had lace not been produced for some time prior to the writing of the book. In support of this is the statement in a German pattern-book from 1562 that the art of lacemaking was introduced from Italy in 1536.

Flanders bases its claim on a number of paintings, among them one from 1495 by the artist Quinten Matsys showing a young girl making lace. The fact that the original patterns of the two countries have little in common may warrant the conclusion that the art appeared almost simultaneously in both countries.

The knowledge of lace and how it was made wandered all over Europe; at first it was needle-point, only, but this was soon superseded by bobbin lace. Its social mission as the creator of a new European trade is illustrated by the story of Barbara Uttmann who, deeply moved by the dire poverty reigning in the Erzegebirge, taught lace making to the women of the region and thereby assured them more or less well-paid work which continued to support them for centuries.

THE LACE INDUSTRY OF SOUTH JUTLAND

In Denmark a lace industry has existed only in the southern part of the peninsula of Jutland, in and around the town of Tonder. Our knowledge of how lace making found its way to Denmark is as vague as our knowledge of its original appearance in Europe. Some authorities believe that Flemish lace was the first to come here, others that the art was introduced by way of Germany. It is most likely, however, that Flemish merchants brought the first lace to Denmark. A parallel example in another field is found in the many painted tiles of Flemish origin that decorated the homes of the period and which still can be seen in some of the old houses and in a large and handsome collection in the Tonder Museum. This is also true of domestic utensils of various kinds, such as pots and pans of copper and brass.

We are just as ignorant as to when the art first appeared in Denmark but it must, at any rate, have been some time before the end of the 16th century. From a letter now in the Royal Library at Copenhagen we learn that Agneta, wife of Dean I. Fabricius of Copenhagen and daughter of Dean Jørgen Pedersen of Tønder, ordered from her sister Elizabeth in Tonder the following lace: "4 ells at a price of 7-8 thalers". This letter, written in 1595, proves conclusively that there existed some sort of lace industry in Tonder at that early date. From this evidence we may also assume that the courts of the Duke of torp, (who reigned over a part of Jutland), and the Danish King Christian IV adorned themselves with Tønder lace. deed, Christian IV has twice noted purchase of Tonder lace in his diary. Thus, on 3 September 1619 when the King was visiting South Jutland: "Gave for linen and laces 889 thalers to various lace merchants". And, again on 4 October 1620 (Flensborg): "gave a lace-girl 10 thalers".

From old court records and octroi accounts we learn of several merchants who visited Tonder during the years 1600-20 to buy up laces. One of these was Joh. Steinbeck who later, in 1648, settled in Tønder and did much for the advancement of the industry there. He not only sold lace but had a large number of lacemakers in his employ. After his death his wife, Gedske, carried on the business and became very wealthy.

For the town and neighboring districts this new means of livelihood was of the utmost importance inasmuch as the export of livestock and, in fact, all overseas trade fell off more and more during these years. The lace merchants earned large fortunes from their trade as witness their handsome epitaphs on the walls of Tønder church, the large park in the environs of Tønder, and the many bequests and foundations in the gift of that city.

The only lace maker of this period whose name has come down to us is Kjerstine Svendsvaller from Osterby in the nearby parish of Daler. She it was who, on her way to Tonder one day in 1639, stumbled over the first of the famous pair of prehistoric gold horns which are celebrated in Danish song and story.

The first Tønder lace lacked all distinction and was on the whole of inferior quality; but at the beginning of the 18th century its character was greatly improved by women from Brabant who came to Tønder in 1712 with troops returning from war in the Netherlands. At the same time the industry spread as far north as the town of Ribe.

It was in Tønder, however, that the lace merchants were established. One of the earliest was Peter Struck, the founder of the Tønder orphanage. When he acquired his trading license in 1680 the industry was in its infancy but less than 50 years later it had become of the first importance. Thus, in 1728, the municipal authorities

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were able to turn down an application for the establishment of a textile factory to be based on cheap labor supplied by the poor of the city as "golden mountains in the air", pointing out that "here in town there is, God be praised, the lace industry which can give the poor people means of support, have they the desire to work! There were many talented and resourceful lace merchants who rendered lasting service to their town and its citizenry. Dean Balthazar Petersen, who in 1788 founded the still existent Tonder Seminary, was a son of a lace dealer.

In order to prevent a swelling of the ranks of the so-called hauserers (speculators), whose ignorance of the correct technique of lace making threatened the decay of the industry as an art, the Board of Trade introduced many reforms in the fabrication which every manufacturer was obliged to adopt in order that "he shall be able to serve the profession to its benefit and advancement". He is required to be able to design patterns and adapt them in accordance with the "God-given abilities" of the lace makers. He must know what number thread to use in each case, be able to point out mistakes in the work, etc.

The importance of these reforms will easily be recognized when it is realized that the use of the wrong thickness of thread can entirely change the character of a piece of work, and that two lace-makers working with the same thread and pattern can produce widely differing results; one may seem coarse and loose, the other delicate and firm. Retail-seliing in olden times was carried on by itinerant pedlars and it was a red-letter day for maids and their mistresses on farms or in town houses when the "lace postman" took his pack off his back and spread out his wares before them. Many a feminine heart was tempted by the dazzling display and very quickly the pedlar was busy with his winding pin and measuring stick. These lace vendors travelled as far afield as Russia where laces were bartered for furs, and to the West Indies where they received in exchange the coveted cane-sugar.

The Danish state recognized the importance of the lace industry and favored it with low duty rates.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF TONDER LACE

Up to the middle of the 18th century Tønder laces were copies of Italian and Flemish patterns. Christian IV's bloodstained handkerchief, a relic of a sea battle in 1644 now in the Rosenborg Museum, is trimmed with lace that was undoubtedly made in Tønder though it closely resembles Italian-Flemish work. The popular Christian-IV pattern of today has only its motif in common with that which edged the famous handkerchief. The newer edition is found in at least five variations

This Italian-Flemish influence was followed by a period in which the laces were

copies of English, French, and Belgian patterns. At the end of the century, during the industry's most flourishing period when lace was made chiefly for export, Flemish patterns again predominated and they closely followed the whims of fashion. With their floral ornaments of closely worked linen stitch on rose ground these laces display extraordinarily fine effects. The contour thread or cordonnet, worked round the ornaments by way of relief, is lacking, and the edges are only slightly scalloped, if at all.

Around 1800 patterns became lighter and more open. During the next fifty years Lille lace with its characteristic Point de Lille ground became the model Tønder lace. Though export declined this was offset by an increase in domestic use for the adornment of the headdress and 'kerchief of national costumes. There is rich variation in the patterns and though influenced by Lille lace, the borrowings were freely adapted and new motifs added so that the Tonder production took on a distinctive Danish character. The designs are effective: linen-stitched ornaments are relieved by a thick cordonnet and there are usually patches of rose ground -- a sort of Tulle Double except that the pins are differently arranged and every one of them is closed. In the hexagonal mesh of the tulle ground are found small white dots (points d'esprit) which in South Jutland are called gal(wrong)stitch. These are very difficult to get right, requiring a good deal of practice. Also characteristic of Tonder lace are minute loops, called picots, edging the scallops, which are formed round pins.

It was undoubtedly during this period that the appelations A-lace and B-lace came into use. A-lace is cordonnet lace that is with a thick contour thread outlining the ornaments. B-lace lacks this. A-lace, alone, is considered by most people the only genuine Tønder lace and this is, on the whole, justifiable, as the cordonnet is a distinguishing characteristic of Danish -- i.e. Tønder -- lace.

THE LACE-GIRLS

The written sources make very little mention of the lace-makers, or "lace-girls" as they were called in South Jutland.

Their number was at times very great as for instance at the close of the 18th century when 10-12,000 lace-makers supported 20,000 people by their work. They began their apprenticeship at the age of six and continued at their pillows all life long or until their sight failed or their hands trembled too much. It has often been claimed that this sedentary work, at which the women sat bent over their pillows all day long, ruined their health, made them hunchbacked, and so on. In contradiction to this is the fact that many of the lace-girls of a later date lived to a ripe old age still plying their bobbins with gusto. Seeing a lacemaker at her work one is struck by her upright carriage. It is possible that the

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assertion is due to the fact that many crippled girls chose the work because its sedentary character.

Lace-makers have hardly been well paid at any time. The story has come down to us of one of them who, during a long life, earned only enough to defray her modest daily expenses and to acquire a featherbed and covering and bed linen. But this was in the 18th century and must have been during the difficult period when the lace-girls were the family bread-winners. A few of them were able to compose patterns which then were given their Others worked the same pattern throughout their lives and these, too, were named after their makers. Thus we have today Ane, Lisette, Ingeborg, Ellen, Maron's Hook, etc., recalling the names of the lace-girls who specialized in these patterns.

The girls were bound to a particular lace merchant who supplied them with patterns and thread, demanding in return lace of the same weight as the thread If the weights didn't agree wages were held back. The lace-girls were not permitted to travel abroad teach others their art. The governor of the county was given strict orders prevent this and was frequently required to send in a list of the lace-girls in his districts.

THE MODERN LACE INDUSTRY

The flourishing period of the Tønder lace industry began slowly to recede. Despite heavy demand prices continued to fall until the abandonment of national dress in the latter half of the 19th century completely ruined the market. The ancient, noble art had now to compete with machine-made lace which, of course, could be sold much cheaper. The lacegirls sought other, more lucrative work; their lace-pillows were laid aside and lace-making became a hobby for leisure hours. As a result of low wages the new creations of this period were all very open, with large holes in the patterns. Lace of this type was both easier and cheaper to produce.

The year 1864, which saw South Jutland annexed to Germany as a result of the war between Prussia and Denmark, looked like the beginning of the end. A group of Germans, began buying up all the old designs and pricked patterns they could lay their hands on with the intention of moving the industry to Berlin. This would have meant the complete extinction of the ancient Happily, a great art in South Jutland. effort was made to rescue what still remained. Here and there an old 'lace-girl' was found who knew the stitches and with their help the most valuable of the old patterns were preserved.

Denmark Mrs. Hansigne Lorenzen of Ballum, near Tonder, quietly began to collect patterns and encourage old lacemakers to begin work again. Her aim was to revive that which was distinctively Danish and she

worked with unflagging energy and patience towards that end. Several of the old lace makers had gone on to using coarse thread and it was with the greatest difficulty that she got them to return to the more exacting labor fine Tønder lace requires. She visited museums and obtained permission to copy their old patterns. Mrs.Lorenzen's great labor of love was financed by State Councillor Aggerholm. After reunion in 1920, a result of the First World War, the last hindrances were removed and the old Tonder lace industry was enthusiastically revived. All over the country ladies committees were formed to arouse interest in Tonder lace. For a number of years Mrs. Lorenzen's daughter taught the art at the Tønder Lace-Making School to pupils of all ages. Recently the school was moved to the town of Ballum.

For some years the School of Industrial Design in Tønder had classes in lace making for children and adults under the leadership of Miss Sara Rasmussen. sale of Tønder lace is organized "Sønderjydske kvinders hjemmearbejde" (South Jutland Women's Handiwork Association), and the present author has taught lace-making and retailed Tønder lace for more than 25 years. In Copenhagen the Association for the Preservation of Tønder Lace works for the advancement of the industry under the presidency of Mrs. Tomasen. Finally, mention should be made of Emil Hannover's book, Tønderkniplinger (Tonder Lace), which has been of the greatest importance for the renaissance of the

AN OLD LACE PILLOW FROM TONDER

The type of lace-pillow called a "lacecase", was used in Denmark for several centuries. It consists of a board supporting a cushion stuffed with hay. mounted slanting on a wooden case with a drawer at the back for bobbins and yarn. A piece of leather is stretched across the lower end of the board to enable the bobbins to glide easily. On either side of the cushion is another piece of leather on which the bobbins not in use at the moment were laid. The pricked pattern was fastened on the cushion. The bobbins used were of bone or wood with a knob at the end decorated with coloured glass beads. These were often gifts from the lace-maker's sweetheart. To prevent the bobbins from becoming entangled large brass pins -- like small stilettos -- were used. segment is cut out at the front of the board to make work easier. At the back is a piece of cloth with which the finished lace was covered and another piece was thrown over the pillow when the lace-girl left her work. The first lace-pillow used by the little girls when they started lace-making at the age of six was called During the years preceding reunion with a "stork's nest". It was smaller and was strapped on the little girl's knees while she worked. Later she learned to use the regular 'lace-case' and many a lace-girl continued working at her pillow until the ige of eighty when sight usually failed.

From the ceiling above the lace-case hung a 'shoemaker globe', a round glass container which became a refractor when filled with water, concentrating the light on the lace-pillow. The lace-girls often gathered in groups of four; it was pleasanter than working alone and the work went on more quickly. They sat round an oil lamp above which four 'shoemaker globes' hung from crossed bars. The girls took their turn trimming the wick so that the lamp always burned brightly. Wicks were made of rushes that had been gathered during full moon. When the work got going and the girls reached the coarse threads on the larger bobbins, they said: "Now comes the parson and now comes the parish clerk!

Bellevue, Washington Branch THE BELLEVUE BOBBIN BELLES

The Bellevue Bobbin Belles are spending much time in preparing for their Lace-In to be held at Marymoor Park on May 18th and 19th.

The activity will be under the auspices of the Park Department.

The Needlettes; Nancy Evans, teacher; have joined with us to display their talents in making needle lace. Several other groups have been invited and we are certain of having tatted lace and crocheted lace being demonstrated as well as having completed pieces on display. For most of the club, it will be their first lace-in and we are looking forward to it with a great deal of pleasure.

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History of our new I.O.L. member, the CRAFT GUILD of MANITOBA, INC.

This brief history has been prepared as a welcome to the Crafts Guild of Manitoba, Inc., with the thought in mind that something of the background and operation of your new association will be of interest to you.

To begin: in January 1928 at an organizational meeting held in the Reading Room at the Manitoba Legislative Building with Mrs. H. M. Speechly acting as Chairman the group present decided to organize a branch of the Canadian Handicrafts Guild. As a first project, plams were laid to co-operate with the Canadian Pacific Railway in the presentation of a display, "a new Canadian Folksong and Handicrafts Festival" and Mrs. P. V. Torrance agreed to convene the Festival. Financial support for the project was promised by the National Guild in Montreal. The Festival was a tremendous success with the result that great interest was created in the newly formed branch.

In 1929 Lady Nanton, who had been the rst President, resigned and Mrs. C.E. first President, resigned and Defoe, a recent arrival from the United States, took her place. In April 1930, the aims and objects of the branch were reviewed and Mrs. W. A. McLeod became the second President of the branch.Mrs.McLeod was endowed with not only a warm personality but also a sympathetic understanding of the problems of adjustment which faced new arrivals to Canada. Under her tenure new ethnic groups were brought in to the Guild: new Canadians from Iceland and Latvia, Poland and the Ukraine, Greece, Hungary, Denmark, Norway and Czechoslovakia added the richness of their culture to the work of the branch. At the same time, those of French extraction living in the Province and our own native peoples. Indians, also joined with us. The Guild can look back with some satisfaction on providing a facility which helped overcome the first difficult years which these immigrants were experiencing. Be-cause of the vision of Mrs. McLeod and the work of many others, the contributions which these new Canadians could make, was recognized and the crafts which they brought with them were preserved. Today all Canada reaps the benefit.

Special mention should also be made of those who contributed designs for the exclusive use of the Guild, including Mrs. South, Miss G. Hutcheson and Mr.Eric Bergman. It was Mr.Bergman who for many years donated the plates for the Christmas cards and Hasti notes which are still in great demand.

During the formative years the branch had no permanent home, but it is to the credit of that devout band of early volumteers that neither dark and dusty basements, nor steep and narrow stairs, dissuaded them from their purpose. "A home of our own and a shop for the craftsmen" was the goal, and under the dynamic leadership of Mrs. Bruce Chown steps towards

this goal were taken. A grant from volunteers teaching at Deer Lodge Hospital provided the nucleus, and slowly the building fund increased as members explored and developed new ways of raising money. In 1950 sufficient money was on hand to purchase the land on which the present building now stands. Later that year construction of the buildings began. In April 1951 when the present debt-free shop was opened, the fantastic dream of our early members became a reality. While members of the Guild had individually worked towards that day, the goal would never have been reached without the advice, encouragement, and tangible support of many good friends in the Winnipeg business community. With the new building came new programs. Shop operations grew to serve more and more craftsmen. A vast army of volunteers was required to carry out the many duties involved. But the educational program flourished and much is owed to that company of gifted teachers who continued to teach the crafts around which the organization is built.

One of the most successful ventures of the Guild was the addition of Eskimo carvings, and it is interesting to look back on the serious deliberations which took place when the committee thought that it was perhaps being overly optimistic in placing an order to the value of \$500.00! In retrospect, we are grateful to the courage of Miss Bessie Bulman. the Chairman, whose sense of the market urged the Guild to expand its selection of carvings. Today our display of Eskimo carvings has become the focal point for discriminating collectors from all over Canada and the United States. Because of Miss Bul-man's skilful and untiring efforts, our venture into Eskimo handicrafts has been most profitable.

The Crafts Guild of Manitoba is unique in Canada in that its opernations have always been carried out by volunteers. financial success of the Guild over years has resulted from the labors of these volunteers who give freely of their time and talents. Today the average member-ship of the Guild is about 800 persons. A large and hardworking Board of Management and many special Committees direct the work, and about 100 persons a month are required for shop duties. In 1970 in order to meet the challenge of an ever increasing interest in crafts, the three-storied educational building was erected, and in the summer of 1971 the shop was completely renovated. But like every other business, the Guild, if it is to continue to be successful, must meet changes in customers' preferences. In a word, the Guild must always be prepared to discard the good in order to obtain the better.

To sum up: the primary objectives of the Guild have been not only to preserve the valuable crafts of the past, as it does with an exceptional museum, archives and library collection, but also to provide a teaching centre for the novice craftsman and a market place for the skilled one.

The Crafts Guild of Manitoba is a non-profit organization and except for a small percentage of the gross which is withheld to cover the costs of operation, all profits go to the craftsmen. Throughout the year, general meetings of members are held in the Guild Hall at 10:00 A.M. on the second Thursday of each month when illustrated talks on crafts are usually given. By encouraging the preservation and development of Canadian handicrafts, the Crafts Guild serves the Community, provides an outlet for the skills abilities of its members in crafts and administration, and continues to enrich our cultural heritage." * * * * *

"During all these years the Guild has had Bobbin Lace on the teaching program, whenever they could get a teacher. I have taught it there for the last 6-7 years. Not too many students each year and some years none. But the interest is picking up here on the prairies and it is really remarkable when people don't mind going out in 20 to 30 degrees below F. I suggest anyone coming to Winnipeg visit us." Elise Osted, 519 Castle Ave., Winnipeg 5

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A TALE OF ARTISTIC BENT AND OLD LACE and of AN UNLIKELY LACE MAKER OTTO CHARLES THIEME

By Joy Krause

In: The Milwaukee Journal, Feb. 2, 1975

"I've taken great delight recently in telling people I'm a home economist, "said Otto Charles Thieme, an assistant professor in the University of Wisconsin's home ec school, now named the School of Family Resources and Consumer Sciences.

Thieme smiled broadly, seeming to savor memories of surprised reactions to his profession. "Then I tell them I'm also a lace maker", he said.

"I enjoy their shock and surprise. They don't know what to say ... Personally, have no doubts as to my masculinity, so I enjoy it."

Actually, while Thieme is a lace maker, he is not a home economist. A graduate of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago with a master's degree in Textile design, he teaches in the environment and design program area of the former home ec school here.

He is also a research associate with the Helen Louise Allen textile collection. which was willed to the school by the late Prof. Allen. A collection of more than 8,000 pieces, it is to Thieme's knowledge the largest such collection housed at an American University.

So while lace making complements Thieme's professional interests, it is primarily a pastime. And just as Thieme doesn't fit the image of a lace maker, his lace doesn't fit the image of lace.

Thieme's lace is Not frilly or dainty, typical of the two examples photographed. Both were executed over and around a sheet of Plexiglas that was used as a base to support the stitches.

Both are large enough to be hung on a wall like any other piece of art. look modern yet each is an example of needle lace, the oldest form of which dates back to the 15th century.

And nowadays, both are probably seen by most people as something new. "In this mad search for 'new' techniques, lace has been rediscovered," Thieme said.

STARTED 5 YEARS AGO
It was only about five years ago that And it Thieme himself began making lace. took encouragement from a curator at the Art Institute to get him to try.

Then a master's degree student at the Thieme routinely Institute's school, studied in the library of the Institute's

textiles department.

One day Virginia Bath, then the Institute's associate curator of textiles, showed him an unfinished piece of 18th century needle lace. It was an elaborate, shaded design of flowers and leaves, Thieme recalled.

Because the piece was only half completed, he was able to discern the lace maker's techniques after close scrutiny.

FIRST ATTEMPT

At that point Virginia Bath suggested that Thieme try lace making. Although he can't recall his exact response, thought, "You're crazy, lady," Thieme said recently.

Nonetheless, he tried stitching a sample. "Oh, it was so ugly," Thieme recalled. "But it fascinated me."

He continued to work on lace, with the advice of Virginia Bath, during his final year at the Institute's school.

Since then, he has been on his own, working without a teacher's guidance.

WORK ON DISPLAY

Some of his lace may be seen now through February 23 at the U.W. Memorial Union.On display is the artwork of eighty faculty members and three graduate students of the School of Family Resources and Consumer Science.

His lace, Thieme said, can be grouped into two types. cellular and fluid. described cellular lace as monochromatic and flat, with no feeling or depth. Thieme is most proud of his fluid designs. Those in which color and composition used to create a feeling of movement.

"The technique is so precise that every knot has to be tied by hand, but at the end, there's a feeling of freedom, a flowing feeling," Thieme said.

OLD TECHNIQUE

Although his lace looks contemporary, Thieme's lace making technique is essentially the same as that used centuries ago in Italy.

Historically, needle lace evolved from white embroidery, drawn thread work and

It was originally executed on pieces of parchment, on which a pattern for the web network of the lace was first drawn. Thick threads were next couched down on the parchment, following the pattern lines.

Then, with needle and fine thread, lace makers used the buttonhole stitch to bind off edges and create a pattern on the web. The stitching process is time consuming. If the work is fine and the design is complicated, Thieme said, it may take up to 90 minutes to make one square inch of pat-

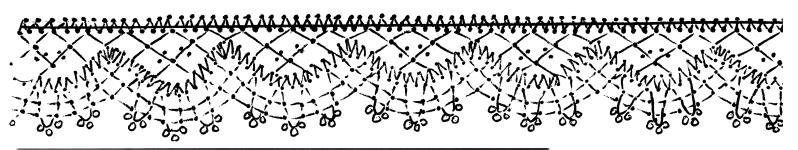
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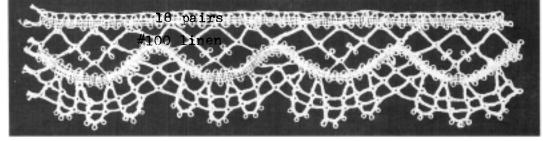
He altered tradition only by substituting Plexiglas for parchment and stretching the network threads across the plastic rather than couching them down, as was possible on parchment.

Of course, Thieme's free form designs would also be considered untraditional by 15th century standards. But then, lace has changed considerable since the days when it was always made by hand.

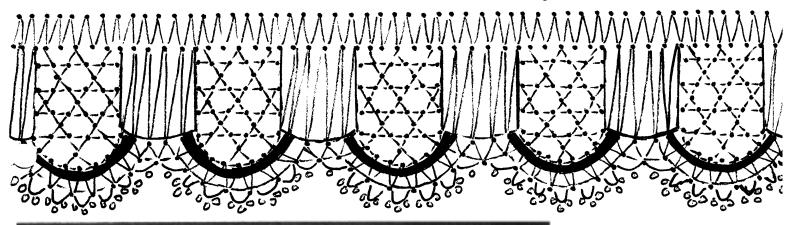
The industrial Revolution changed lace making from a pastime of aristocratic women to a job for machines. And lace, once worn only by the elite, became commodity the middle class could afford.

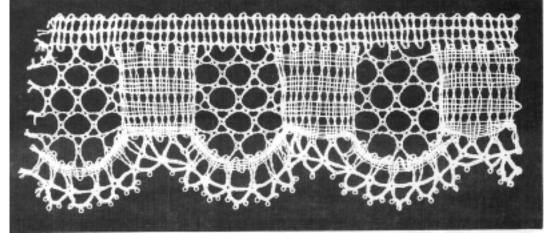
Although the art of making lace by hand never died, it hasn't thrived since the 19th century, Thieme said. Until perhaps now.





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Top: Bobbin lace insertion, about one foot long, made in Germany Center: Bobbin lace tablecloth, four feet, three inches in diameter, from Oberpfalz, (Bavaria) 1973
Below: Table cover with cutwork; bobbin lace edging, about 1900

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Top: Doily from Alsace (one side is 15 inches long) linen with red embroidery and red-white bobbin lace, about 1930 Center: Black bobbin lace (about 8 inches wide), France, 18th century Bottom: Bebbin lace doily, 6 inches wide made by Miss Charlotte Thouveniu, Bulgneville (Lerraine, France) 1974



President's Message

Dear Members: July is usually the month of our convention;

this year it's a month later, that gives us a month to add to our membership. It also will cause our Annual Bulletin to be late this year.

The interest in lace continues to grow, new groups and branches are being formed. The public is interested in all types of lace and are always astounded when they attend a program on antique collections and see the many different laces of the countries where they were made, when they are told these laces are being made at the present time; you hear many remarks of "It's hard to believe". Then is when you bring out, show and display the laces of today and explain how they are made. It is such a wonderfull and rewarding experience. Our members who give correspondence lessons can tell such interesting stories of the letters they receive.

Now to our Convention on August 11-12-13. In the May Bulletin were those you were to contact about the Workshops for Monday. If you haven't, please do so as soon as possible. Also contact Mrs. Pestka about the bus trip for Tuesday; find her address and phone number in another part of the Bulletin. Also other special notices.

A wenderful opportunity awaits us at this Convention. A member has been corresponding for the past two years and has been promised the information for this issue of the Bulletin. It will be explained, discussed and voted on at the business meeting on Tuesday, August 12.

We will be leaving July 1st for our trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, going through the Pacific States, then across the northern States to Wisconsin. We will not be home when the July Bulletin arrives at your home. All correspondence to me after that date to August 1st should be sent to our 1st Vice President, Gwendolyn Kritner or Mrs. Pestka. They will get your message to me at the convention.

May God be with and guide us all; those members unable to attend and those traveling to Convention.

As Ever With Lace

muriel Perz

P.S. We will be home by September 15

SPECIAL NOTICE

We will travel two hours to the Wisconsin University at Madison, to view the Helen L. Allen collection of lace.

The Chairman of this bus trip will have other places for us to go.

PLEASE write to her and get details.

We MUST have 20 people.

Mrs. Marie A. Pestka 4815 - 12th Street

Kenosha, Wisconsin Phone: 1-414-552-8516

SPECIAL NOTICE

The By-Laws are being worked on and will be presented at the Business Meeting, Tuesday, August 11th.

Convention Workshops

for I.O.L. Convention, August 11, 1975 FORMAL WORKSHOPS

Fingerweaving:......Fee \$6.00

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Bobbin Lace: - Tonder style..Fee \$6.00 Taught by Doris Southard

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Morning session for Beginners; bring a ball of Knit-cro-sheen and a number 7 metal crochet hook. Afternoon session for those with a

problem; bring your problem, hook and pattern that is your problem.

Needle lace . Identification -

OFFICERS: PRESIDENTS of BRANCHES: DIRECTORS: CHAIRMEN:

Dear Members: Am writing in regard to the reports for the International Old Lacers Convention to be held in Milwaukie, Wisconsin, on August 11, 12 & 13, 1975.

We hope many of you are planning to attend and give the reports of your year's activities. If this is not possible, will you please send it to our 1st Vice President, Mrs. Robert Kritner, 234 North 10th Street, Geneva, Nebraska 38361. Will you please get your report to Mrs. Kritner by August 1. Have asked her to care for this because we will be traveling at this time.

Would you please let us know if you or someone in your Branch or Area plan on coming to the convention.

Program for the convention was in the May Bulletin; as you can see this convention will be the most outstanding and interesting one held.

Do hope to meet and visit with you August 11, 12 & 13 in Milwaukie, Wisconsin.



Evlyne Ballard, Norfolk, Virginia

Evlyne Ballard demonstrating bobbin lace making last Fall when "Newport News", Va. had a bi-Centennial Festival featuring 18th c. crafts.

On December 15th, 1974 she demonstrated lacemaking at the Willoughby-Baylor House, and for 20 years she has prepared the Christmas exhibit at Myers House, Norfolk with her antique dolls and toys.

Also for the past 20 years she has decorated the tables to tie-in with the lectures given at Hermitage Foundation Museum using dells whenever she can and once she used an antique lace pillow on the table with other Belgian artifacts when the lecture was on Brussels and made lace at the coffee hour before the lecture.

SHEFFIELD LACE-MAKERS, ENGLAND

"A successful Eace-In was held in the Rowlinson Adult Center on Saturday, May 17th, attended by over 200 lace makers from many parts of our country.

In addition to visitors showing their own work, there was a good exhibition of lace from a Lancashere College and a display of our own members' work.

Mrs. Allan, eur Chairman, showed some of the slides from her goodly collection, depicting lace and its uses ever the centuries. She also gave a talk on the "Mysteries of Lace-Making" during both the morning and the afternoon sessions."

"I have been making the eval mat for which the diagram was included in the September bulletin. After finishing it my husband was so pleased with it that he had it mounted under glass and framed as a tray with two tiny handles—one at each end."

Doris Bird



F R E D O M B E L

1975

By: Zelda G. Connell

This room divider hanging is of dull green jute macramé with bells -- various sizes of camel bells, elephant bells, cow bells, sleigh bells and many nameless bells, extolling freedom. May they ring long, loud and clear, reminding us to be ever proud and very grateful for our country's freedom.

The trimming on the turquoise dress --the collar, medallion and cuffs -- are
macramé of turquoise and gold metallized
lamé threads and three sizes and shades
of turquoise beads. The macramé is just
whipped onto the dress material, so easily
removed if desired."

DETROIT - SOUTHEASTERN BRANCH, Michigan

Our meeting scheduled for April 28th was postponed to May 6 as our guest, Mrs. Akerman would still be airborne. We had a fine meeting; 30 members came and all had something to show or tell. Mrs. Akerman brought her pillow and some lace medallions to show us.

Our mext meeting is to be at the home of Barbara Daily, 904 Lincoln, Port Huron, Michigan on June 30. I hope we can pick up some members farther out in the state.

Elsie M. Bentley

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SPRINGFIELD, MASS., DAILY NEWS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1975



I.ACE PLACE—It should be obvious what Vologda, U.-S.R.R., is famous for. Laces. These are some of the 6,000 workers at "Snezhinka" ("Snowflake"), a firm

that produces about 400 kinds of laces. Besides massproduced items, top workers fashion "unique" pieces for exhibitions.



Elizabeth
Groszberg
with her woven
lace exhibited
at the Woman's
Club of Lake
Worth, Florida,
Art Festival
in Stuart.
She won first
place.
(Photo by
JoAnn)

Northern Virginia Daily, Tuesday, April 29, 1975



To Be on Exhibit at Sunday-in-the-Park

Star Photo by Susan Burk

These are some examples of the lace that will be exhibited by the Virginia L A C E-Concern, a branch of International Old Lacers, at "Sunday-in-the-Park" May 4 in the War Memorial Building at the Winchester Recreation Park. Three lacers will show bobbin lace, and one will exhibit Guipure D'Art, a lace form dating from Biblical times. Extra pillows and bobbins will be available for the demonstrators to guide visitors through the basic steps of lace making.

The Virginia L.A.C.E. Concern also participated in the second annual Valley of Virginia Folklife Festival at Lord Fairfax Community College on May 18, from 1 to 6 p.m. "Mrs. Lowery of Fall Church, Va. wrote "Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Coryell and I had a marvelous time showing the guests



LACERS TO EXHIBIT WORK — This sign will designate the workshop, studio and displays that Virginia LACE Concern will be conducting at "Sunday in the Park" May 4 from 1 to 6 p.m. The display will be at the War Memorial Building at Winchester Recreation Park. This sign was made by a member, Mrs. Inez Rodefer, of Front Royal.

(Daily Staff Photo)

at Lord Fairfax College about making lace. The time passed very quickly, but it was tiring." Mrs. Lowery also demonstrated lace making at the Falls Church Bicentennial Celebration on May 26th. The next regular meeting of the Virginia L.A.C.E. Concern will be June 19th at the Handley Library in Winchester, Virginia.



KONIAKOW, POLAND, LACE

This small village, located at the confluence of the rivers Odra, Danube and Vistula in the Silesian Beskid Mountains, is famous for its exquisite lacework. Lace-making is a centuries-old tradition here, with the intricate techniques being handed down from one generation to the next. The village's inhabitants have set up their own museum with displays of their artistry. Their regional art room has displays of the local attire and furnishings, too. -- From: May 1975

"Travel" magazine

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"I gave another talk on the
laces of Europe for a D.A.R.
group last menth."

Helen Barthelmes, N. H.

Craft Happening

at Moomebe, in the Fitzrey Gardens, Melbourne, Australia, March 9, 1975 Left: Mrs. Jean McDonald Right: Mrs. Madeline Parker Photographed by Mrs. June Stringer "The lace group did demonstrations on 3 afternoons for Moombe (which is a Labor Day Carnival). The demonstrations caused a let of interest though we did not find any more lacemakers. A couple of Maltese women said they had made lace as children, but did not have equipment in Melbourne. The lace group is growing. have 10 new people learning bobbin lace and 4 learning needle-lace and we hope the group will continue to expand." Mrs. Madeline Parker

TRADITIONAL BOBBIN LACE PATTERNS

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By: Gertrude Biedermann & Martha Andersen
A pertfelio of 24 plates of 53 original
patterns by Gertrude Biedermann and Martha Anderson of San Francisco, California
are now available to the beginner and
advanced lace maker. Most of these patterns can easily be made with different
grounds and stitches according to your
knowledge and preference. Included is a
bibliography and working notes to help
the beginner

The beautiful, light blue cards, have ll straight edgings, ll edgings with shaped corners; 3 collars; 9 all lace doilies; l all lace, large oval doily, l square doily; 3 edgings for doilies or place mats; 14 ornaments or insertions, including l bird.

Available from "SOME PLACE", see Ad page 104.

"If you hear of anything regarding lacework in Spain, would you let me know? There is not much surface showing but I hope later, when I get into the smaller villages, I might find it." M. B. Sowers

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HOW ABOUT - A LACE POSTAGE STAMP?

"When I first joined I.O.L. a past bulletin had a couple pictures of some Hungarian stamps with needle lace pictured on them. After ordering all of these and receiving an Austrian one in the package, picturing a woman in a lace mantilla; that started me collecting stamps solely about lace. I've just recently joined the American Topical Association, and will soon find out if there are any more people who collect stamps pertaining to lace. Also I received a small publication from our government about American stamps and that is where I got a brainstorm. Let me quote from the article one paragraph—

"Letters requesting commemorative and ether postage stamps originate with individuals and organizations and are sent to the Postmaster General. A Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee makes recommendations for new stamp issues from the thousands of requests on file. The Postmaster General makes the final determination based on the Committee's recommendations".

Wouldn't it be nice if we could get a stamp commemorating either the Lacemakers or the International Old Lacers of America? Lace is so popular right now and it would be wonderful to bring to the eyes of the Americans and also the World, that someone is still keeping alive the almost lost art of making lace by hand. Maybe we could set our goal for I.O.L.'s 25th Anniversary." Elaine Reichenback, Wash.

Lace Museums and Shops

By: Karen Margrethe Halstrom Copenhagen Ø. Denmark

Many museums have good collections of lace, but in quite a few of them the lace is stowed away in the bottom drawer some-where and left there for years. The following list is very far from complete but contains some addresses I think will be unknown to many Old Lacers.

Let us start with Belgium, home of so much fine lace. The largest collection is undoubtedly that of the Musees Royaux du Cinquantenaire, (Musees Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire), Parc du Cinquantenaire in Brussels. The collections of Flemish, Brussels. Italian, and French laces are magnificent and well displayed - in large pieces - in several enormous rooms containing nothing else. The lace of other countries is badly represented, the only Honiton shown, for instance, being a wretched collar of the worst period as regards design and execution. For the last two years, however, due to repairs to the heating system, etc. the collections have been closed, with only one or two pieces displayed in the corridor outside. Irritatingly enough, the leaflets you are handed at the Tourist Office say nothing of this, so if you plan a visit to Brussels especially to see the lace. it will be necessary to see the lace, it will be necessary write to the museum to know whether the collections are accessible.

There are plans for installing a lace museum in three small 17th century houses in Rue Violette, just behind the Grand 'Place. The plans have, so far, just remained plans as the houses are extremely dilapidated and would cost a mint of money to restore. In the same street are two shops, on opposite corners, food for some window-shopping. Here you will see a fine array of Chantilly, Duchesse, Rose Point, Rosaline, and Binche laces, mainly old stock, but the prices certainly have been updated all right.

In the Maison du Roi, in the Grand Place itself, there is a small municipal museum containing a small collection of lace lent by the Cinquantenaire museum. A couple of fine pieces, but the rest ordinary or poor stuff. To the right of the restaurant "La Couronne" (when you face it), still in the Grand'Place, is a lace shop with some good pieces including a lovely Rose Point fan, and you will notice that the wares in the two windows are kept carefully apart: one contains the lace: the other, the semi-machine "Princesse" and "Luxeuil" laces as well as machine-made blouses, etc. This stuff is the mainstay of most Belgian lace and souvenir shops today. Many tourists expect to buy lace, but they expect to buy it cheaply. The answer has to be imported Chinese Torchon and the two kinds of tape lace mentioned. In "Luxeuil" only one kind of broad, flat machine tape is used. Doilies and tablecloths are made by working

it into coil upon coil, held together with loose stitches in thick white cotton. The result looks like nothing ever produced in hand-made lace.

The "Princesse" lace is imitation applique on net and is much used for wedding veils and christening gowns. The machinemade tapes can be cut into ready-made leaves and rose petals and sewn to the net as little weedy sprays. Stalks are simply darned into the net with a heavy thread. Handkerchief corners may show the little wheels and medallions of roses typical of Point de Gaze (Rose Point). Even these are machine embroidered (see typical illustration in the close-up of the dress

page 37 of the January Bulletin).

In the St. Hubertus galleries is another lace shop with some good things where you can sometimes see an elderly lacemaker at work, and in the Passage du Nord, No. 15, is a small shop, "La Manufacture No. 15, is a small shop, "La Manufacture Royale de Dentelles", with some good handkerchiefs and collars in Duchesse, Valenciennes, Point de Flandre, etc. Again old stock, and not very expensive. I bought a handkerchief edged unusually with black silk Duchesse! Here, too, I was shown a magnificent Rose Point stole -- but that was expensive.

In the more popular quarters of the city one may still find shops that sell lies of Bruges lace, fairly coarse, but good, honest work of its kind.

Bruges lace can, of course, be bought in Bruges too, and that town is certainly worth a visit. Many people seem unaware that it contains the magnificent lace collection of Baroness Liedts, which can be seen on the top floor of the Gruuthuse Museum, Gruuthusestraat. It is well bled and displayed in two rooms, and the condition quality is exquisite, This is a MUST!

Then you should not miss a visit to the Kantcentrum in Balstraat 19, close to the Jerusalem church. (To make sure of their opening hours, get their folder at the Tourist Office). Here you may see quite small girls taking lessons in lacemaking, but there are classes for adults too. One teenage girl had on her pillow what looked to me like a thousand bobbins; there were, she teld me, only 450! She was making a handkerchief edging in Binche lace about 2-1/2 inches wide in gossamer thread and showing little figures of ladies and The lace can be bought but is very expensive, as it must be. More accessible are the tiny souvenir silver bobbins. Communication may sometimes prove a little difficult as everybody speaks Flemish and nobody seems to know much English or French. And then there is the Storie Museum, known to many Old Lacers, to which is attached a small museum of lace, mostly small samples, but with some nice pieces.

In Holland, the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam some years ago received the inherited lace collection of Queen Juliana as a long-term deposit, and the society "Het Kantsalet" has added some fine pieces to the museum's collection. Most of it is put away, but a

few choice pieces are usually on display. The royal collection, consisting mainly of 19th century items, has been published in the book "Kant uit koninklijk bezit" (lace in royal possession), which contains lots of good photos. In Amsterdam too you find in Calverstraat the "Kantenhuis" (lace house), a shop selling all manners of lace handkerchiefs, tablecloths, lace by the yard, embroideries, etc. Here you may still buy the handmade Lille lace of the stiffly flowered and spotted patterns preferred for the caps of the Dutch national costume. Upstairs is the owner's nicely displayed little museum of his private collection. I remember seeing some nice lappets and fans and some good Chantilly.

In Rotterdam the museum Boymans-van Beuningen has a good all-round collection from the late 16th century onwards, which seems usually to be packed away in a chest.

In England the beautiful collection of the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, hardly needs any introduction. Well displayed, it abounds in large items of the finest quality. Remarkable is the 17th chasuble entirely made of Venetian Gros Point. Smaller items are mounted in sliding frames. This is certainly another MUST.

Moving to my own country, or Denmark, there is a small collection of lace Kunstindustrimuseet (applied arts museum). Bredgade 68, Copenhagen. Much of it is, of course, Tonder lace, made in Southern Foreign lace is shown in small but representative pieces, and upstairs, in the reserves, are a few good pieces which can be seen by appointment. In the which can be seen by appointment. In the same street, at No. 35, you find Andr.Fr. Høst, the booksellers, who have a very fine selection of books on handicrafts, including lace. Tonder Museum in Tonder, near the German border, houses a fine collection of the local lace, and another collection of it can be seen at Kolding, at the Koldinghus Museum.

The shops called "Haandarbejdets Fremme" (advancement of the handicrafts) and "Clara Waever" 's embroidery shep Stroget in Copenhagen as well as Magasin du Nord sell handkerchiefs and small doilies with finely made Tonder lace. "Hongkong", also on Strøget, sells Chinese bobbin lace, filet (netting), and needlepoint in Venetian technique, but with Chinese-

type lotus patterns.

Scania geometric laces made without a pattern-pricking can be bought from the "Hemsløjd" (home crafts) chain of shops in Lund, Helsingborg, and Stockholm, Sweden, with a specially large and well-assorted one in Malmø. These shops sell patterns too and good linen thread. In Stockholm you will find the lace shop of Gerhard Johansson at 31, Birger Jarlsgatan. This shop has the well-known Swedish Vadstena lace as well as foreign handmade lace, for instance well-designed doilies from Jugoslavia.

Museum fur Kunst und In Germany the Gewerge, Kirchenallee, Hamburg,

good collection of antique lace. all stored away but can be seen by appointment. It is unlabelled and stored. many pieces together, in plastic bags. Much of it could do with a cleaning.

In Austria, Vienna boasts a fine, spacious museum of applied arts, the Museum fur angewandte Kunst, Stubenring 5. It has a fine collection of lace which is all hidden away in the storerooms. However, by appointment - and insistence, somebody can usually be routed out to unlock the doors. The collection is kept in large wardrobe-like cupboards, the pieces being mounted on big cloth-covered frames, which slide out vertically. Labels are small and unsatisfying. Many of the cupboards are said to contain embroideries and lace in an unwashed and unmounted condition, and they will probably remain so. Remarkable among the mounted specimens are some pieces of Venetian-type needlepoint designed by Professor Storck and made by Bohemian lacemakers in the time of Franz-

In Spiegelgasse 8 you will find the only lace shop in Vienna, taken over last year by Miss Grete Karl when the last of the old lacemen, Otto Bick, retired at about eighty. Miss Karl has a good selection of modern Belgian and Chinese laces, but she has some old pieces too. I remember seeing a pretty flounce of bobbin applique and an embroidered net veil. I got the best pieces of Mr. Bick's personal collection at the time when he did not think he could find anybody to continue the shop, but now Miss Karl, understandably enough, has decided to keep the rest.

In Switzerland the Industrie- und Gewerbemuseum, Vadianstrasse 2, St. Gallen, houses the famous Ikle-Jacoby collection of lace and embroidery. The town with its quaintly carved and painted houses is well worth a visit apart from the lace collection, which is very fine, and well displayed. Here you can see a whole dress made of Alencon needlepoint lace as well as many other beautiful pieces. ground floor there is an exhibition the newest machine made St.Gallen embroidered materials for evening dresses, etc.

Not many people realize that Geneva, too, has a fine collection of old lace in the Musee d'Art et d'Histoire, Rue des Casemates. In particular, I remember an 18th century Brussels lace flounce made up of two pairs of broad cravat-ends of outstanding quality. Some of the lace is displayed in hinged frames on the wall, which can be turned like the leaves in a book. There is clear, soft plastic instead of glass in front of much of the lace, which is not such a very good idea as it makes the lace look slightly indistinct and fuzzy. They have nobody now with any special knowledge of lace and the collection has not been touched since the lady who arranged it, Mile. Cherbuliez, died.

About 1910 the collection was published in a book of folio plates, so during my first visit to the museum I asked without much hope if they should happen to have a Page 96 July 1975

copy left. The lady doubtfully shook her head but went down to look. Strange sounds from below seemed to suggest that she was demolishing the museum, but at last she returned, flushed but triumphant, bearing a copy! It had evidently been kept in the cellar, for the plates were damp and we had to spread them out on the beds in our hotel room to dry, but then the book was perfectly all right. Returning the next year, I asked if they had any more copies - pure greed - but was informed that the remaining ones had been spoilt by the damp and thrown away.

A scrapbook in the library is all that remains of the lace collection in the Gewerbemuseum in Berne. For some obscure reason they had seen fit to divide the collection among any other Swiss museums that would like a piece. The smaller pieces were then folded and stuffed into the plastic envelopes of a scrapbook. remember in particular a good piece of Silver Blonde which had been too big to go in properly; and so this fragile silk lace was just left hanging out of the envelope. - Solidly made Swiss lace-trimmed traycloths, etc, of Torchon type can be bought at the "Heimatwerk" chain of shops (local arts and crafts), which flourish in the German-speaking part of Switzerland.

Moving to Italy, we find a good lace collection, especially as regards Milanese bobbin and Venetian needlepoint in the Museo Correr at the Piazza San Marco, Ven-ice. This collection was formed by the famous lace firm of Jesurum, whose shop is in the Piazza San Marco, with the main offices and private collection at Ponte Canonica. Here too you may be lucky enough to see Venetian Point being made. The firm still keeps a few lacemakers, but concentrates today on luxurious and expensive beachwear, towels, scarves, handbags, etc. You can, however, still buy luncheon sets, christening gowns, and wedding veils in real lace from them.

From Venice one ought to pay a visit to the <u>Scuola Merletti di Burano</u>, the lace school founded by <u>Countess Andriana Mar-</u> celle on the Island of Burano just over a hundred years ago, where fine and expensive needle point lace is still being manufactured.

Beautiful needlepoint, some of it from 16th and 17th century patterns, is made too by the "Aemilia Ars" school in Bologna.

too by the "Aemilia Ars" school in Bologna.
You may wonder why I have not mentioned France, since that country has produced many beautiful laces, such as Alencon, Argentan, Valenciennes, Lille, and Chantilly. Well, as far as I am concerned, France is a black chapter. I have a book published at the beginning of this century, with twenty large plates showing fine antique lace in the Musee de Cluny in Paris, and I suppose they must have the lace still, though only a collar and one or two other pieces are on display. The Musee des Arts Decoratifs (applied arts) has, too, a splendid collection. I have the book of plates, but I have yet to discover a way of passing the barrier of glacial polite-

ness separating me from the lace itself. To get past the lower officials, I tried having a French lady well known to the textile people ring them up and introduce me. She was told firmly that the lace was packed away and impossible to view. The French lady told me that the lace had been hidden away for the last twenty years, and would probably remain so for the next twenty. The museum apparently just couldn't care less and could not be bothered with importunate foreigners like myself.

Paris used to have a fine and interesting Costume Museum too at Avenue Wilson, where lace shawls, parasols, and lacetrimmed garments were usually on view in the varying exhibitions. Unhappily the collections were lodged in a wing of the Museum of Modern Art, and so, three years ago, the costumes were packed away to make more room for the pictures. In museum lists, however, the address is still given as Avenue Wilson. It is said that they are thinking of opening a proper costume museum in a new building somewhere, but will that thinking be finished by the year 2000, I wonder?....

As regards lace shops, I did find twe in Paris. One, called "Aux Fuseaux" (at the sign of the bobbins), is quite far out in the suburbs, at 61, Avenue Mozart, Paris 16e. They specialize in hand work in lace and embroidery and repair lace too. The other is L. Rouff at 4, Place Vendome. Here I saw among other things a handkerchief edged in late 18th century Alençon and a large Milan tablecloth. The lady, however, was not sure for how long the shop would remain there. A third shop had become a draper's and upholsterer's because, as the owner said, there was not enough interest in real lace to support a

shop dealing only in that.

I know well that this list is far from exhaustive -- I have not, for instance, described the Luton Museum or the Honiton in the Royal Albert Museum at Exeter, and I know that Nordiska Museet in Stockholm has a good collection too - but I decided here only to include museums and shops which I could write about from personal experience. It is my hope that other members of the Old Lacers will add other addresses to this list, which, to the best of my belief, is correct at this moment of writing. However, lace may not continue to be available in the shops mentioned. The making of fine lace is hardly a commercial proposition today, and so, though plenty of people make lace for their own amusement, the commercial lacemakers are slowly dying out. Tonder lace, for instance, is made to sell through "Haandarbejdets Fremme" only by a few old women the thread is very difficult to get; and in Malme I am told that they have only one old lacemaker left to do the Scan-ia laces, which means that the "Hemsløjd" shop will not sell their broad sample pieces but keep them for their collection. because they cannot be replaced any more.

(Date, May 2, 1975)
"I got the idea for this article when

I saw in the Bulletin visitors to Bruges enthuse about the Storie museum, yet being apparently completely unaware of the splendid and really important Liedts collection in the Grudthuse in the same town! It is very odd the way some museums just keep their lace - sometimes the gifts of misguided collectors - stowed away, and how they tend to regard you as a nuisance if you demand to see it. Some places you meet with a blank refusal. I guess this somnolent attitude won't be changed until lace has been recognized as an expensive antique on a par with 18th century porcelain, old watches and snuffboxes, and the like. It is nowhere there yet, but prices certainly are steadily mounting for good antique pieces.

I should also like to add something to Mrs. Funk's article on "The Art of Lace" in March bulletin:

a) John Heathcoat's machine was not "a crude machine for making lace", but the first good machine for making net that could not unravel, and which was then em-

broidered by hand;

- and I should like to point out that it is certainly wrong to call Binche "a lace of the Brussels bobbin type...appliqued to net". Binche is a straight lace, i.e., a lace in which pattern and ground are made at the same time and with the same threads. Typical of 18th century Binche are the very fine thread and patterns of extreme delicacy looking somewhat like ostrich feathers among snowflakes. It has the same ancester as Valenciennes, indeed, it is only a bit into the 18th century that they separate into two distinct types. Brussels lace, on the other hand, was made in pieces which were joined up afterwards or later, applied to hand - or machine made net.
- c) (p. 57) "Point laces, a classification of needlepoint laces, among which are.... point de Paris....and point de Milan. The two laces in question certainly are not needlepoint, but bobbin laces. Point de Paris is a straight lace, usually with little flowers like the Lille, but with the old five-pointed Chantilly ground. Point de Milan has large and magnificent scrolled flower patterns, sometimes without a ground, but often with a mesh ground worked in separately. The "Point" name was used indifferently in olden times for needlepoints and some kinds of bebbin lace e.g. Buckingham "Point" and "Point" de Flandre, both of which never were anything but bebbin laces."

Karen Margrethe Halstrom

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DENVER METRO-COLUMBINE CHAPTER MEETINGS Denver, Colorado

Twenty-three members were in attendance at the September 18th, 1974 meeting held at the regular meeting place. The members voted to pay for membership for the State Historical Society; Gov. of Colorado and his wife, and the Denver Public Library.

Lace displayed included an unusual doily with snap on flowers, Teneriffe from the Canary Islands, filet crochet brought by guest, Mary Nigro; machine made lace presented by Jackie Friesen and table cloth made by a friend of Amber Wales.

In October the branch members toured the Colorado Springs members' homes where fabulous fans of Chantilly and Torchon, and dolls were shown. Also a"Lace In"was held at Red Rocks Campus with Mrs. Margaret Hamer of England showing slides as she explained about the various laces made in different areas of England.

The November meeting was held at the regular meeting place, 1380 South Federal Bldg with 15 present. Plans were made for their Christmas luncheon to be held at Nancy Conklin's home and the program was given by Bernice and Georgia Bergman, Commercial artists and teachers, showing many of their acrylic paintings that were given lovely names, as "Lavender and Old Lace", "Wine and Roses" and "My Wild Irish Rose".

Fourteen attended the January 14, 1975, meeting. Plans were discussed for a May convention and Clara Luhman presented a unique program with her spinning wheel, showing how to card and spin yarn from the hair of dogs, such as that from a Collie or St. Bernard. She displayed capes, coats and rugs made from this yarn.

At the February 19th meeting it was announced they had decided to cancel the Third Annual Convention meeting planned for May.

The program was given by Georgia and Bernice Bergman showing their "Pictures painted with 'reflections of Lace'. Lace Scrapbooks were judged. The winners were Jackie Friesen, Bernice Lang, Alma Thomas, Virginia Funk, Mildred Haney and Tillie Ridell.

Fourteen attended the March meeting held at the regular meeting place. Plans for the May and June meetings were discussed. An entertainer, Lorraine Shuck, from the Lakewood Women's Club presented the program, modeling and telling about various pieces of apparel which had belonged to the famous 'Molly Brown' of that area and a few pieces of clothing that belonged to Baby Dee Tabor, the Colorado Silver King. Officers for the new Columbine Year be-

Officers for the new Columbine Year beginning in May were chosen at the April 16th meeting. They are:

President: Mrs. Lloyd A. Wales
1st Vice Pres: Mrs. O. J. Friesen
2nd Vice Pres: Mrs. Raymond Conklin
Sec.-Treasurer: Mrs. Robert C. Ridell
Corr. Secretary: Mrs. Vernon Farr

These officers were installed at May 21st meeting after a display and discussion of tape lace; the nineteen members present adjourned to Wilson's Restaurant for lunch.



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Mary McPeek making lace for the SHAKER SEASON of SPRING in SHAKERTOWN at Pleasant Hill. Kentucky, 1975

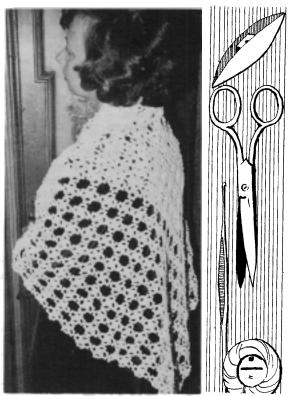
"The dress was a deep blue that showed off the lace. The chair is an old one with tape-woven seat. A large feed basket that held my junky stuff shows a bit beyond the chair. A blanket chest at my knee held some of my pieces. Each room had a chair rail as shown. The photograph doesn't show high enough to catch the ever present rail with pegs for hanging everything up at night, even chairs and shoes.

I remembered to remove my wrist watch; they prefer that you not wear your wedding band, but I never thought of my glasses cord until I saw the picture. Of course I couldn't do much about the glasses, not being steel-framed.

It was a delightful week, living in one of the residence rooms and eating their deligious food." -- Mary McPeek.

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born fruit, such as an occasional talk
on lace, demonstrations at the Art Museum
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Guild, and the acquisition of a few applications for membership, as well as teaching the fundamentals to newcomers."

Charlie Norton



GISELA GRAFF-HOEFGEN of West Germany, modeling a square Tatted Scarf she designed and made, September 1974.

Motifs might be made in fine thread of: rings 6,p,6; chains 3,p,3,p,3,p,3.

In heavy thread or fine yarn rings 4,p,4; chains 2,p,2,p,2,p,2. Join by center picot of chain as shown.



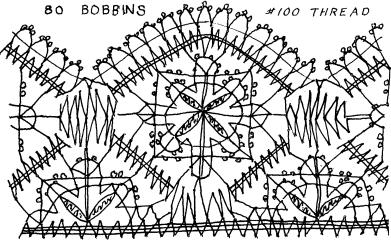
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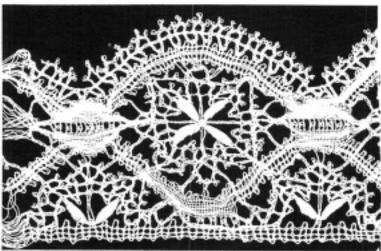
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As President of I.O.L. I am writing on behalf of all members thanking Rachel Wareham for her devotion to I.O.L. and the many hours given to the Bulletin. It has been acclaimed "The Best Magazine" in the catagory we are in. We congratulate you, Rachel, for the selection of the Articles sent by our members and other interested people.

We wish you the best on your retirement as editor of I. O. L. Bulletin. With a Hearfelt Thank You, Sincerely,

from the Members, and

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Muriel Perz, President
As we all know, behind each great woman
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Wareham.

THANK YOU MEMBERS

Thank you for the many varied contributions to the bulletin, and thanks for the many recent notes. — Rachel Wareham
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MAKING TENERIFFE LACE

By: Eunice Gifford Kaiser

Teneriffe, like so many other laces, is wreathed in romance and in such antiquity that no one really knows its origin. It may have been introduced into the Canary Islands, off the northwest coast of Africa, by some of the women who followed the Conquistadors to the New World in the 15th century. The greatest quantities of it are still made on Teneriffe, the largest of the Canary Islands. For this reason it is widely known as "Teneriffe Lace".

It is one of the needle-run laces which have been made in numerous places and in as many different ways and forms. The design may appear in squares, diamonds, ellipses or in bands of insertion or borders. Because it is always characterized by radials spreading out from the center of the design, it is classed as a "Sun" or "Sol" lace.

In overlooking the simplicity of making this beautiful lace, women have deprived themselves of great satisfaction and delight which might have been theirs. The work is easily carried around. It can be laid down at any interruption or picked up without any confusion as to what to do next. It requires neither a large expenditure for equipment nor a large space in which to work.

When I showed a piece of Teneriffe lace to some older Latin-American women, I was surprised to see their eyes sparkle as if they had just run into a long-lost friend. They probably had known it as "Brazilian Point" or by the name of some other locality in which it had been made. One of the women said, "We learned to do that in school a long time ago. We will have to send to Mexico to get the metal frames to make it on."

Chafed by any delay in getting the frames, I looked around for a way to make them from materials at hand.

A plastic Crisco lid lying in the Kitchen already divided into thirty-two equal parts. All that needed to be done was to slit the rim at each division to make it a useable frame. It was that easy!

Other plastic lids can be made into frames in much the same way. I like to use one which has forty-eight sections since the pattern can be developed on eight divisions of six spokes, six divisions of eight, three of sixteen or four divisions of twelve. Two notches directly opposite in the rim, made somewhat wider than the others will facilitate winding the yarn. Baby-yarn of wool or acrylic is suggested. Some variation either lighter or heavier also works well.

A bit of slack must be held in the yarn while putting it on the plastic frame to prevent pulling the frame out of shape. But the flexibility of the plastic also makes it much easier to work over and to remove from the finished medallion.

Hold the frame with the rim away from you. Thread a large-eyed, blunt end needle

and pull the yarn through the center of the frame from the front to the back; i.e. to the rim side. Do not cut the length of yarn from the ball yet. Remove the needle and hold the short end of the yarn securely back of the frame.

Working with the yarn as it comes from the skein, go from the center hole across the face of the frame to the large notch at the top of the frame. Take the yarn through this large notch, across to the right under one segment of the rim, up through the adjacent small netch, acress the face of the frame to the opposite large notch, down through the large notch. under the rim to the next notch to the left, up through that notch, across the face of the frame, down through the third notch in the top group, to the right under the rim and up through the fourth notch. Continue winding clockwise in this manner until the first large notch is reached.

Now measure off about a yard of yarn, break at this point and rethread the needle with this end. This strand becomes the weaver. Lay the skein or ball aside until another length of yarn is needed.

Carry the weaver back to the center and stabilize the radials by sewing under and over all of them a few times where they intersect.

Now take the weaver over one radial and under the next, over one and under one, all the way around. Use one large notch to indicate the beginning of the row. After the first row, it is necessary to go over two at the beginning of the row. Then continue going under one and over one.

Make several rows of this plain weaving, pulling the yarn snug but not tight enough to pucker. After the work has been firmed up in this way, you may continue working all around the circle each time. Or if you wish to develope it by segments, determine the number of sections you want and the number of radials to include in each. Then work back and forth over one group of radials before going on to the next.

Any combination of hemstitching, cording, webs, knots or twists may be used to fill the spaces. Some medalliens are lacy in the center and firm at the outer edge and some are the reverse.

Let yourself go! You can't go wrong! If a medallion does not please you when it has been completed, lay it aside. Nothing has to be ripped out and you have not ruined the whole cloth.

When the space has been filled, work along the perimeter using the weaver to make a knot around each radial. This gives a picoted, finished edge and simplifies sewing the pieces together. Always work clockwise and sew any ends back into the lace.

Traditionally, Teneriffe has been done with very fine white or ecru thread of cotton or linen. You may wish to fellow tradition. Or you may do your own interpretation, as we did.

Using a fine wool in bright colors and

several shades, we made flowers for a picture. Each is different in the width and in the number of petals. After the flowers were mounted on burlap, hair-pin lace crocheted of four-ply knitting yarn was spread out to make fern-like leaves. The flowers and leaves were feather-stitched to the burlap and flower stems embroidered in.

The medallions in a piece may be alike or each one different in design and size. We used two basic designs in acrylic baby yarn for a shawl. These were joined together with double-faggotting stitch.

You will find making Teneriffe lace a relaxing craft which can be mixed with pleasant conversation. Each piece that is made stimulates ideas for others. The problem will be finding a place where you want to stop!

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Real Linen Tablecloths a Treasure

By: Frances Dietrich

Mr. Joseph Tullman is owner and operator of a St. Louis, Mo. laundry that must be in a class by itself in the nation. Aptly named the Unique and Art Lace Cleaners, it was founded by Mr. Tullman's father and a fellow Austrian 75 years ago.

Specialty of the company is laundering fine linen and lace tablecloths. Some sets of dinner cloth and napkins, which they receive, are insured for as much as \$50,000. The fine linens are mailed from California, New York, Texas, Connecticut and almost all other states in the Union to receive the painstaking attention of Mr. Tullman and his staff. The names in his files read like a directory of first families.

Doll Clothes

In addition to the household linen, one saw in his shop fragile, lace-edged doll clothes waiting to be refurbished for an antique doll and a set of elegant finery for a beloved Madame Alexander doll, which will be handed down to a lucky child.

On dainty hangers, heirloom christening clothes - slip, cap and dress - awaited finishing touches on a hand-turned fluting iron; an instrument that looked as though it belonged to another world -- and it had.

In one corner, a galvanized tub sat on a huge gas burner. Inside the tub, immersed in simmering water and soap, a lace cloth bobbed and turned, getting its old stains boiled away. Next to it was an all-copper starch cooker, steam and starch and the patient attitudes of women doing touch-up ironing by hand to valued embroidered cloths may have evoked a feeling of old-worldliness, but the results are daily prized by modern owners of fine linens.

Moreover, Mr. Tullman believes there is a new interest in real linen. He said:
"When most young people get married they're not interested in real linen be-

cause they think they can't afford it. Later, they want to enjoy the niceties of life.

"There are still a lot of imported linens available. People of all ages are bringing them back from vacations to Jamaica, England, Ireland, Belgium, Israel. From Israel, they bring mostly place mats and smaller items, but real linen. Polyester just doesn't have the look of real linen or fine combed cotton. There are people who still want elegance and they want their possessions perfectly laundered."

For the person who does her own laundering of fine linen, he recommends soft water, a mild soap, and low suds. When starch is used in his shop, it is the old-fashioned boiled starch, which penetrates the fibers.

With regard to stain removal, he recommends trying plain water first. If that doesn't work, use a mild soap and water. Follow, immediately, with a damp cloth to remove the soap residue. When the spots are thoroughly dry and the cloth is ready to be put away for the next special occasion, roll it on a roller with layers of blue tissue paper. Do not fold a linen cloth, as repeated creasing may break the fibers.

Does he use bleach? Mr. Tullman said:
"It's all right to use bleach, but only
on all-white fabric. And, it must be rinsed out completely." He believes that boiling a cloth with a little soap is still
the best way to remove stains. He cautions
that stains must be removed as soon as
possible after they occur. "Some people
put things away for years with stains in
them. Then they bring them in to have
them restored. Sometimes it can't be done."

There is a miscenception about bleach. It is not a soil remover nor a substitute for good laundering techniques. Its usefulness is limited to help in removing problem stains; eliminating the natural yellowing of age in fabrics; and in some cases with househeld laundry, as a sanitizing agent.

Most bleaching agents add oxygen to fabric stains and the oxygen degrades the colored impurities in the stains. The stains have been made colorless, giving a general whiteness to the fabric. Applying bleach incorrectly, using too much or too little can damage fabric.

From: "Springfield, Union", Springfield, Mass., February 13, 1975

PORTLAND LACERS, Portland, Oregon, Apr.14
The Portland Lacers started their 1975
meetings in March with election of officers and with two new members in attendance. April 3rd the lacers met at the Panerama Apartments at 11:00 A.M. There were 14 in attendance. Ida Van Harris, mother of Joyce Clowson, was our guest plus two more new members, Georgina Benevists brought a beautiful large banquet cloth in needle lace which was in her family and is over 100 years old.

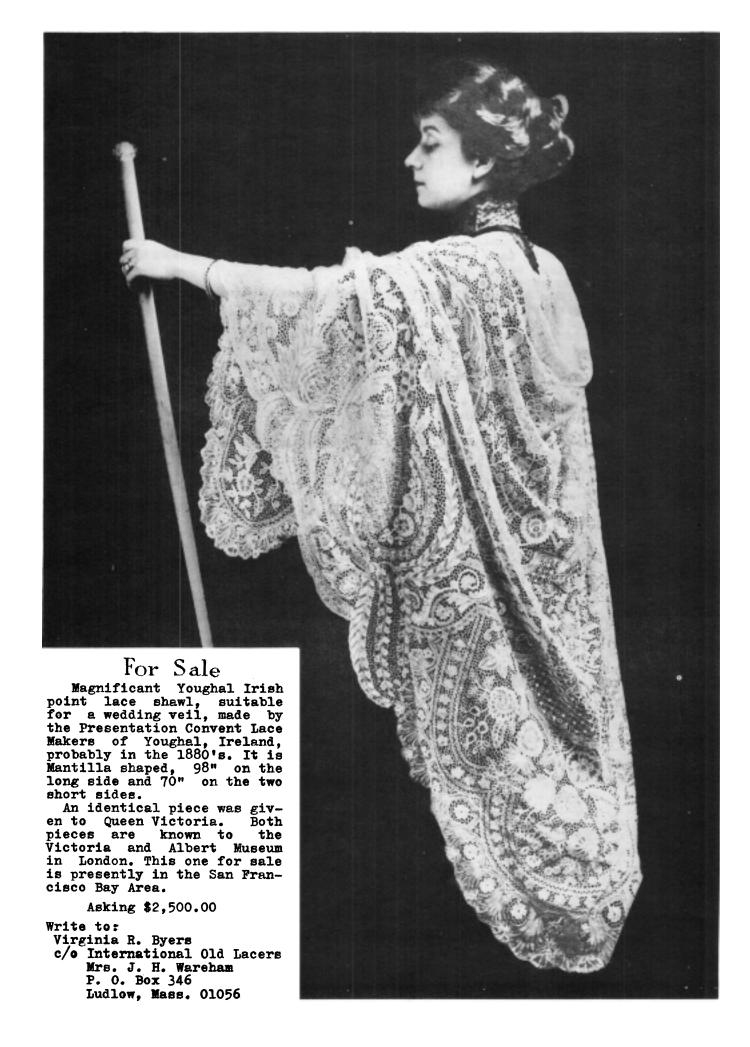
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