

PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

It is now eleven years since the HISTORY OF LACE was written. With the exception of the "Colbert Correspondence," which throws great light upon the establishment of the lace manufacture in France, little has been added to our general knowledge on the subject. On many important points we are still in the dark. We have no evidence where the pillow was first invented. Of the beautiful products of the Spanish Peninsula and of the once opulent towns of Nuremberg and Augsburg, we have no records. Modern writers question the fact of point d'Angleterre being made at Brussels, and reject the history of Barbara Uttmann's lace-teaching in the Erzgebirge. All that is left to us is to continue to collect scattered documents as they present themselves, and leave to posterity the task of writing the HISTORY OF LACE.

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