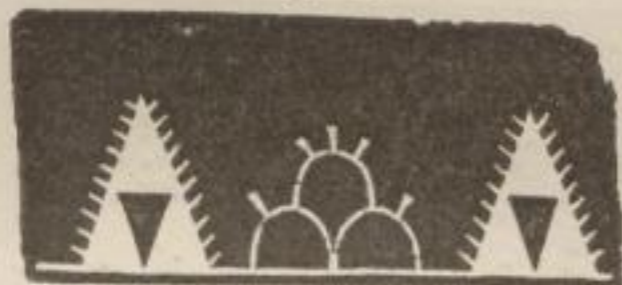


dictionaries.<sup>4</sup> It was not till fashion caused the *passement* to be made with a toothed edge that the expression of "*passement dentelé*" first appears.

In the accounts of Henry II. of France, and his queen, we have frequent notices of "*passement jaulne dantellé des deux costez*,"<sup>5</sup> "*passement de soye incarnat dantellé d'un costé*,"<sup>6</sup> &c. &c., but no mention of the word "*dentelle*." It does, however, occur, in an inventory of an earlier date, that of Marguerite de France, sister of Francis I., who, in 1545, paid the sum of "*vi livres pour soixante aulnes, fine dantelle de Florance pour mettre à des colletz*."<sup>7</sup>

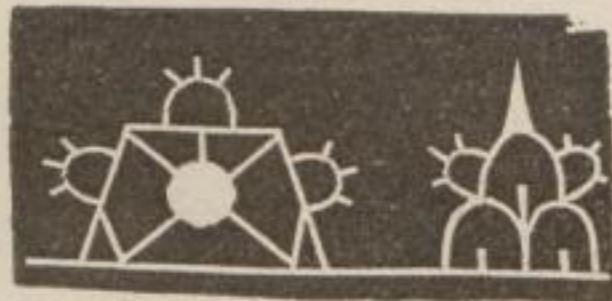
After a lapse of twenty years and more, among the articles furnished to Mary Stuart in 1567, is "*Une pacque de petite dentelle*;"<sup>8</sup> and this is the sole mention of the word in all her accounts.

Fig. 8.



Petite dentelle. 1598.

Fig. 9.



Petite dentelle. 1598.

We have like entries in the expenses of Henry IV.'s first queen.<sup>9</sup> Gradually the "*passement dentelé*" subsided into the modern "*dentelle*."

It is in a pattern book, published at Montbéliard, in 1598,<sup>10</sup> we first find designs for "*dantelles*." It contains twenty patterns, of all sizes, "*bien petites, petites (Figs. 8, 9, 10, 11), moyennes, et grosses*" (Fig. 7), the term always applied to toothed edges.

<sup>4</sup> Not in those of Rob. Estienne, 1549; Frère de l'Aval, 1549; or Nicot, 1606. Cotgrave has, "*Dentelle, small edging (and indented), bone-lace, or needle-work.*" In "*Dict. de l'Académie*," 1694, we find, "*Dentelle, sorte de passement à jour et à mailles tres fines ainsi nommé parceque les premières qu'on fit etoient dentelées.*"

<sup>5</sup> *Comptes de l'Argentier du Roi*, 1557. Arch. Nat. K. K. 106. "*Passement de fine soie noire dentelle d'un costé.*" "*Passement blanc*," "*grise*," also occur.

<sup>6</sup> *Argenterie de la Reine*, 1556. Arch. Nat. K. K. 118.

<sup>7</sup> *Dépenses de la Maison de Madame Marguerite de France, Sœur du Roi*. Bib. Nat. MSS. F. Fr. 10,394, fol. 62.

<sup>8</sup> "*Plus de delivré une pacque de petite dentelle qui est estez cousu ensemble pour mettre sur les coutures des rideaux des ditz litz contenant 80 aunes.*" Rec. Off. Edin. This custom of trimming the seams of bed-curtains with a lace indented on both sides was common throughout Europe.

<sup>9</sup> 1577. "*Pour deux aulnes de passement d'argent a haute dantelle pour mettre à ung renvers, au pris de soixante solz l'aulne.*"

"*Pour une aulne de dentelle pour faire deux cornettes pour servir à la dicte dame, quatre livres.*"—*Cptes. de la Reine de Navarre*. Arch. Nat. K. K. 162.

<sup>10</sup> Appendix.