

an abundant outlet for her industry in those gold colonies of South America which have since escaped from her grasp.

Point d'Espagne, in the usual sense of the word, signifies that gold or silver lace, sometimes embroidered in colours, so largely consumed in France during the reign of Louis XIV.

Dominique de Sera, in his "Livre de Lingerie," published in 1584, especially mentions that many of the patterns of point

Fig. 38.



The Work-room.

From an engraving of the sixteenth century, after Stradan.

coupé and passement given were collected by him during his travels in Spain; and in this he is probably correct, for as early as 1562, in the Great Wardrobe Account of Queen Elizabeth, we have noted down sixteen yards of black Spanish laquei (lace) for ruffs, price 5s.