

little village. The same laces, he adds, are made in all the "monastères" of the province, who are partly maintained by the gains. The lace is good, equal to, if not surpassing, those of Brabant and Flanders. It appears to have been "point d'Angleterre," of which they had the reputation of making finer pieces than Brussels or Bruges. Dentelle de Binche was much in vogue in the last century. It is mentioned in the inventory of the Duchesse de Modène,⁶⁶ daughter of the regent, 1761; and in that of Mademoiselle de Charollais, 1758, who has a "couvrepied, mantelet, garniture de robe, jupon," &c., all of the same lace. In the "Misérables" of Victor Hugo, the old grandfather routs out from a cupboard "une ancienne garniture de guipure de Binche," for Collette's wedding dress. M. Victor Hugo told the author he had, in his younger days, seen Binche guipure of great beauty. The Binche application flowers have been already noticed.⁶⁷

We have now named the great localities for lace-making throughout the Low Countries. Some few yet remain unmentioned.

Liège, in her days of ecclesiastical grandeur, carried on the trade like the rest. We read, in 1620, of "English Jesuitesses at Liège, who seem to care as much for politics as for lace-making."⁶⁸

An early pattern book, that of Jean de Glen, a transcript of Vinciolo, was published in that city in 1597. It bears the mark of his printing press—three acorns with the motto, "Cuique sua præmia," and is dedicated to Madame Loyse de Perez. He concludes a complimentary dedication to the lady with the lines:—

"Madame, dont l'esprit modestement subtil,
Vigoureux, se délecte en toutes choses belles,
Prenez de bonne part ces nouvelles modelles
Que vous offre la main de ce maistre gentil."

He states that he has travelled, and brought back from Italy some patterns, without alluding to Vinciolo.

⁶⁶ "Une paire de manchettes de cour de dentelle de Binche;
Trois paires de manchettes à trois rangs de dentelle de Binche;
Deux fichus de mousseline bordées de dentelle de Binche;
Deux devants de corps de dentelle de Binche."—Arch. Nat. X. 10,082.

⁶⁷ See page 94.

⁶⁸ Letter of Sir Henry Wotton to Lord Zouch. "State Papers, Domestic," Jas. I. P. R. O.