

were for years renowned throughout all Europe. Its importance is shown by the sumptuary edicts of the seventeenth century, forbidding its use, and also by its mention in the "Révolte des Passemens." It was made on the pillow. Until the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, it was an object of great commerce to France. Much was exported to Spain and the Indies. How those exiled workmen were received by the Protestant princes of Europe, and allowed to establish themselves in their dominions, to the loss of France and the enrichment of the lands of their adoption, will be told in due time, when we touch on the lace manufactures of Holland and Germany.

Since 1784, little lace has been made at Paris itself, but a large number of lace-makers are employed in applying the flowers of Binche and Mirecourt upon the bobbin-net grounds.

CHANTILLY (DÉP. OISE).

" Dans sa pompe élégante admirez Chantilli,
De héros en héros, d'âge en âge embelli."

Delille, Les Jardins.

Although there long existed lace-makers in the environs of Paris, the establishment for which Chantilly was celebrated owes its formation to Catherine de Rohan, Duchesse de Longueville, who sent for workwomen from Dieppe and Havre to her château of Étrepagny, where she retired at the beginning of the seventeenth century, and established schools.

The town of Chantilly being the centre of a district of lace-makers, has given its name to the laces of the surrounding district, the trade being distributed over more than a hundred villages, the principal of which are Saint-Maximien, Viarmes, Méric, Luzarches, and Dammartin. The proximity to Paris affording a ready sale for its productions caused the manufacture to prosper, and the narrow laces which they first made were soon replaced by guipures, white thread and black silk lace.⁸ Some twenty years since there dwelt

⁸ In "Statistique de la France," 1800, the finest silk lace is said to be made at Fontenay, Puisieux, Morges, and Louvres-en-Parisis; the coarse and common kinds at Montmorency, Villiers-le-Bel, Sarcelles, Écouen, Saint-Brice, Groslay,

Gisors, Saint-Pierre-les-Champs, Étrepagny, &c. Peuchet adds: "Il s'y fait dans Paris et ces environs une grande quantité de dentelles noires dont il se fait des expéditions considérables." It was this same black silk lace which raised to