

indeed, the better classes in the metropolis, in the making of bone lace and point; and in 1775, sanctioned by the patronage of H. M. Queen Charlotte, the princesses, the Princess Amelia, and various members of the aristocracy, an institution was formed in Marylebone Lane, and also in James Street, Westminster, "for employing the female infants of the poor in the blonde and black silk lace-making and thread laces." More than 300 girls attended the school. "They gave," says the "Annual Register," "such a proof of their capacity that many who had not been there more than six months carried home to their parents from 5s. to 7s. a month, with expectation of getting more as they improve."

From this time we hear no more of the making of lace, either point or bone, in the metropolis.