

Many of the early patterns appear to have been run or worked in with the needle on the net ground (Fig. 124).

In 1778, according to M'Culloch,<sup>17</sup> was introduced the "point"

Fig. 124.



"Run" lace. Newport Pagnel.

ground, as it is locally termed, from which period dates the staple pillow lace trade of these counties. This ground is beautifully clear, the patterns well executed: we doubt if Fig. 125 could be

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English "point." Northampton.

surpassed in beauty by lace of any foreign manufacture. Much of this point ground was made by men.

<sup>17</sup> "Dict. of Commerce."