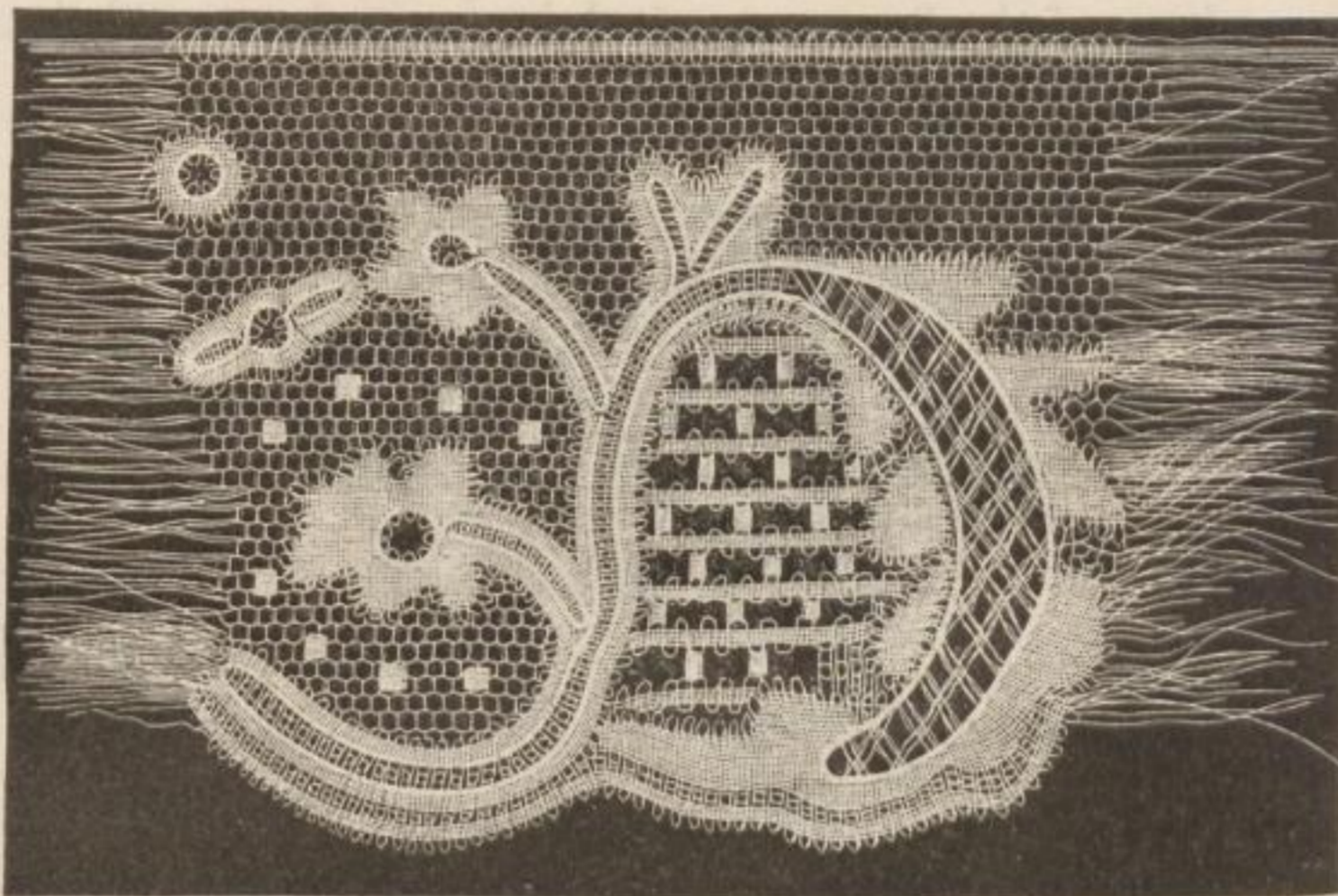


was named by the loyal manufacturers "Regency point." It was a durable and handsome lace. (Fig. 131.)

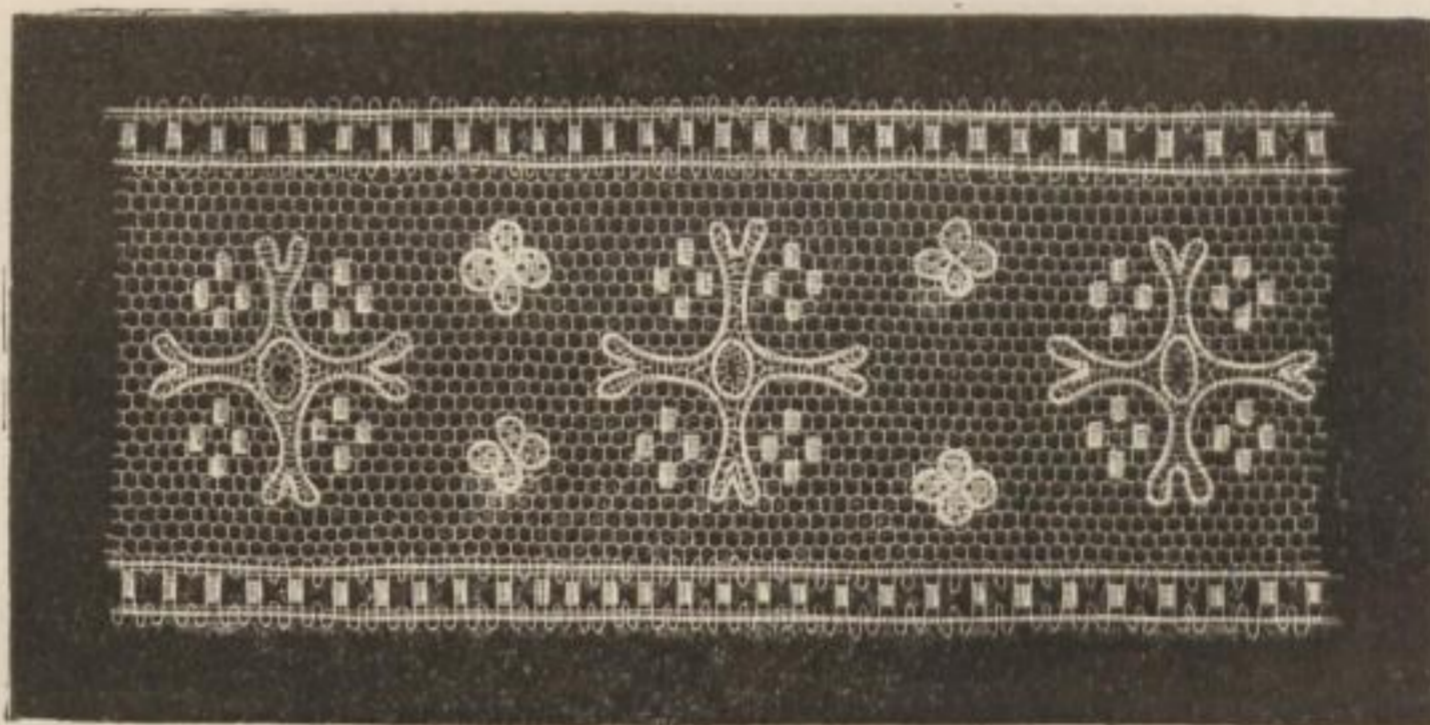
Fig. 131.



Regency point. Bedford.

Towards the year 1830, insertions found their way to the public taste (Fig. 132).

Fig. 132.



Insertion. Bedford.

The exhibition of 1851 gave a sudden impulse to the traders, and from that period the lace industry rapidly developed. At this time were introduced the Maltese guipures and the "plaited" laces, a variety grafted on the old Maltese (Fig. 133). Five years later appears the first specimen of the raised plait, now so thoroughly established in the market.