

PREFACE.

IN presenting the second number of the first volume of "Corticelli Home Needlework" to the public, it has been the aim of the publishers to treat the different subjects contained therein in a concise and practical manner, without any attempt at exhaustive or intricate explanation as to the elegant designs now presented for the first time to their patrons.

The first portion of the present number contains a capital article on "The Art of Embroidery," by Candace Wheeler, a high authority on art needlework, which the ladies will no doubt read with increasing interest. Considerable space is devoted to decore crochet, which has recently become so popular, thus affording a wider range for selection in style, arrangement and coloring than those published in the January number. In addition to the splendid colored plates contained in this issue, and which so admirably represent the colors and shading of the flowers, complete instructions accompany each and every design presented.

This number also contains articles of great value to the beginner, with illustrations, which, if faithfully studied and carried out, cannot fail to be of the utmost advantage to the novice in art needlework, and without which no enduring work in crochet or embroidery can be accomplished.

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