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The two illustrations give suggestions for the quaint decorative needlework called Cretan embroidery, which is a very remarkable description of silk embroidery on linen, found only on the island of Crete in the Ægean sea. In all cases the one stitch predominating in the Cretan work is a kind of very close herring-bone, the stitches being taken in so close a proximity to each other that the effect of a plait or twist is produced. The method of the execution of this stitch is very clearly demonstrated in the small illustration, which shows the needle threaded with four strands of filoselle silk, but occasionally six strands may be threaded to advantage, as wide portions of foliage and the like may thus be more quickly covered. Frequently a heavier twisted silk is used. The coloring of the square design given includes a deep golden brown, fawn brown, yellow, cream, two shades of dull green, and a very lovely tint of azure blue, with an occasional touch of bright red. The bird in the center is outlined in chain-stitch in fawn brown, with the exception of the eyes and wing feathers, which are outlined with gold silk, the interior portion of the wing being filled with red silk satin stitch. The small circular flowers above the bird are likewise in satin stitch, with cream-white centers outlined with fawn brown. The two large

DETAIL OF CRETAN STITCH.

flowers are in diverse colors, one having its outer circle worked in green and the other in blue, the little intermediate lines of stem-stitching being of golden brown, and in the center of the flower-forms white and gold and fawn are judiciously blended. The foliage is brown, green, fawn and blue, the amount of each color being introduced in rather a haphazard fashion, but in such a manner as to produce a charming result. As to the uses to which Cretan work may be applied at the present day, scarcely too much can be said in its favor as a decoration for tea cloths, table centers, sofa pillows, towel shams, night-dress cases, footstool cushions, head rests and other articles for which the possibility of being frequently washed is a consideration. Italian linen is the most suitable material for Cretan work, being pure homespun, and so soft and free from dressing that the needle passes through it without the slightest resistance, while its moderate cost is also greatly in its favor.—Ella Starr, in Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.

For Cleaning Laces.

Here is a recipe for cleaning delicate laces, which an old lacemaker who has woven many a gossamer web for the great connoisseur and lover of laces, Mme. Modjeska, gave to her pupil and patron: Spread the lace out on paper, cover with calcined magnesia, place another paper over it, and put it away between the leaves of a book for two or three days. Then all it needs is a skillful shake to scatter the powder, and its delicate threads are as fresh and clean as when first woven.

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NEW YORK CITY JUDICIAL OFFICER'S EXPERIENCE.

Smooth Tongued Sharpers Make a Mistake in "Sizing Up" a Man, Who Is Arrested and Sentenced—The "Pal" Meets a Later Fate.

At the Lawyers' club a few nights ago Judge Rufus B. Cowing and Judge Henry A. Gildersleeve were spinning yarns on the queer experiences they have had with the thieving fraternity, when not known. Judges Gildersleeve and Cowing are two jolly and most entertaining companions. They are very popular wherever they go and now and then meet with a sharper who tries to ingratiate himself in their good graces to the extent of as many dollars as they may happen to have in their pockets.

Judge Gildersleeve was telling how he was approached by a bunko man a few years ago at the Pennsylvania railroad depot in Jersey City, and how he crossed the ferry with the "hand shaker," who thought he had made a great capture. Judge Gildersleeve is a famous sportsman and a sharpshooter. He has won many prizes with his rifle at national and international tournaments, and has written a dozen books on rifles, marksmanship and game, big and little. He was returning from a trip to Pennsylvania, where he had had a very pleasurable time shooting with a party of Philadelphia lawyer friends.

He had hardly got off the train at Jersey City when he felt a vigorous slap on the back.

"Why, hello, my dear Mr. Thompson. So glad to see you. Just in from Philadelphia, eh? How are all the folks at home?"

When Judge Gildersleeve got a chance to say a word he replied meekly:

"Yes, just in from Philadelphia. I guess the folks are all well. They were when I left them, anyway."

"Now, I've met you in Philadelphia, I am sure. Don't you remember me?"

THE JUDGE GETS EVEN.

Knowing what sort of a character he had to deal with, Judge Gildersleeve led him on in a modest, innocent way.

"Why, you must be mistaken," said he to the bunko man. "My name is Johnson, Joseph W. Johnson, and I keep a store in Philadelphia."

"Why, I beg a thousand pardons," and the bunko man bowed low and disappeared.

GAVE THE TIP TO HIS "PAL."

Then came the "pal," just as Judge Gildersleeve expected. He was just stepping aboard the Desbrosses Street ferry when he got another slap on the back.

"My dear Mr. Johnson, how are you and what are you doing over here? You don't remember me, but I knew you years ago in Philadelphia," and bunko man No. 2 plied his tongue in the most voluble manner, Judge Gildersleeve assenting to everything he said. The bunko man had got Judge Gildersleeve to promise that he would meet him again when he saw he couldn't get him to join him in a quiet game or a liquid smile.

"Now, my dear Mr. Johnson, don't forget to meet me, will you?" said the bunko man as he stepped out of the ferry house on the New York side.

"Officer, arrest this man," said Judge Gildersleeve to a policeman standing by.

"Say, you old jay, what do you mean?" shouted the bunko man, red with anger.

"We will meet again, young man, in a short time, I hope. I will give you my name and place of business—Henry A. Gildersleeve, judge, Part 3, court of general sessions."

"What's the charge, judge?" asked the policeman.

"Suspicious character."

The next day the bunko man was sent to the island for six months by Justice Power, of the Tombs.

THE "PAL" SENTENCED.

Two months later Judge Gildersleeve had the pleasure of meeting the man who was king of the New York "hand shakers," "Kid" Miller. Miller was the man who first addressed the judge in the depot at Jersey City.

"Miller, I've met you before," said Judge Gildersleeve.

"Not guilty," replied Miller.

"Well, I got off a Pennsylvania train in Jersey City one day two months ago, with a gun and a basket and dressed in my hunting clothes. I had been on a little pleasure expedition, and you saw fit to interfere in the business of a peaceable, law abiding citizen. Your companion is now serving a term on the island, and the strangers who come to town will be better off if you follow suit. One year in the penitentiary," and the bunko king was led away, and if ever a face looked queer it was that dazed bunko man's.

The two bunko men who tried to capture Judge Gildersleeve's shekels had worked New York and vicinity for a long time, yet did not know the face of the criminal court judge. In the case of Recorder Smyth the "hand shaker" was fresh in from the Windy City, and hadn't looked the city officers over so closely as his calling would seem to warrant.

Judge Gildersleeve told me that so far as he knew he and Recorder Smyth were the only criminal judges that had ever been approached by the New York bunko men.

The only other experience Judge Gildersleeve ever had with the crooks outside his courtroom was during the Centennial in Philadelphia. He had his pockets picked while going over the exhibition grounds. He had just been made a judge of the criminal court in this city, and some of his friends, who remember how Judge Gildersleeve felt over the theft, do say that for a long time pickpockets received very little merciful consideration when they were sentenced according to the jury verdicts.—New York Herald.

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