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## P R E F A C E.



**B**EFORE the appearance of the present work, the object of which is to give a selection of the purest and best specimens of ornament of all kinds and of all ages, many books on the subject of ornament had been given to the public; but, in general, they were either specially restricted to one class or one style, or imperfect as giving faulty or inaccurate examples, or difficult of access to most of those who require them for practical purposes, on account of the expensive form in which they were published. The author has endeavoured, as far as possible in a work of moderate expense, to remove these difficulties. It has been his study to give faithful representations of authentic models belonging to each particular class of designs, of affording a direct reference to some of the best examples of the several styles and periods, and therefore furnishing hints for a selection of parts which when combined may produce a new arrangement of equal elegance; thus constituting a mass of materials from which the artist or manufacturer may derive a succession of entirely novel designs. Each style has its peculiar character, and this must pervade all fresh combinations to make them pleasing and satisfactory. The ornament of different nations has its distinctive features, and these so vary as to illustrate particular epochs. A knowledge of these necessary points can only be attained by an opportunity of studying from the originals themselves, or from copies drawn with strict adherence to their peculiar characteristics. On this point the Author trusts that the present Collection will be highly conducive to the enlargement of correct taste in all branches of decorative art.

Greece and Rome have left us specimens of foliage in which natural objects have been copied with classical elegance; but in the middle ages and oriental examples we find a profusion of ornamental detail, rich in invention, of a

grotesque and fanciful nature. At the period of the Renaissance the elegant taste of the ancients was blended with mediæval richness and eastern fancy. We look for the best specimens of painted glass in windows from the twelfth century to the fifteenth; for florid ornamental architecture in buildings of the same period; for carvings and engraved ornaments, bindings of books, jewellery, embroidery, ornamental plate, and furniture, in the sixteenth century. We have elegant and rich designs of drapery during the middle ages. Foliage and scroll-work are peculiarly bold and effective in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries; and throughout the fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth centuries, arabesques are abundant.

The present Volume contains Examples of most of these Classes, taken from the period at which each was in its greatest perfection, and the specimens are arranged in chronological order. Architectural Ornaments are given from works of various dates; stained glass from York, Durham, Canterbury, Salisbury, Cologne, Chartres, &c.; painted tiles of the thirteenth and fifteenth centuries, from Westminster, and Great Malvern in Worcestershire; carvings in wood and panels of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries; rich ironwork of the thirteenth century, from the doors of the church of Nôtre Dame at Paris; ornamental drapery, velvet hangings, &c. from designs of the fifteenth century; lace and needlework of the seventeenth; bindings of books of the sixteenth century; and designs for jewellery, plate, and other ornamental articles, by Hans Holbein, and contemporary artists.

To the practical designer, therefore, this work is offered as a useful collection of pure studies of ancient works of art; while the amateur will find in it a correct series of illustration of the progress of ornamental design during a long period of history.

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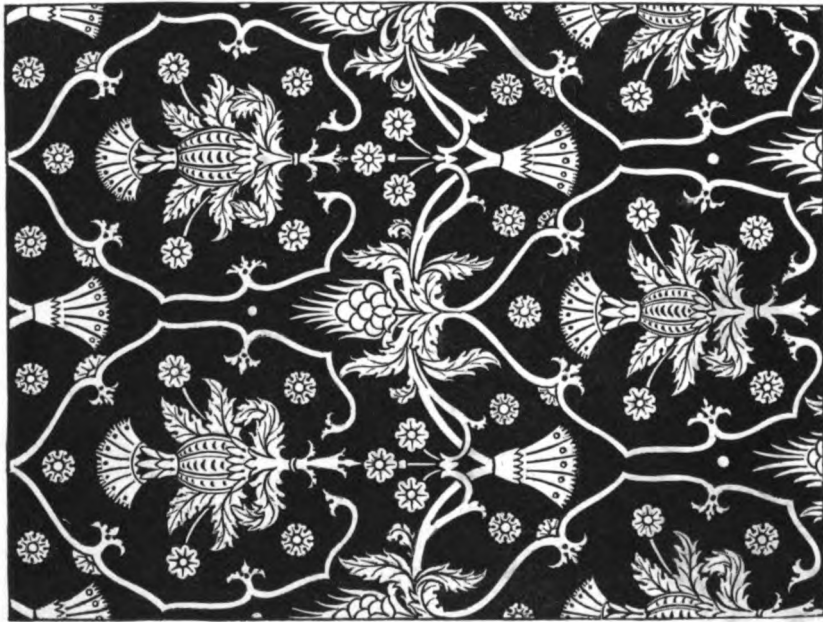
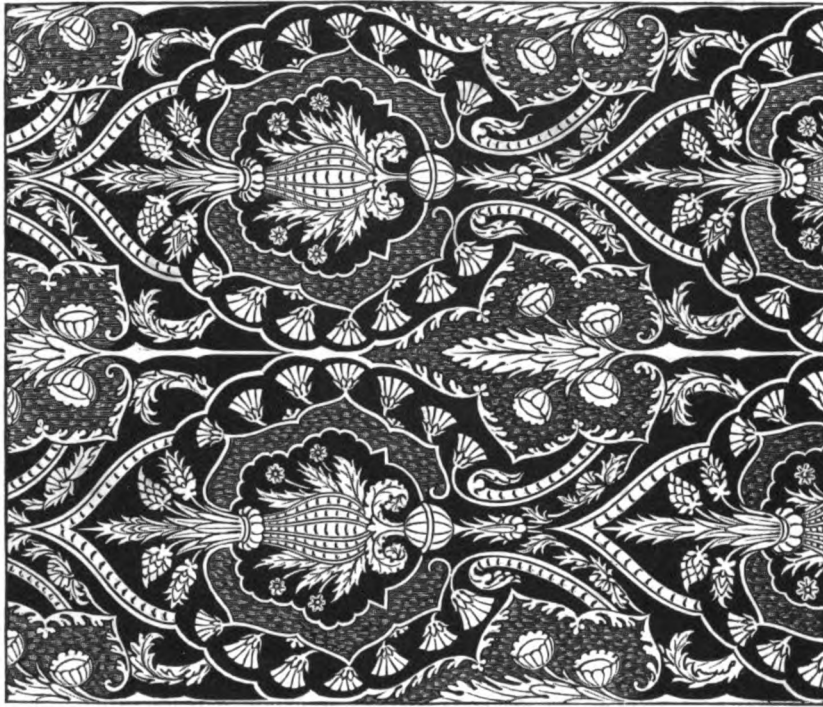
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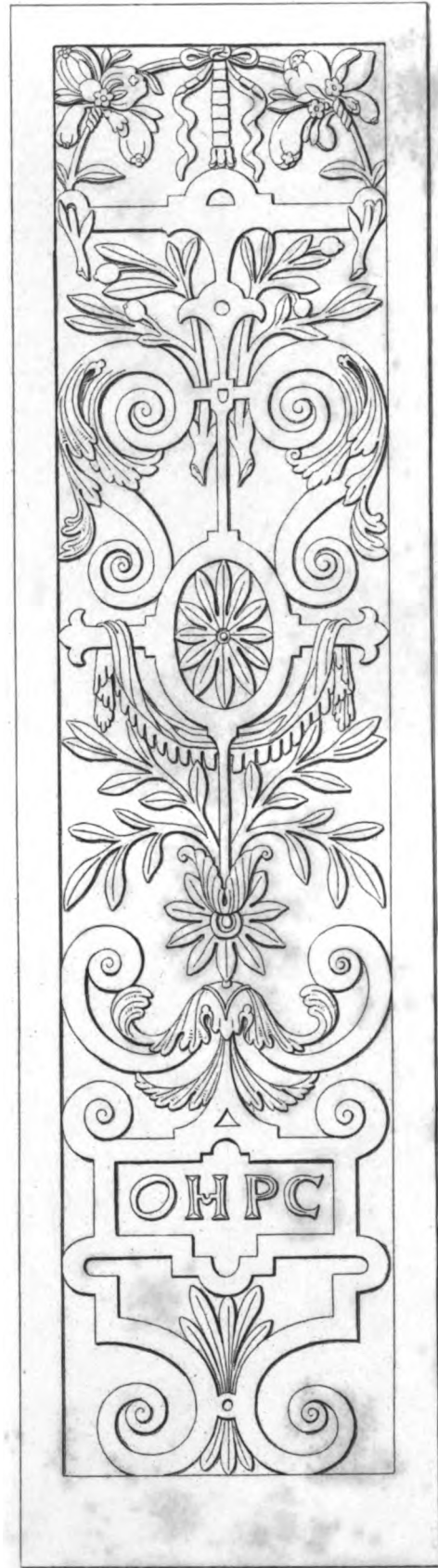
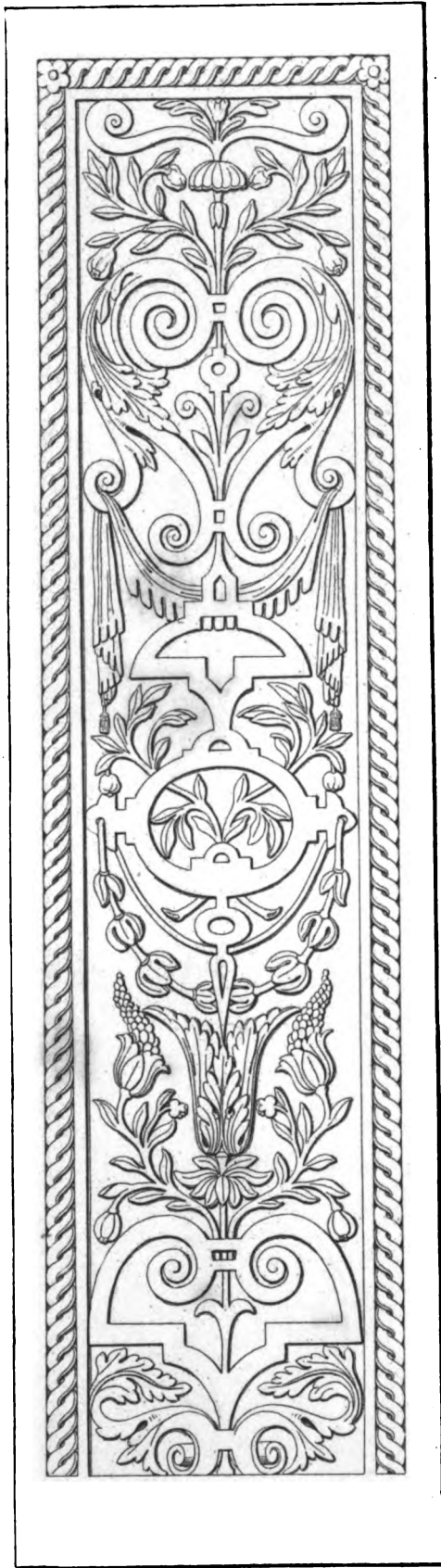


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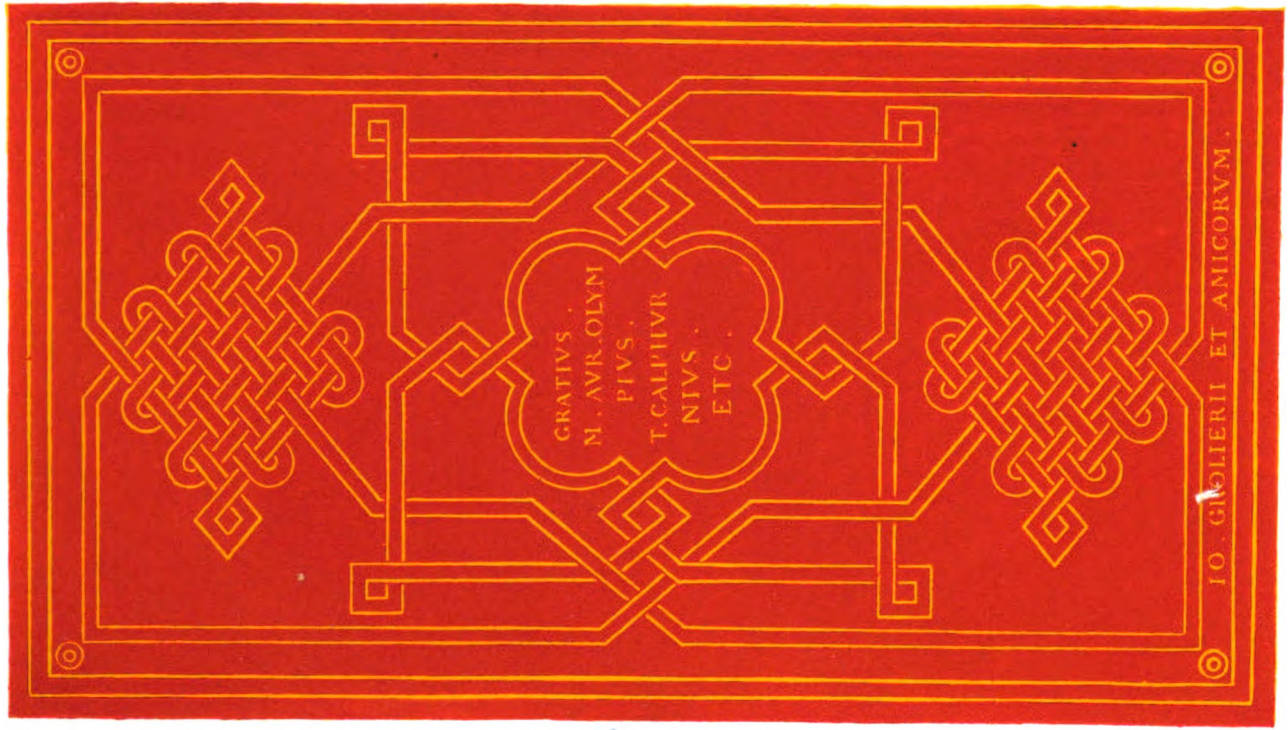


ARABESQUE ON THE LIVING OF A DOOR.

Palace of Herfelberg

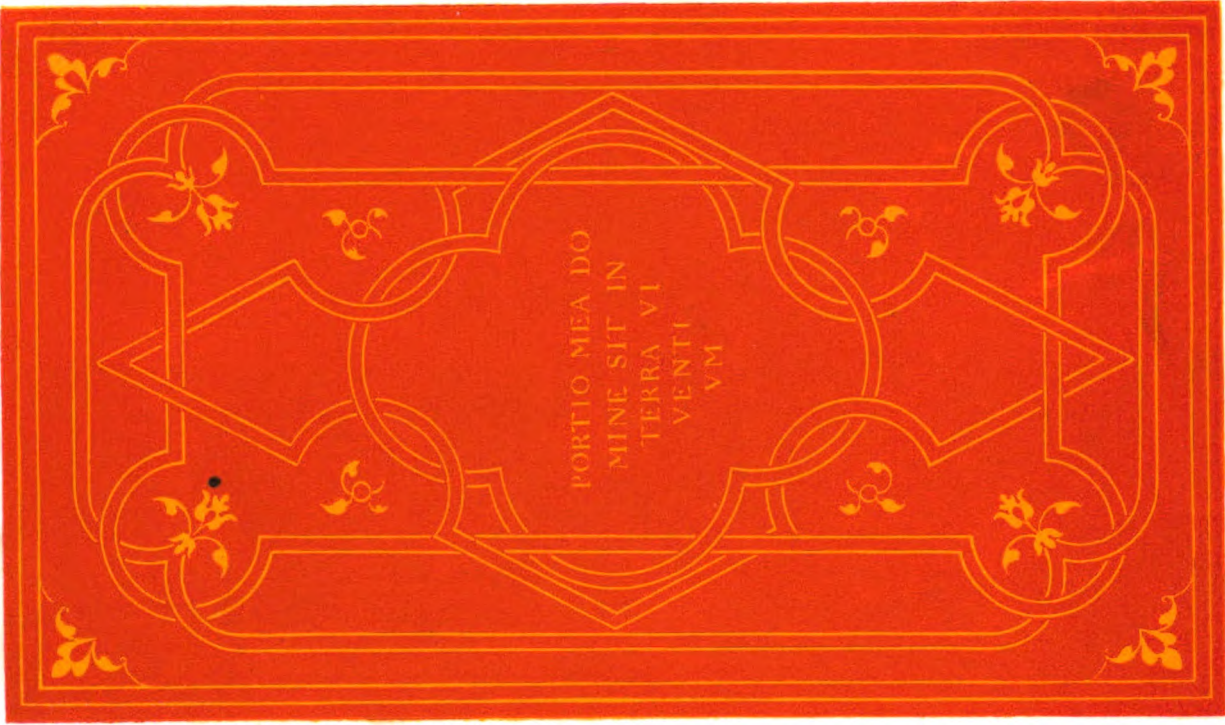


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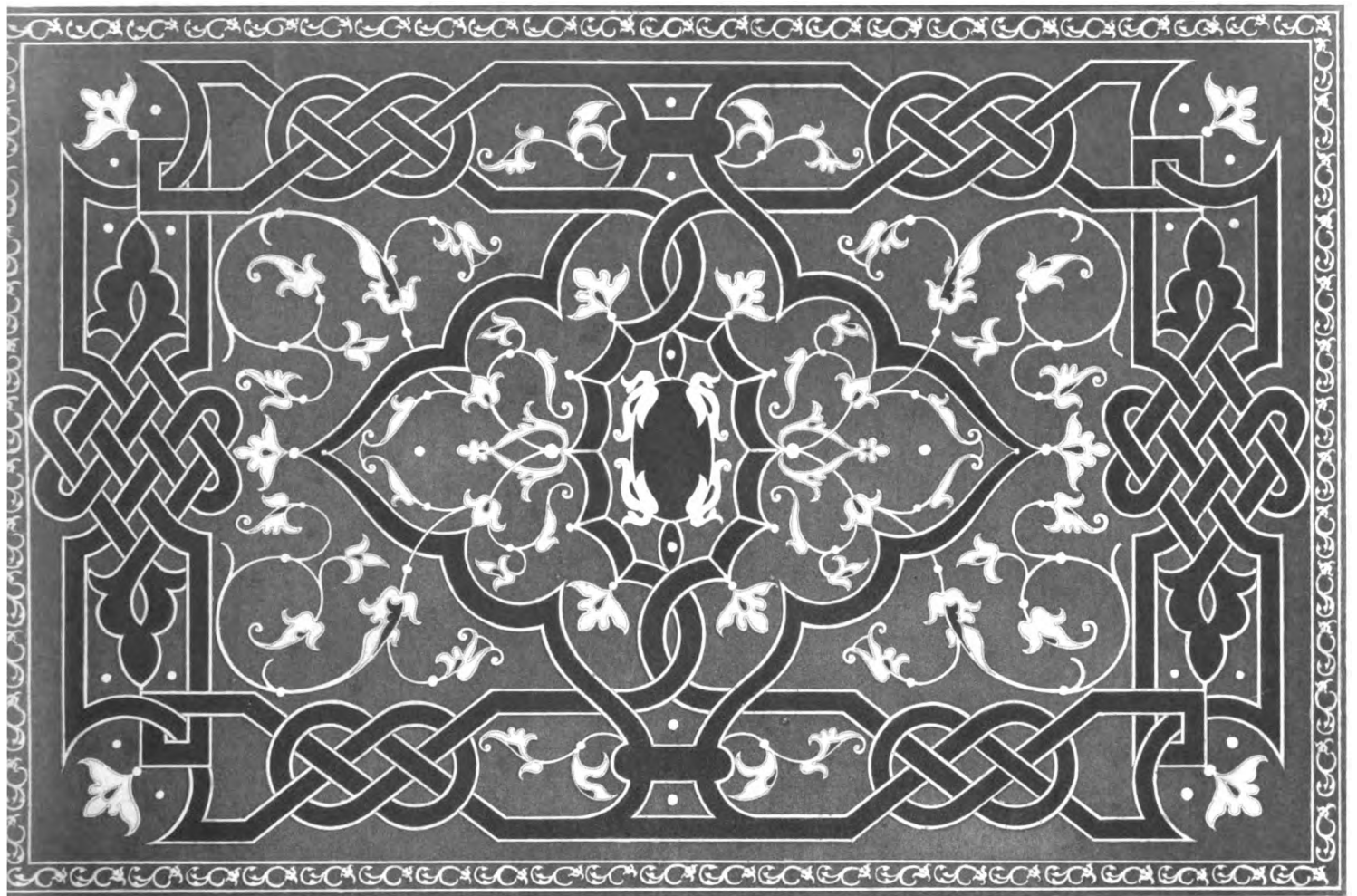
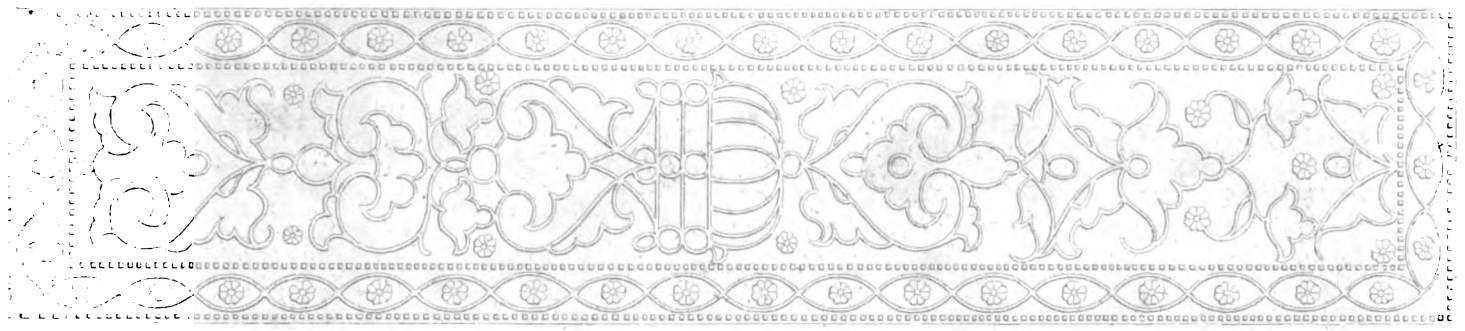
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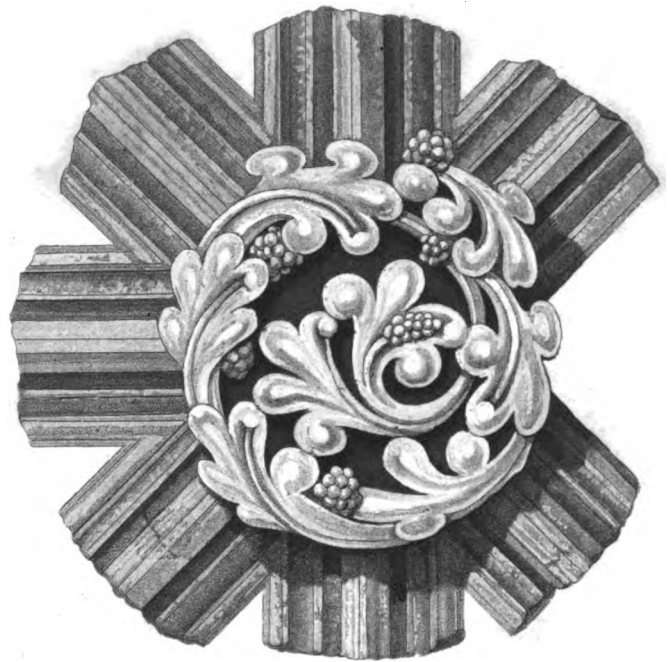
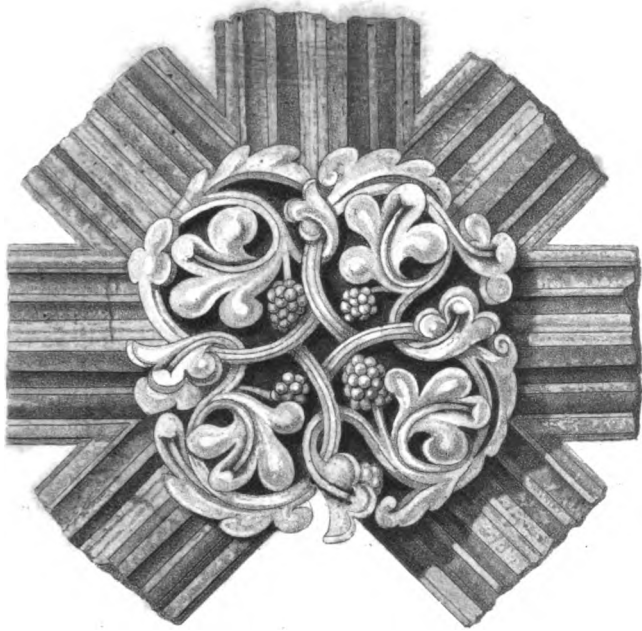




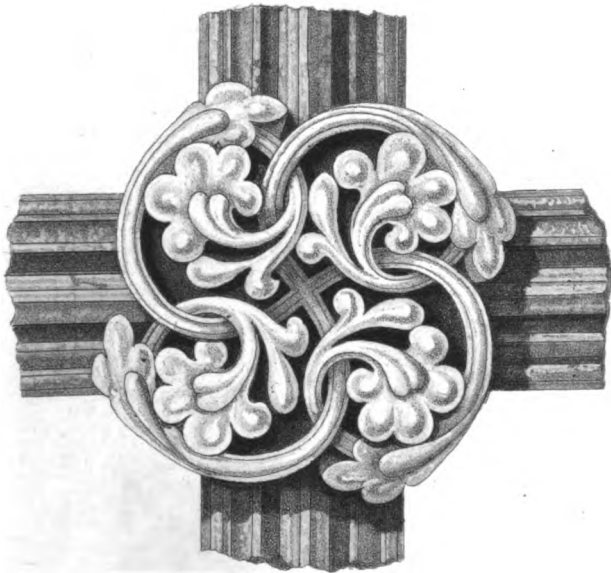








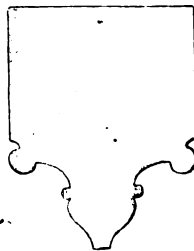
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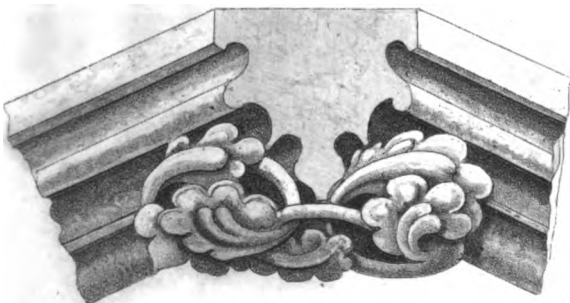
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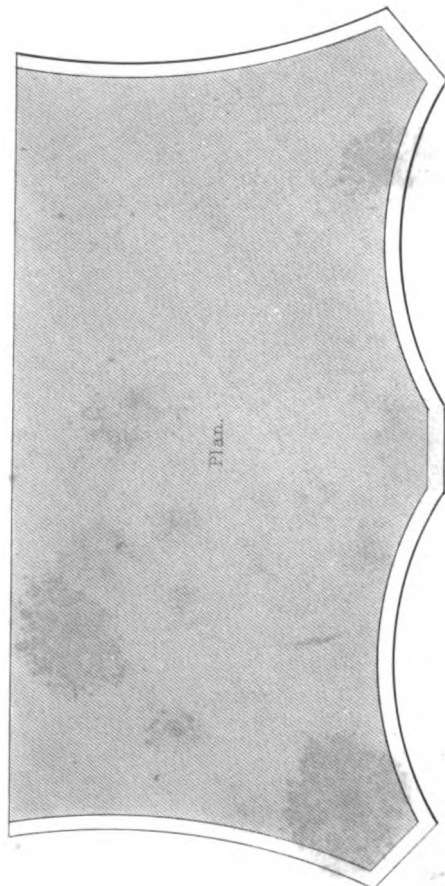
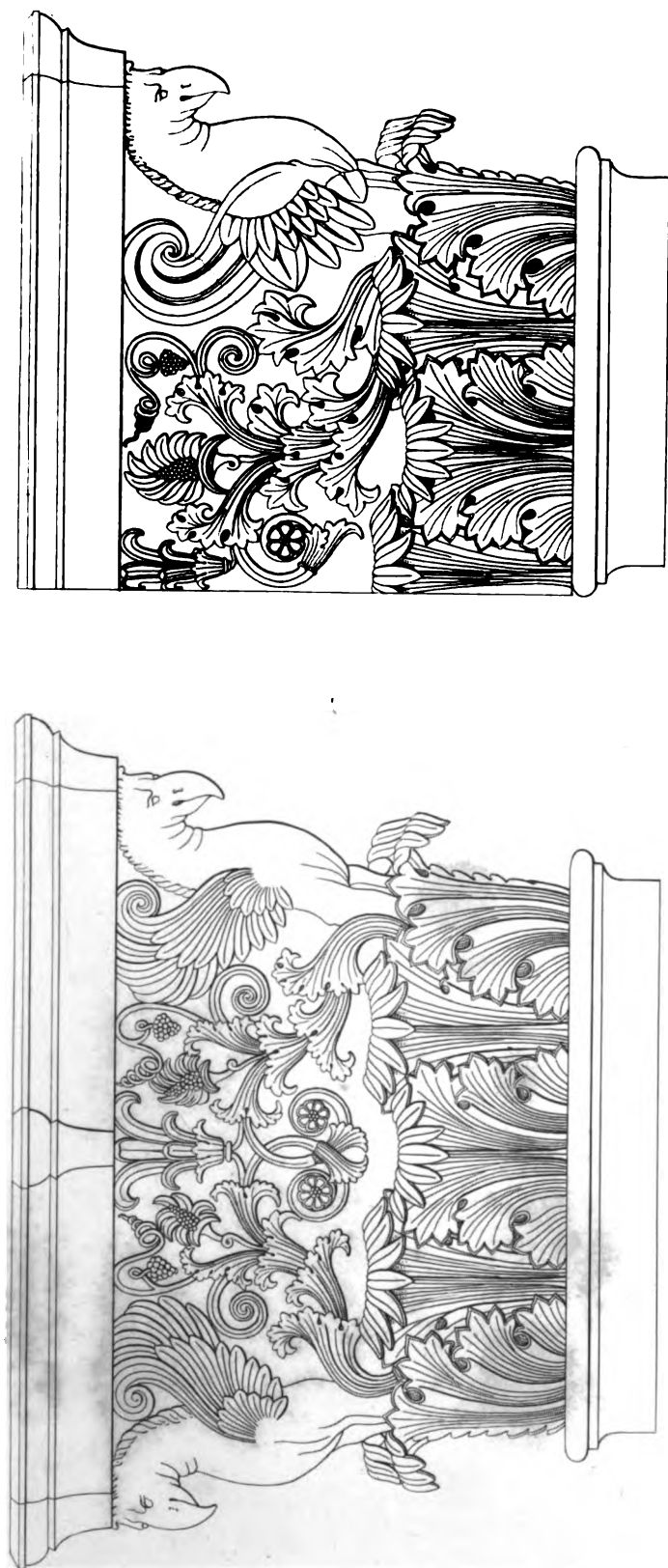
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No. 1, 2, 3. From Southwell Church, Nottinghamshire.

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FROM THE TEMPLE OF ELEUSIS.

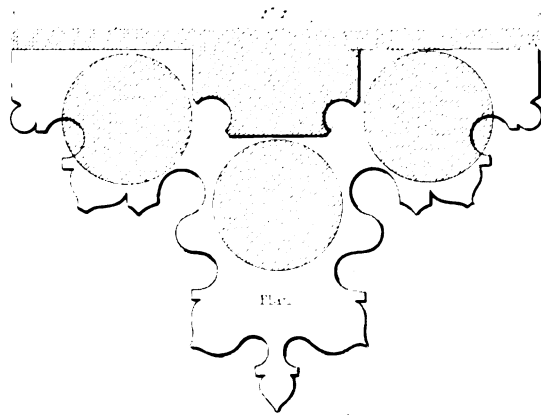




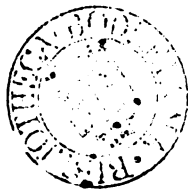
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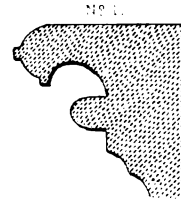
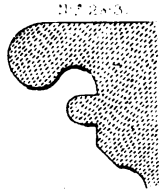
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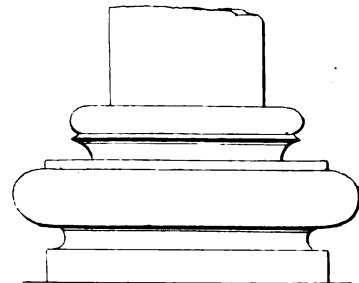
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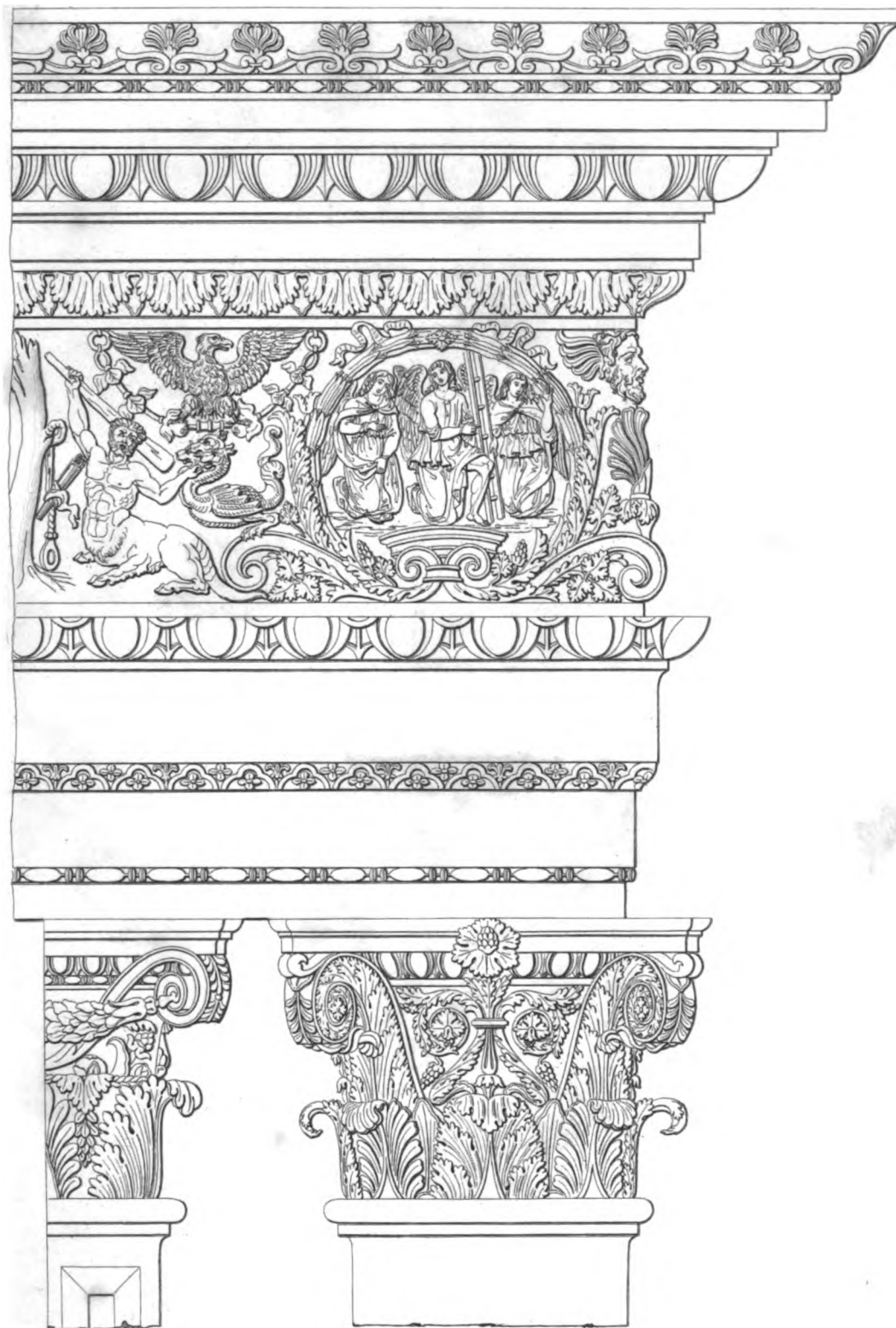


Model lines of Capitals, from the design

of the artist, and the author's design

of the artist's design





ORNAMENTS AND ARCHITECTURE IN SCANDINAVIA

From the Facade of the Cantosa di Ezer

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From an Engraving by Urael Van Mecken. Born      Died 1503.



Date 1870



TAKE SIZE AS THE ORIGINAL IN METAL.

From the Collection of Prof. Wilhelm L. C.

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From a Palace in the Louvre.





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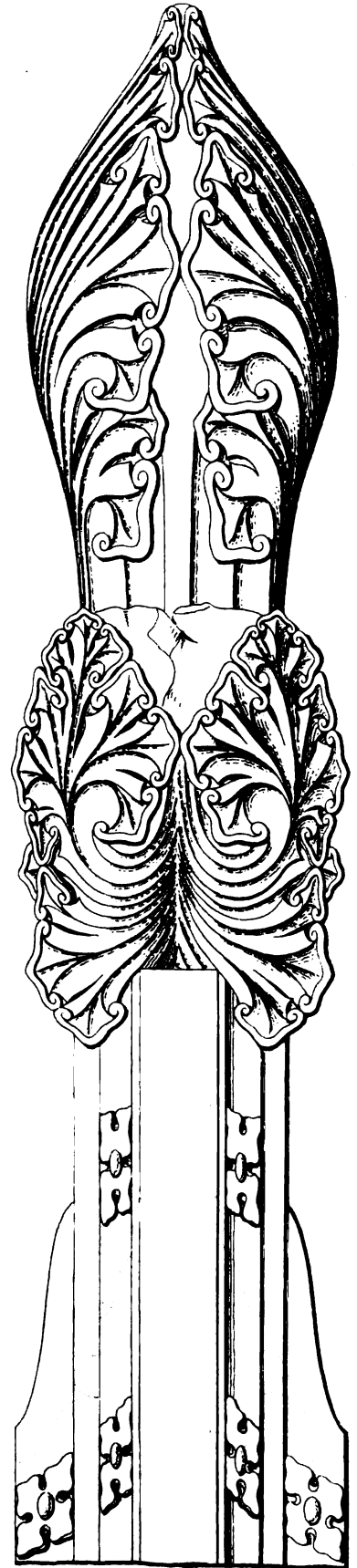
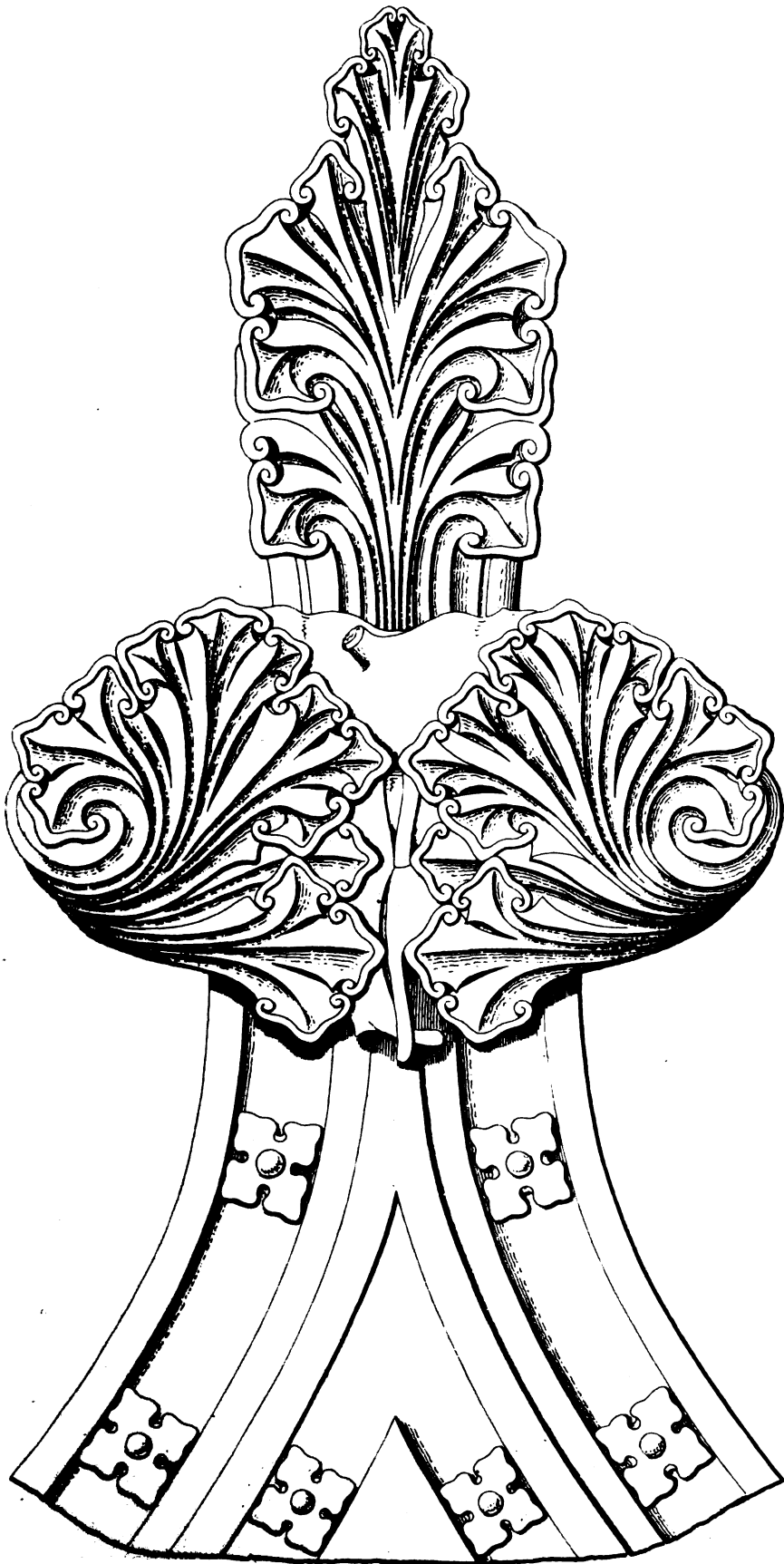
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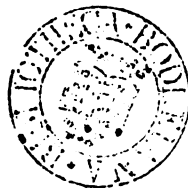






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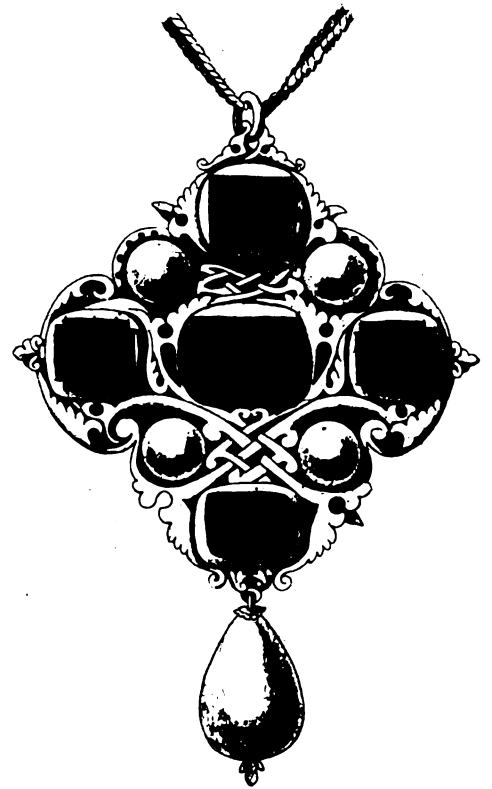
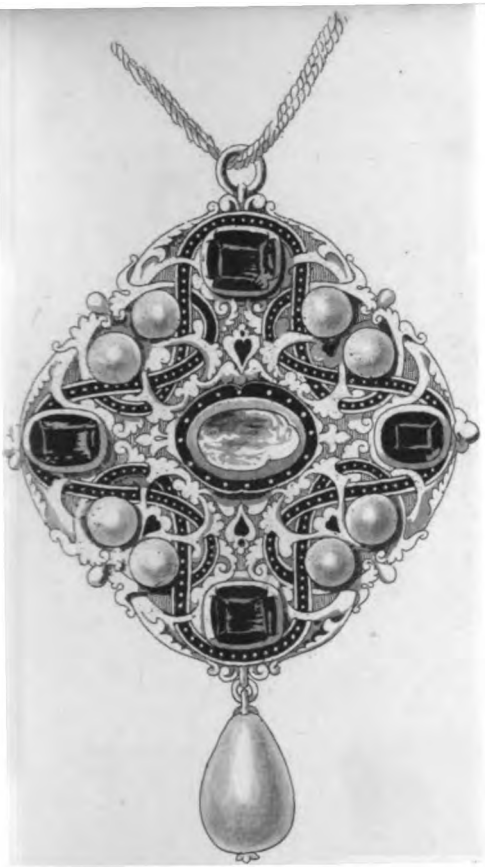
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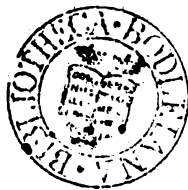
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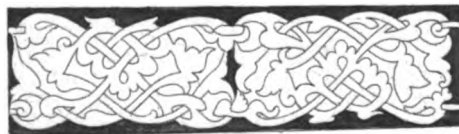
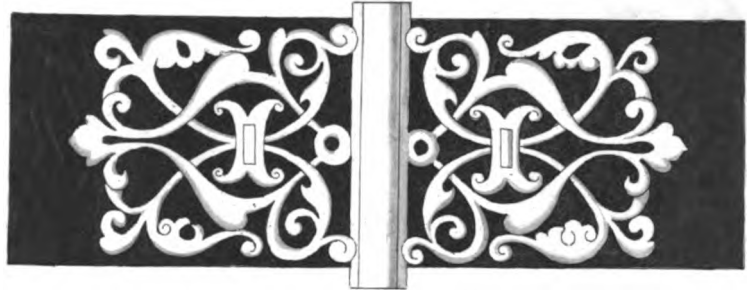
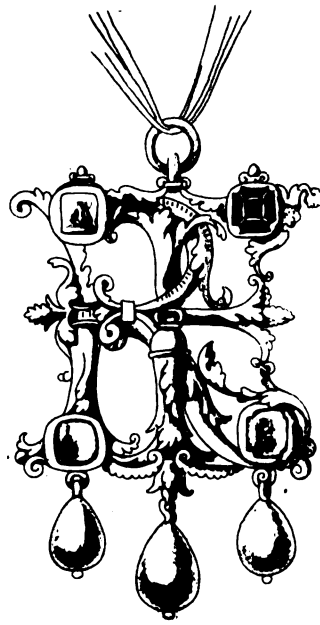




DESIGNS FOR GOLDSMITHS WORK.

by Hans Holbein.









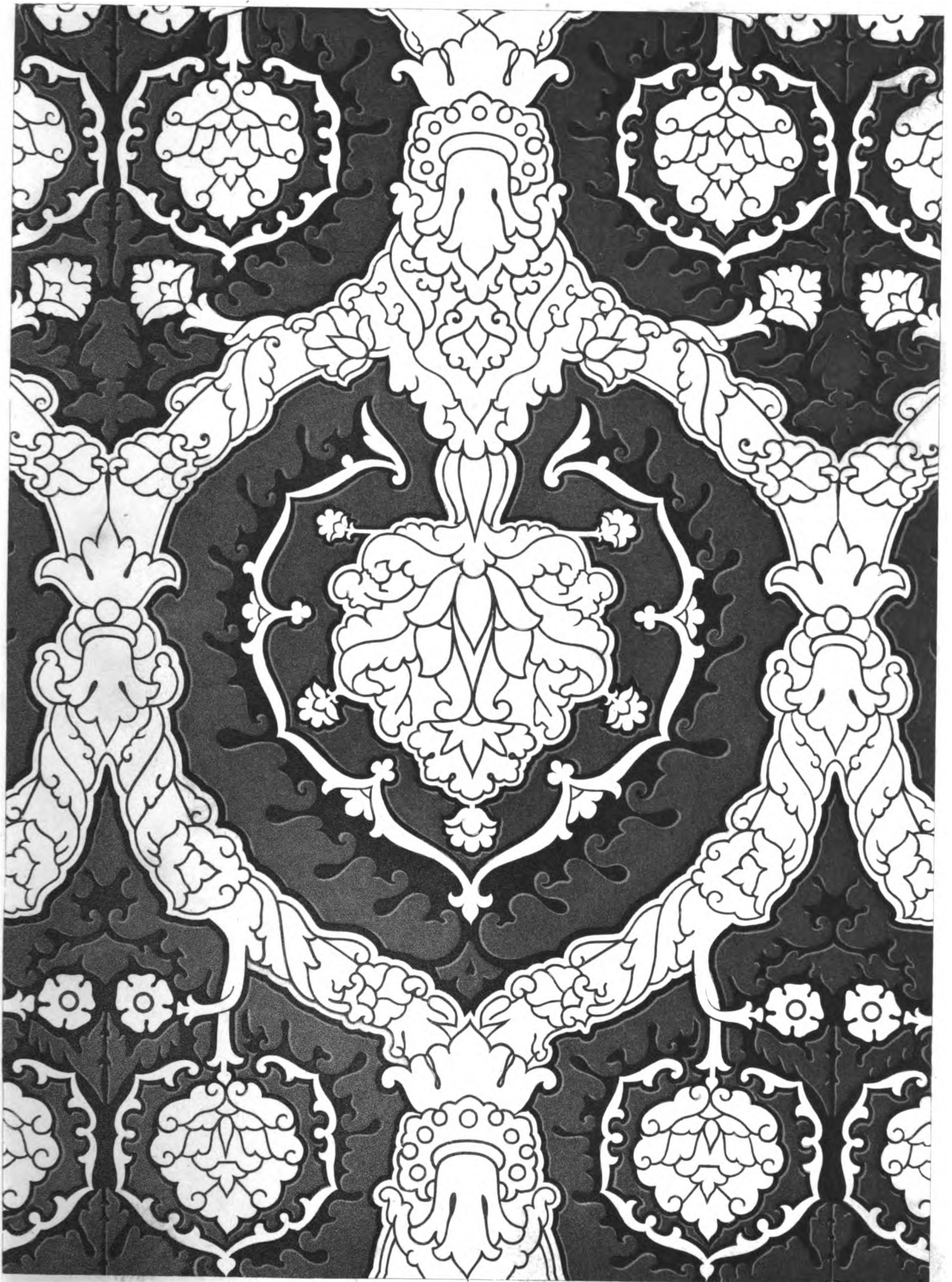


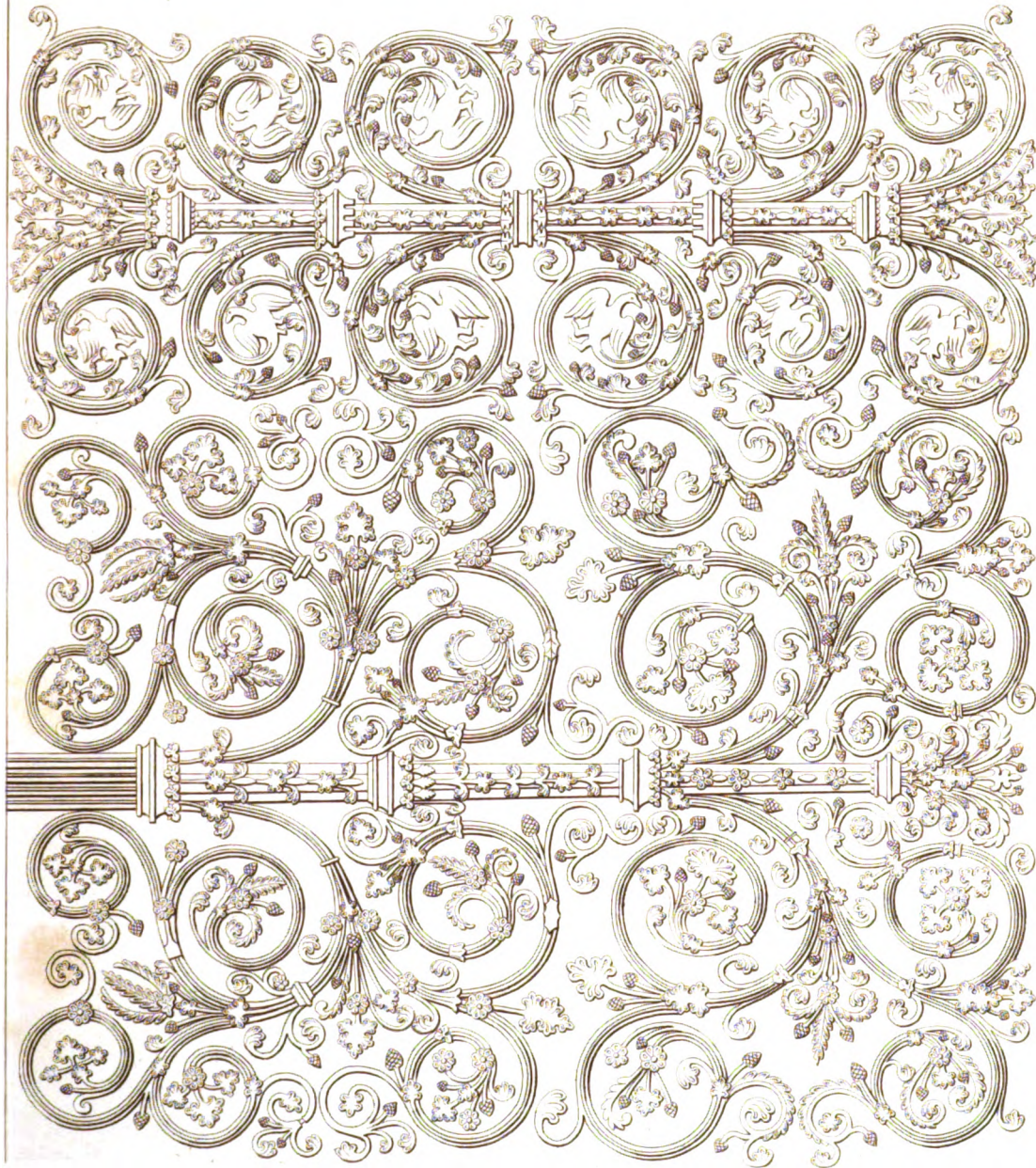




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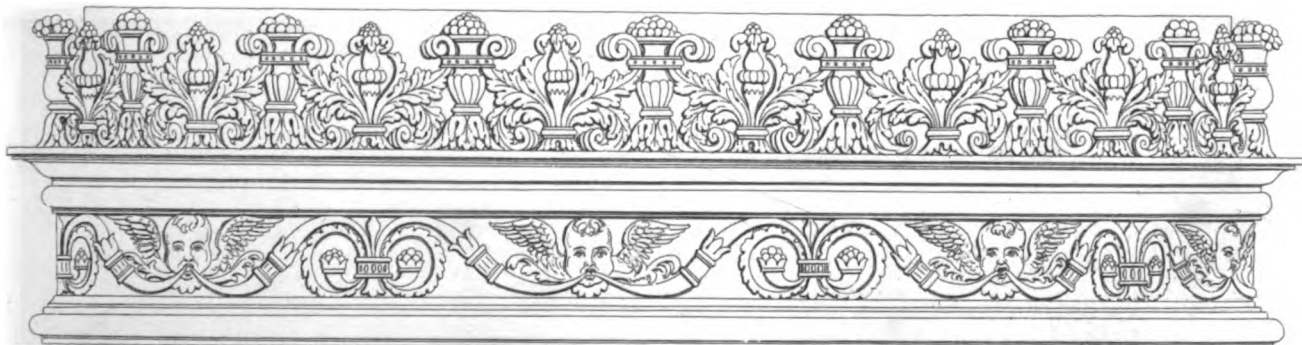
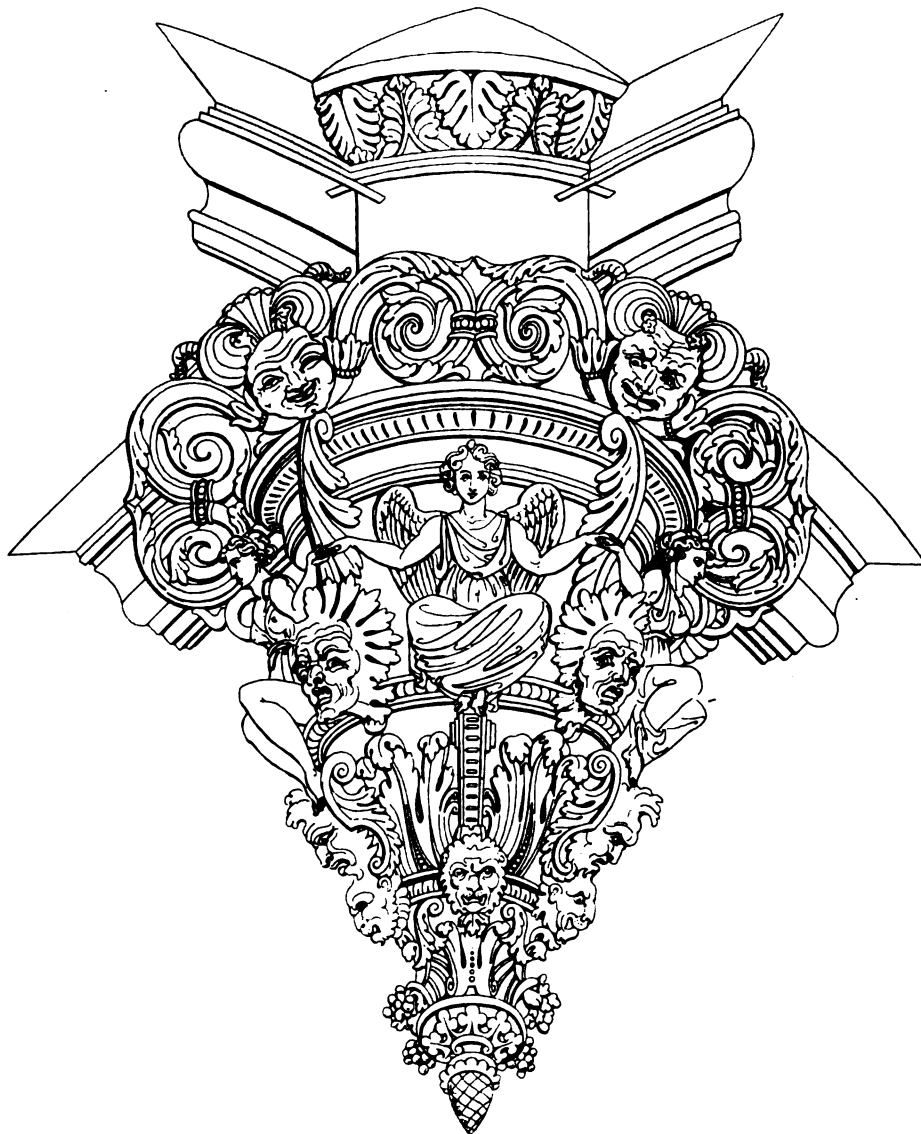




IRON WORK.

From the Door of Notre Dame, Chartres, France.





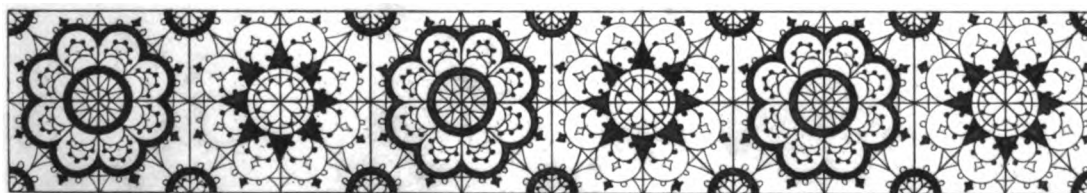
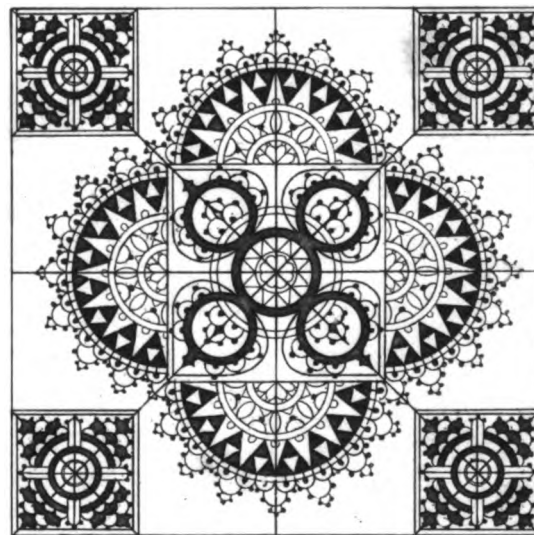
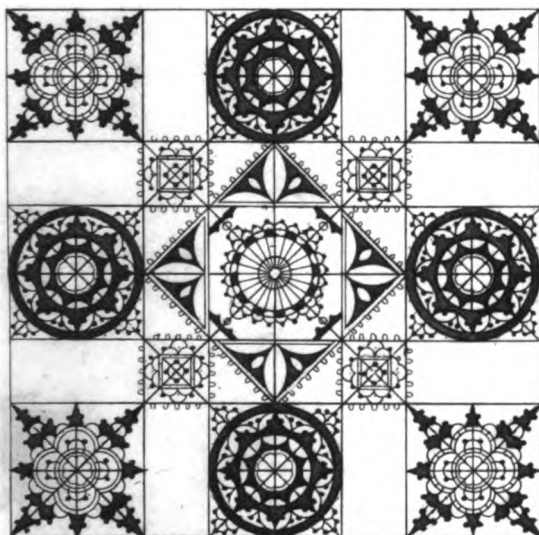
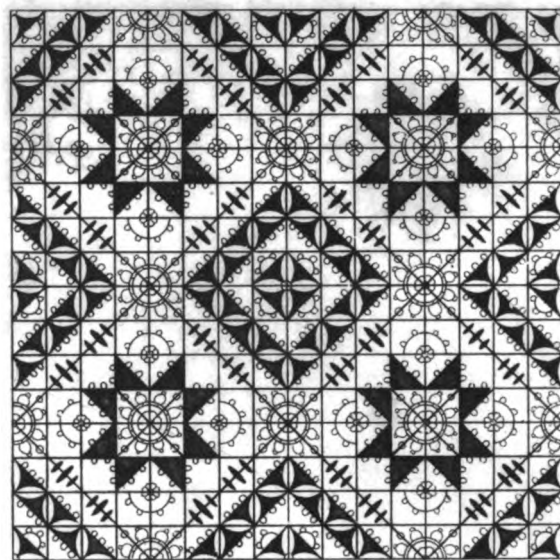
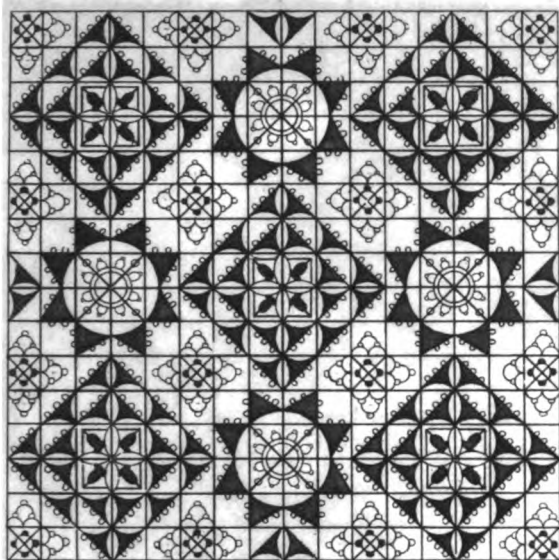
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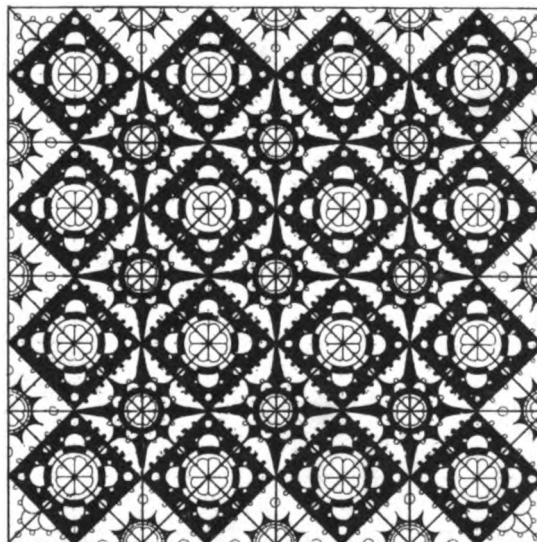
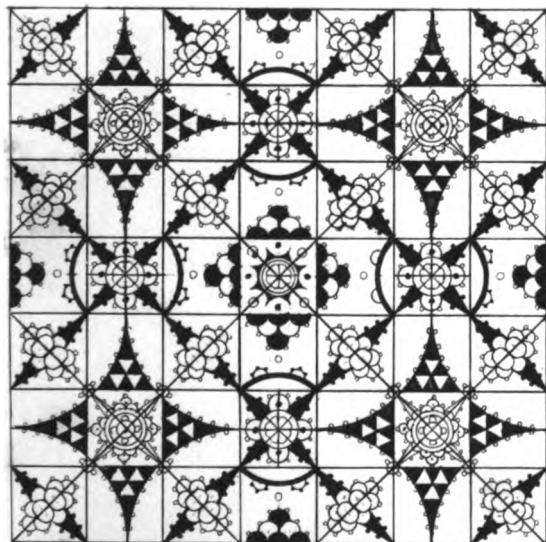
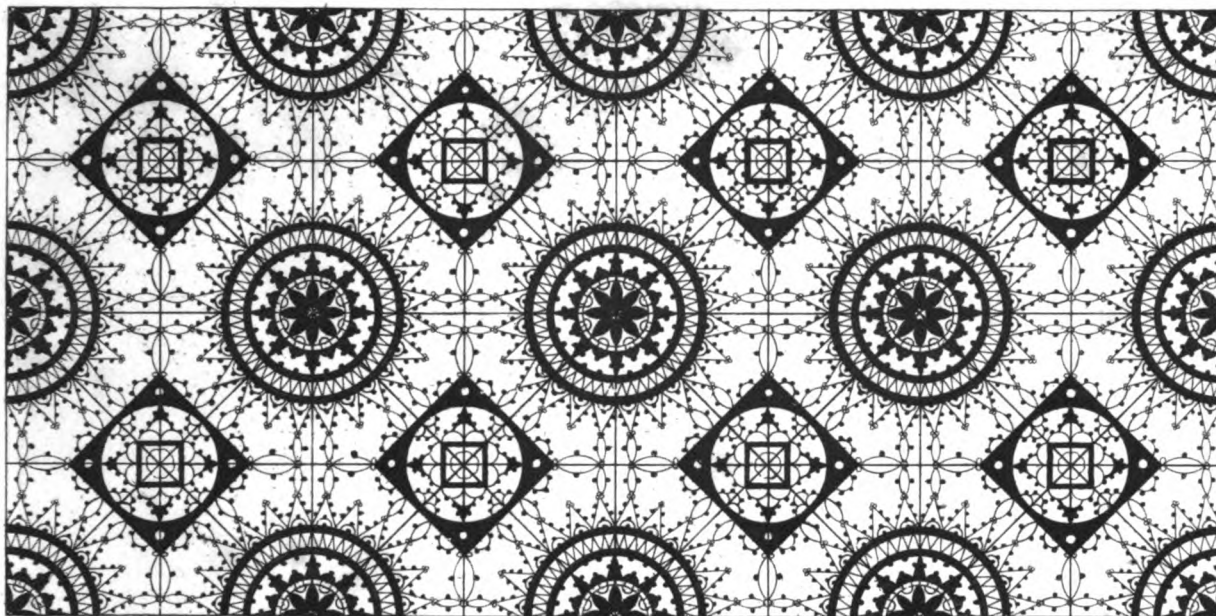








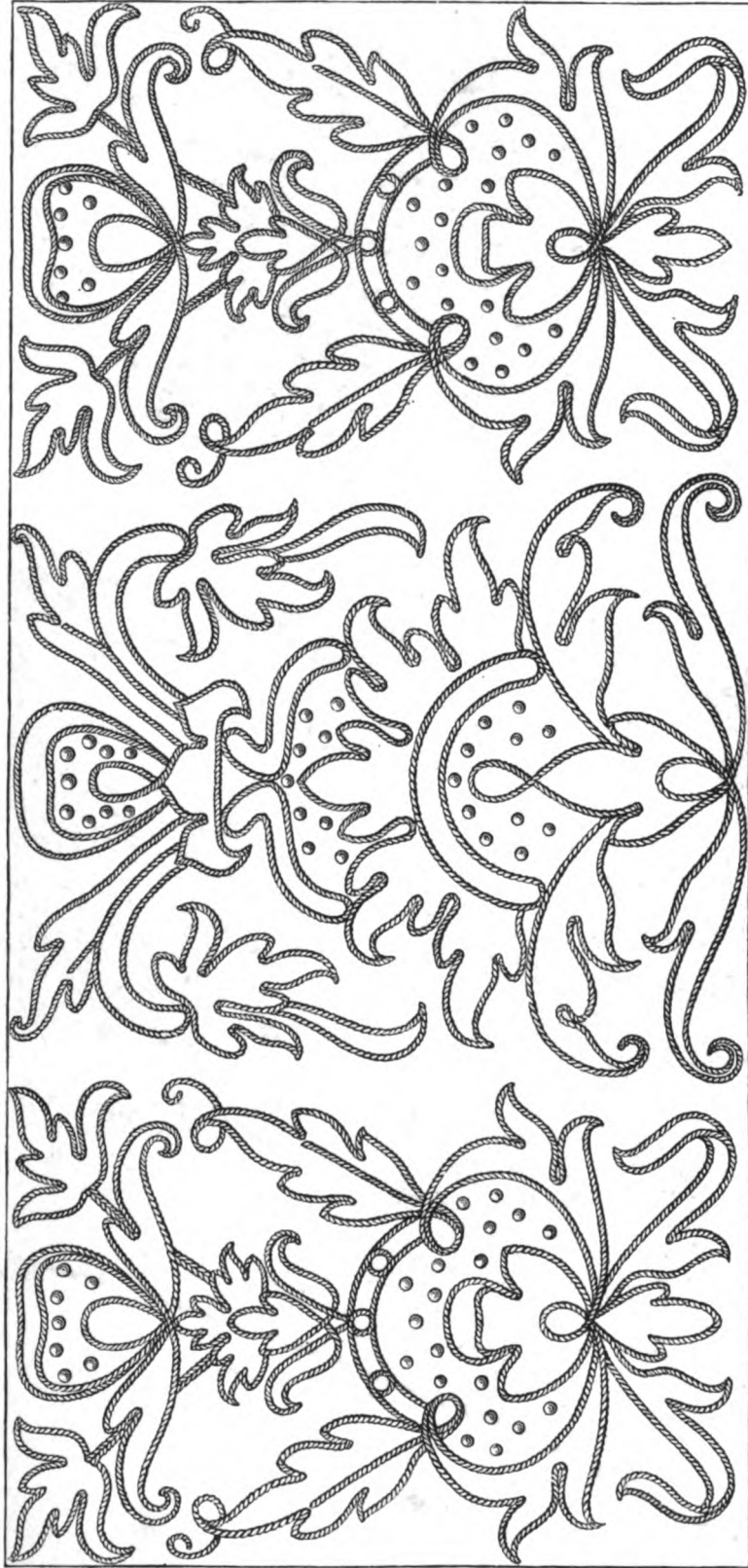
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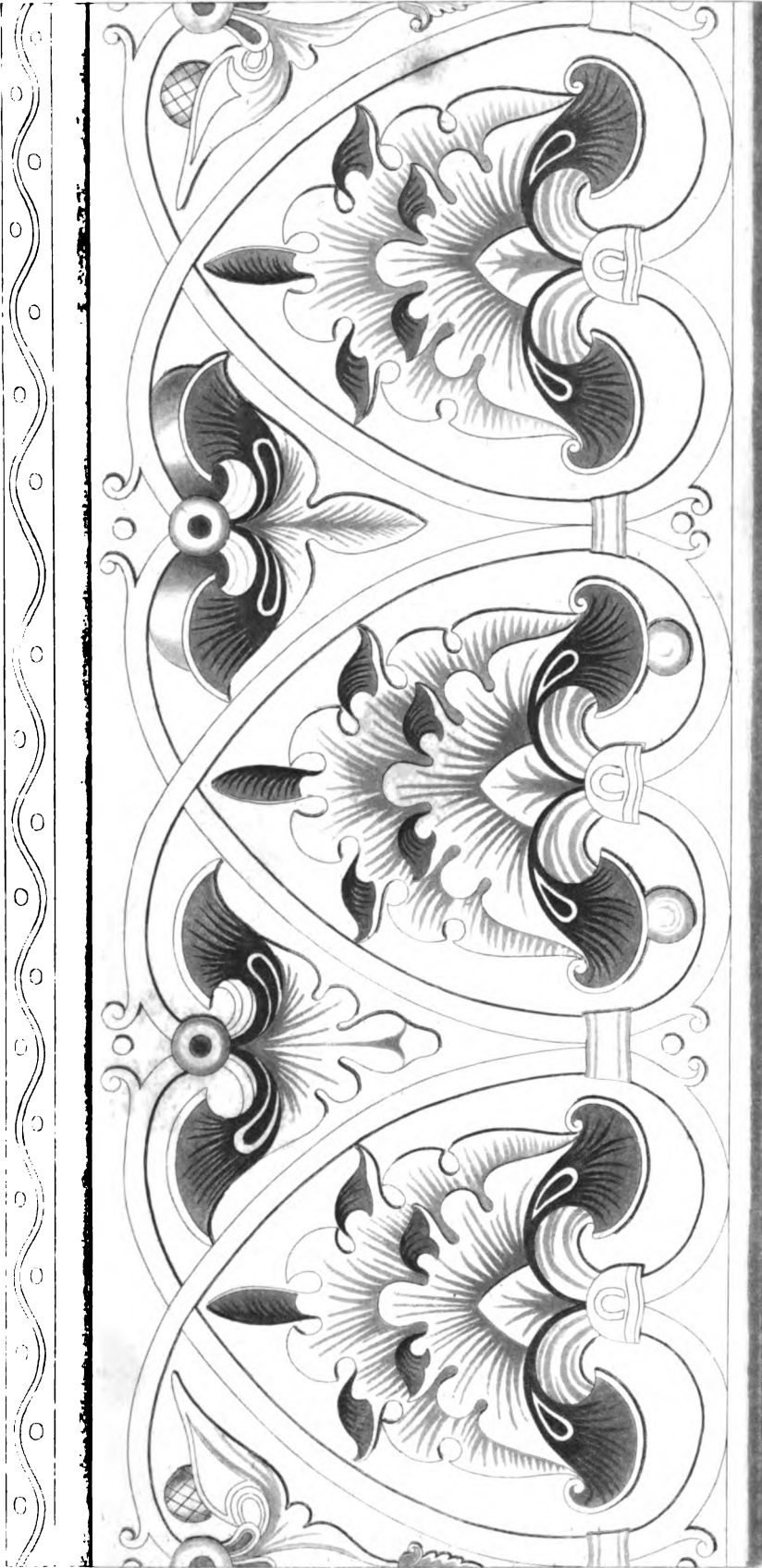
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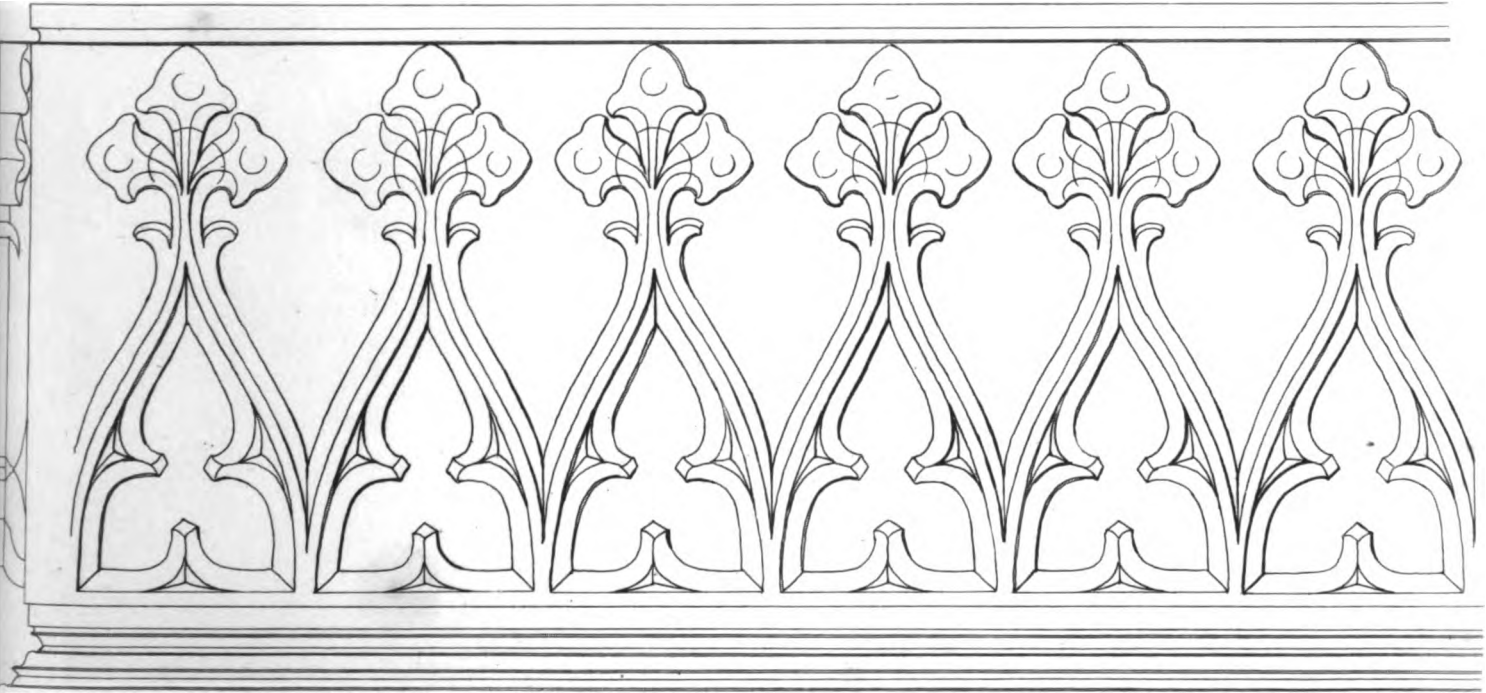
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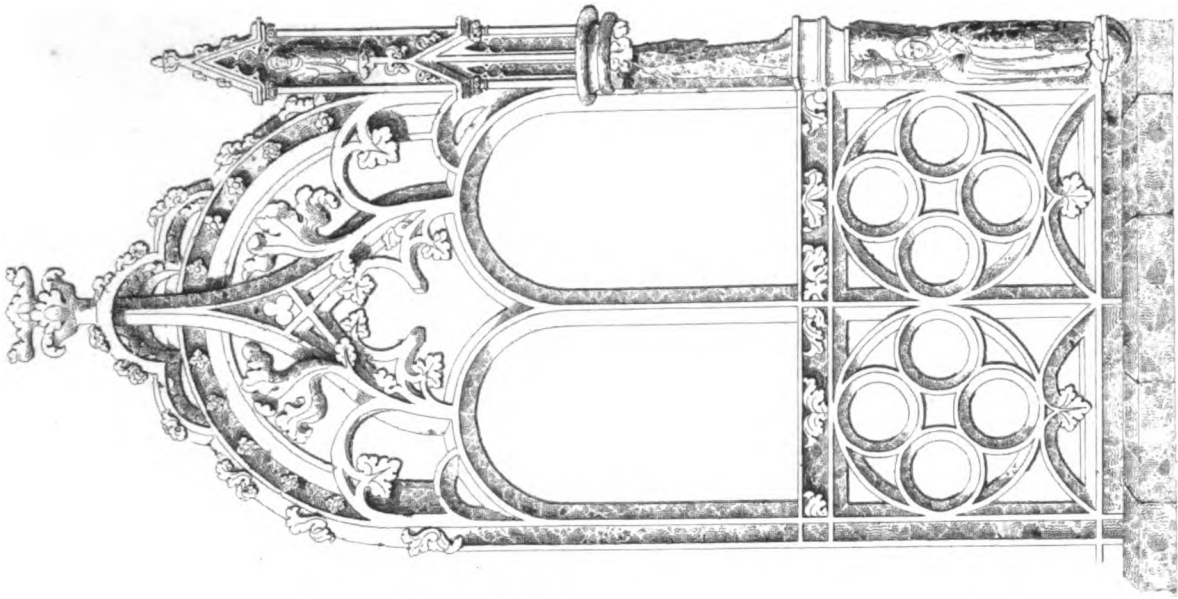
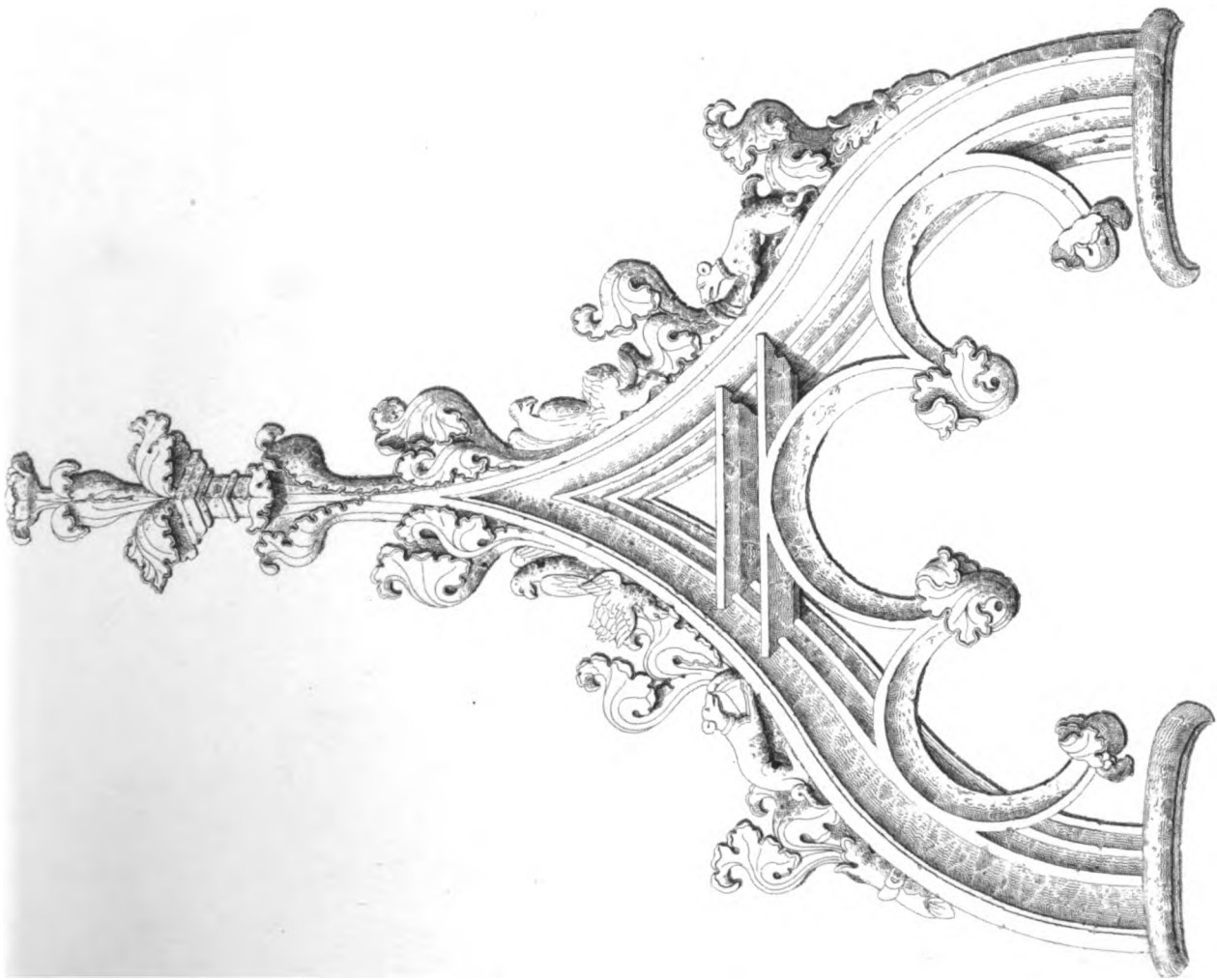
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131. from Southwell Church — 2. from Furness Abbey



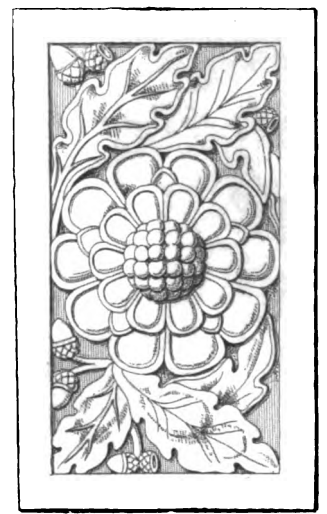


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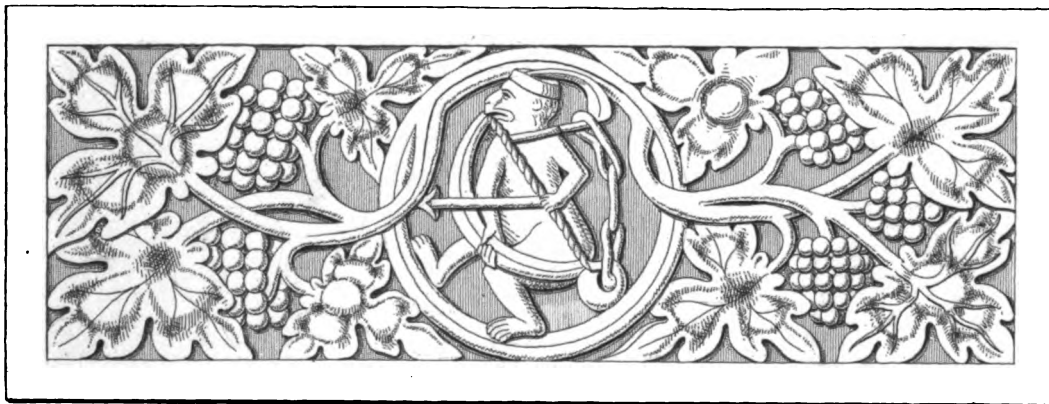
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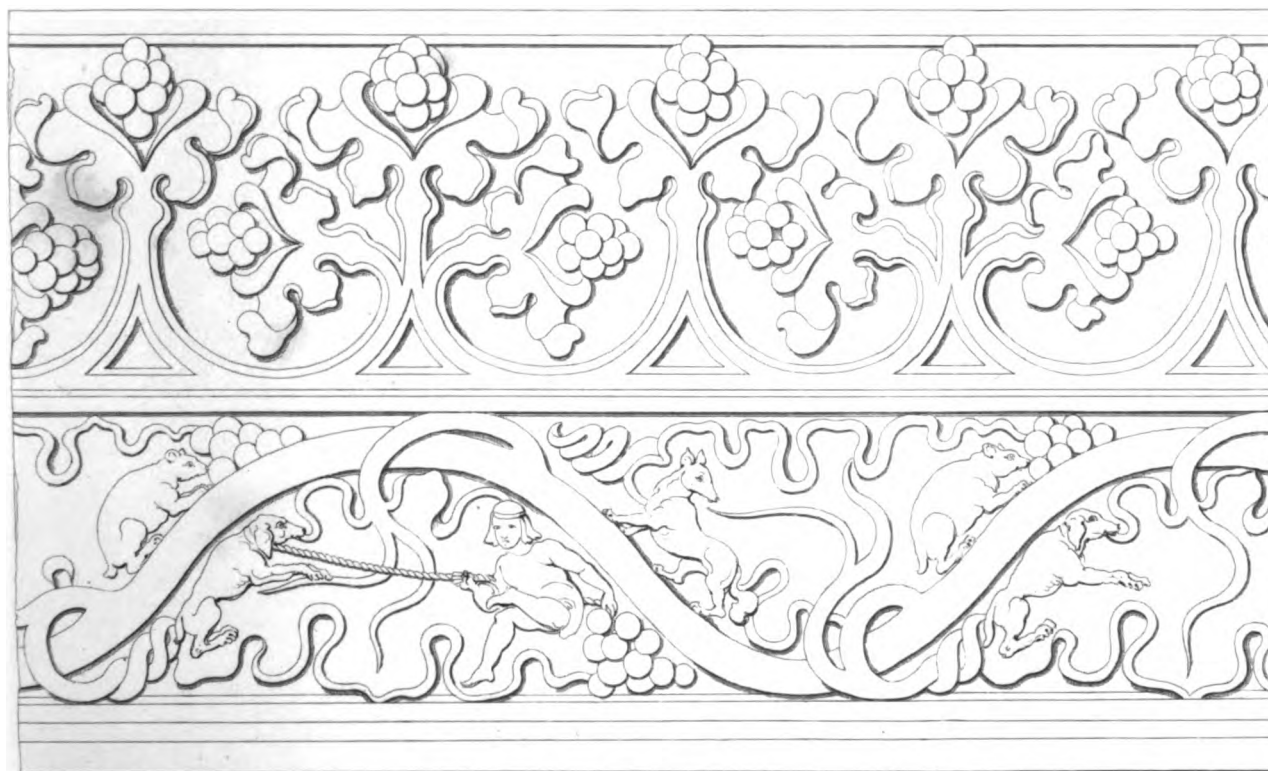
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Ornaments on the Box containing the Seal of the  
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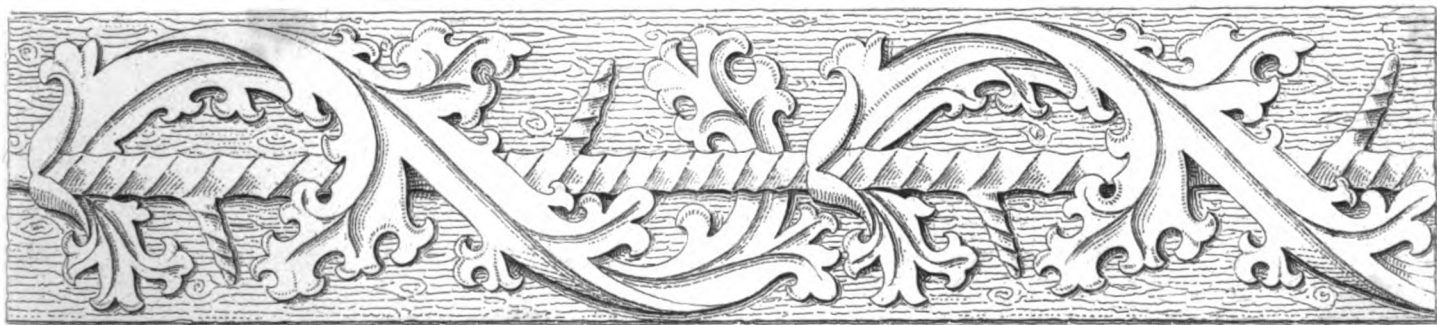
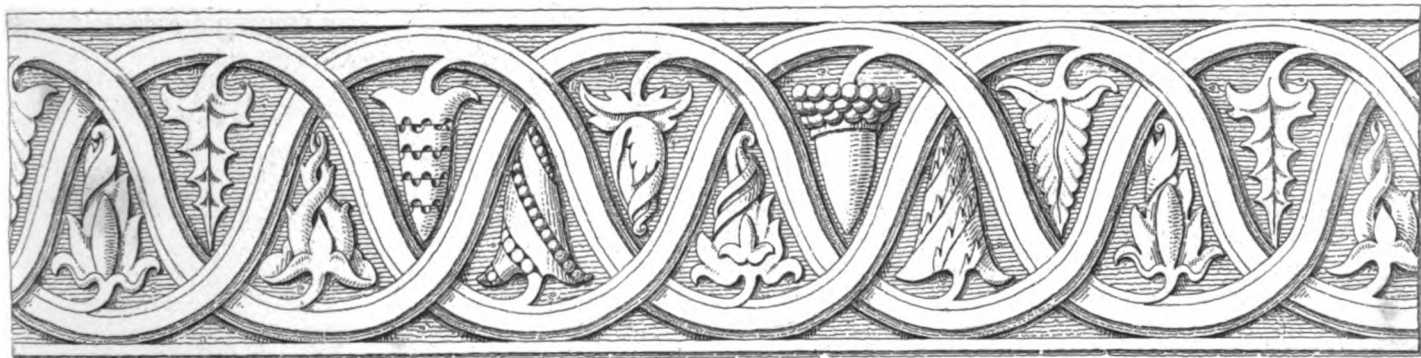
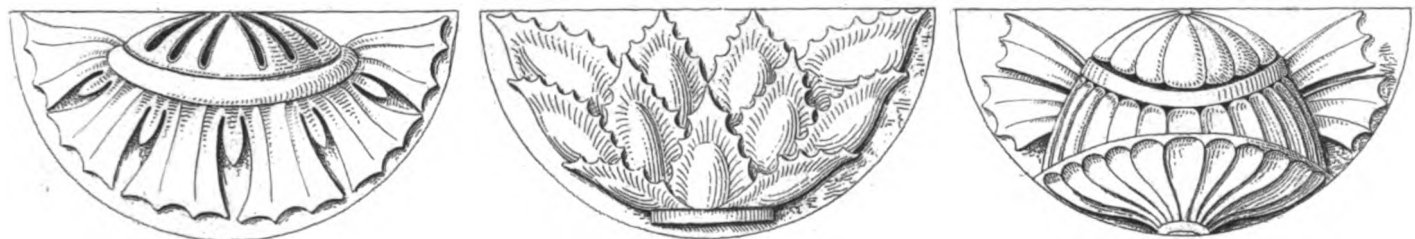
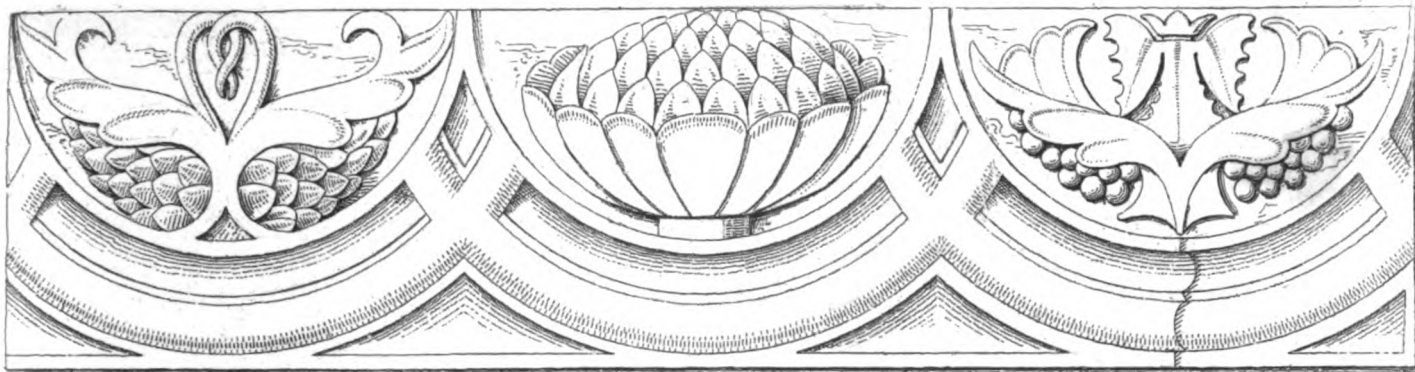


ORNAMENTS ON AN ANCIENT CHAIR,

in St. Mary's Hall, Coventry

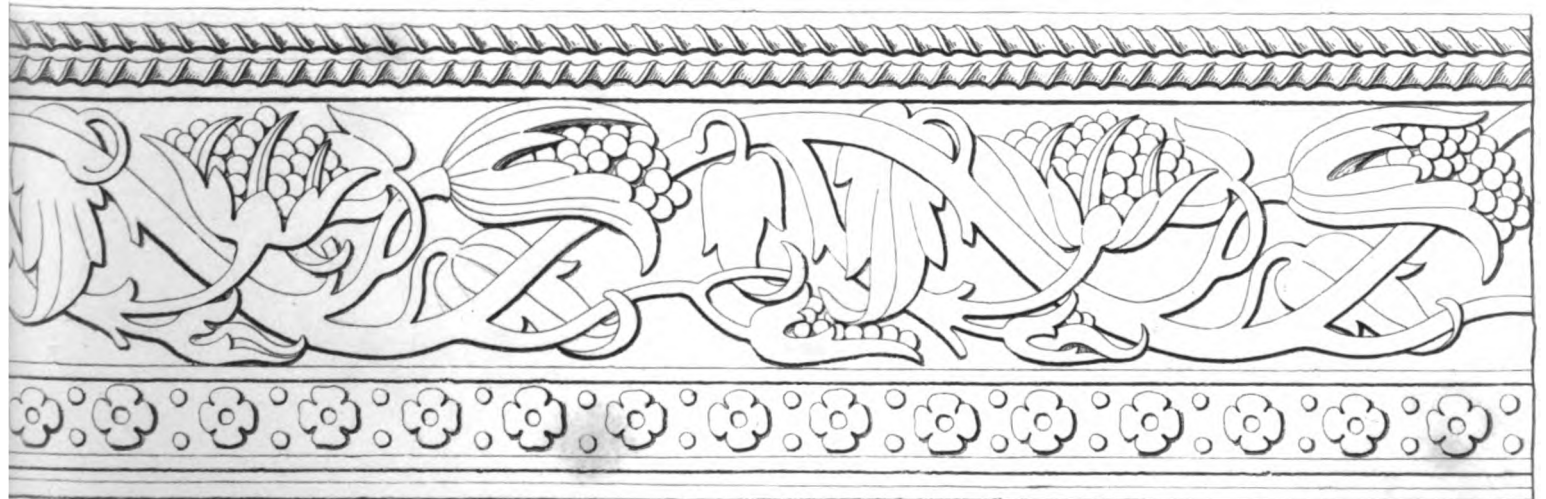
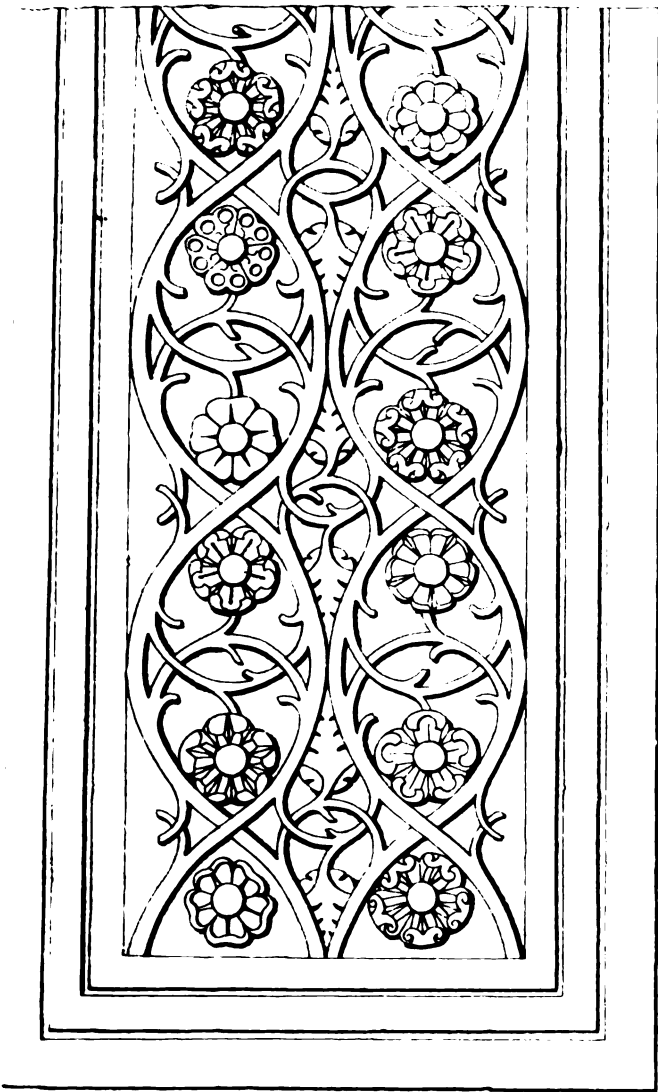
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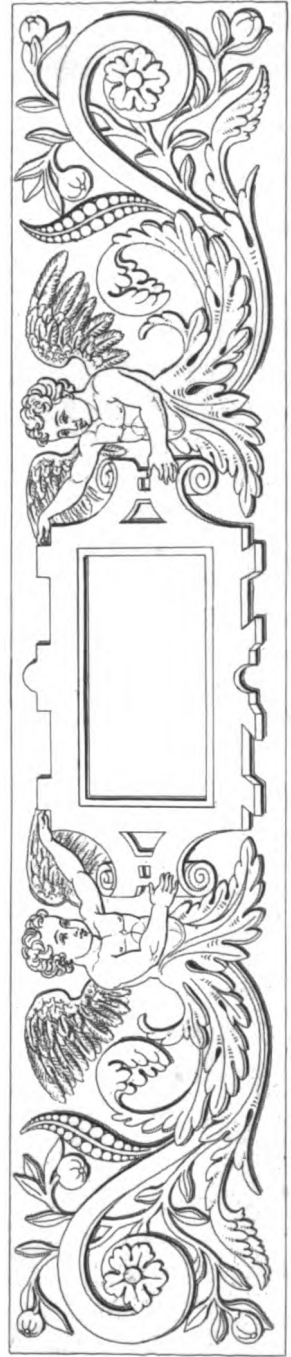
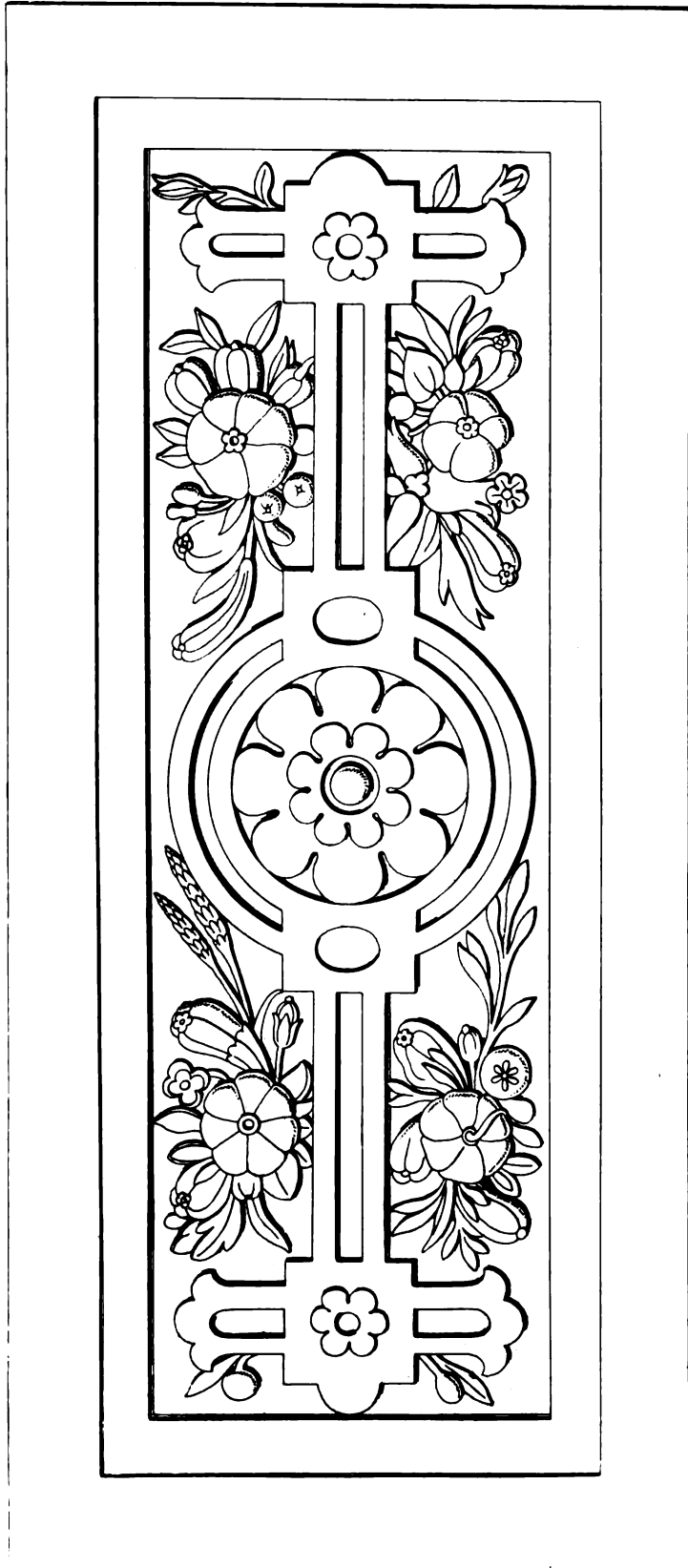


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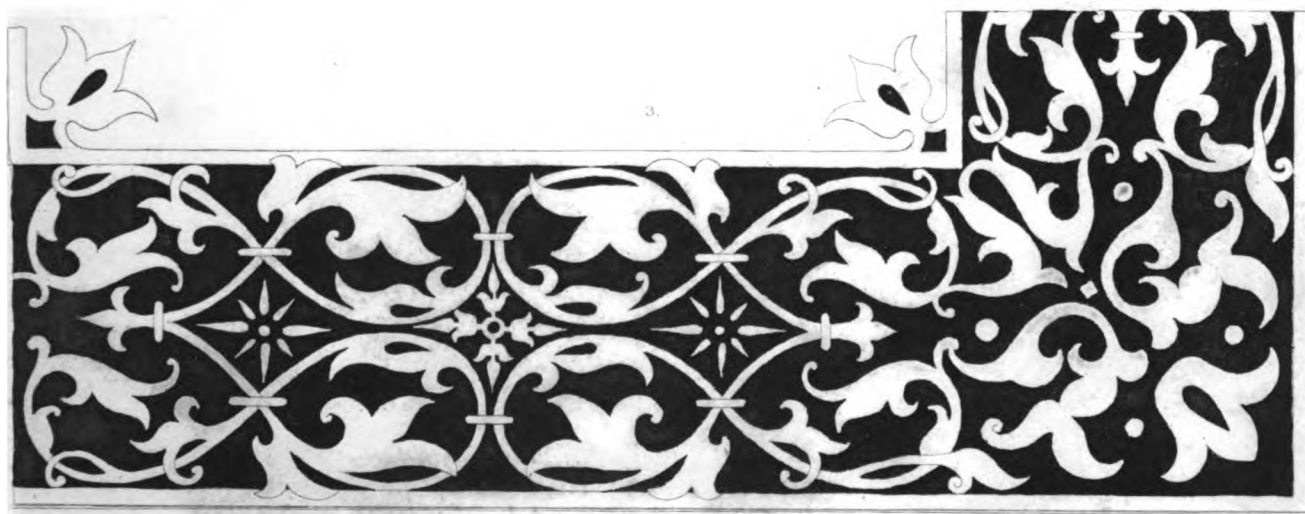




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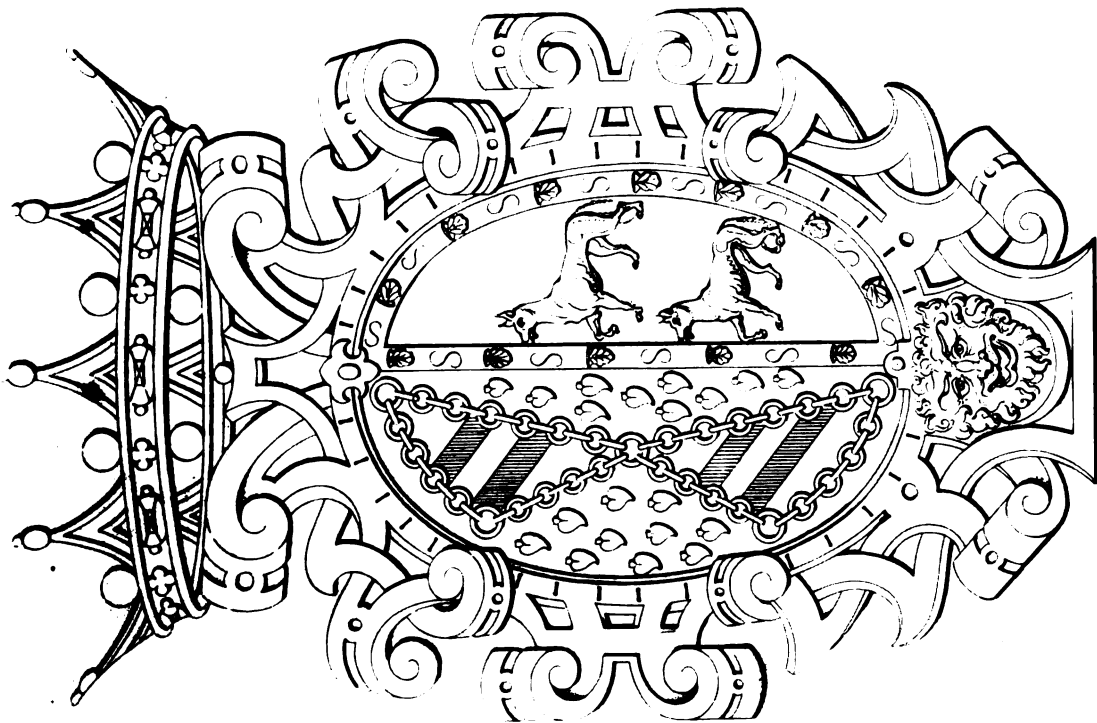
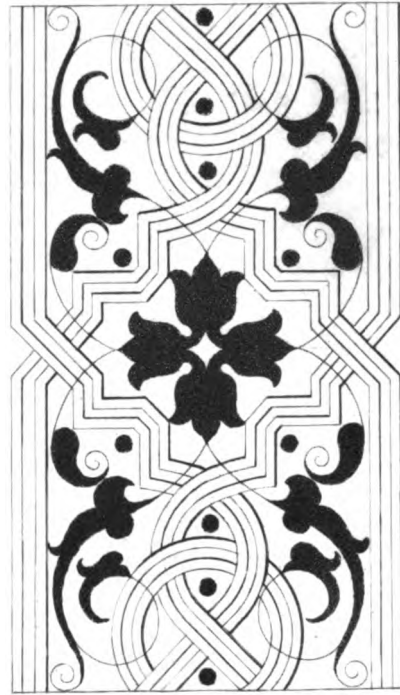
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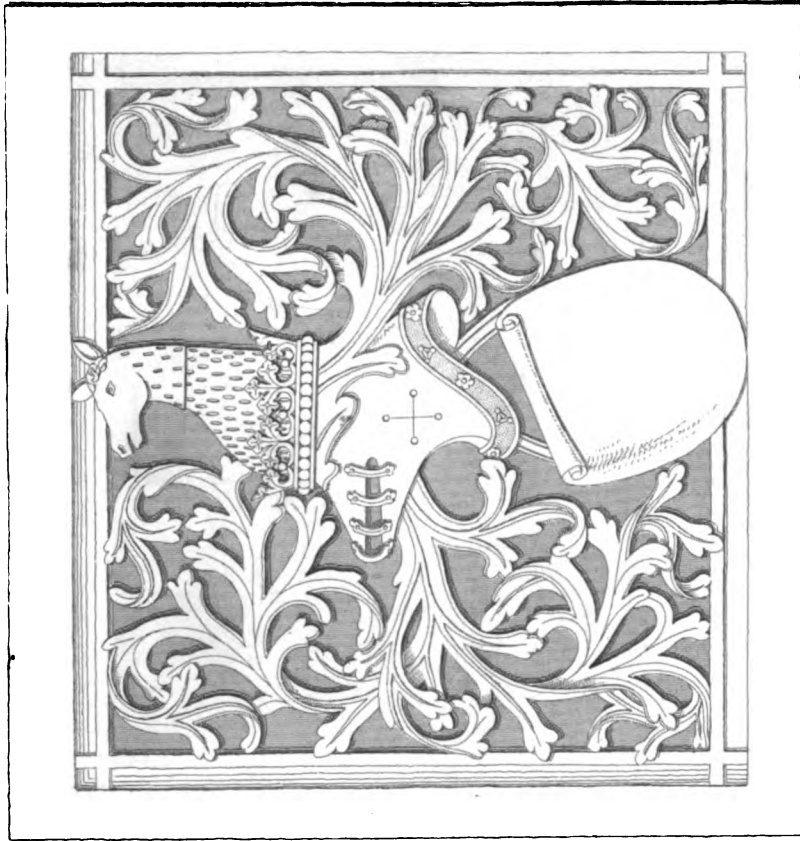
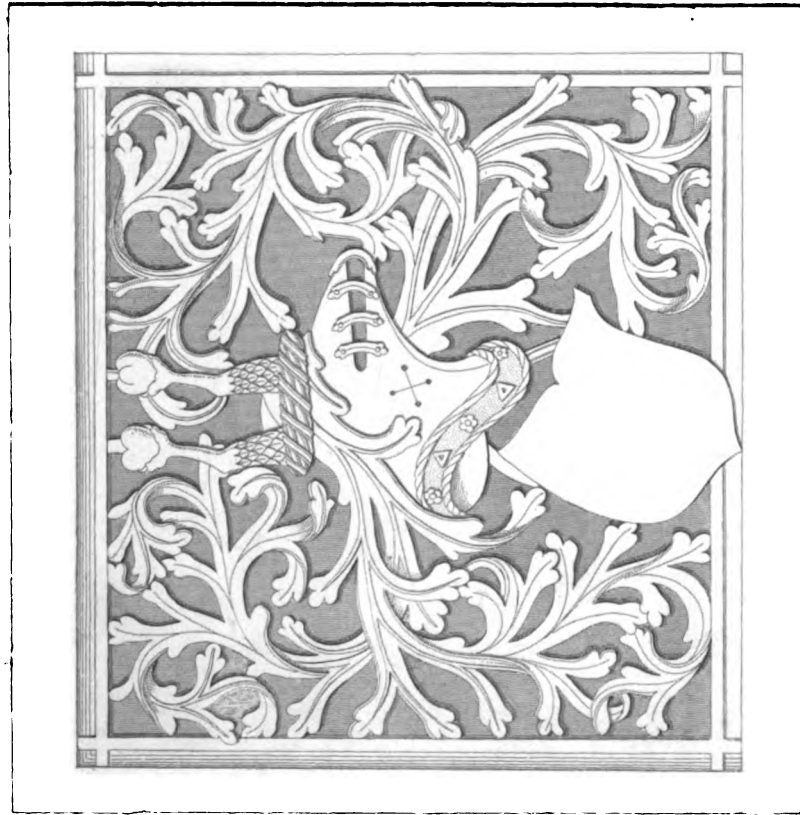




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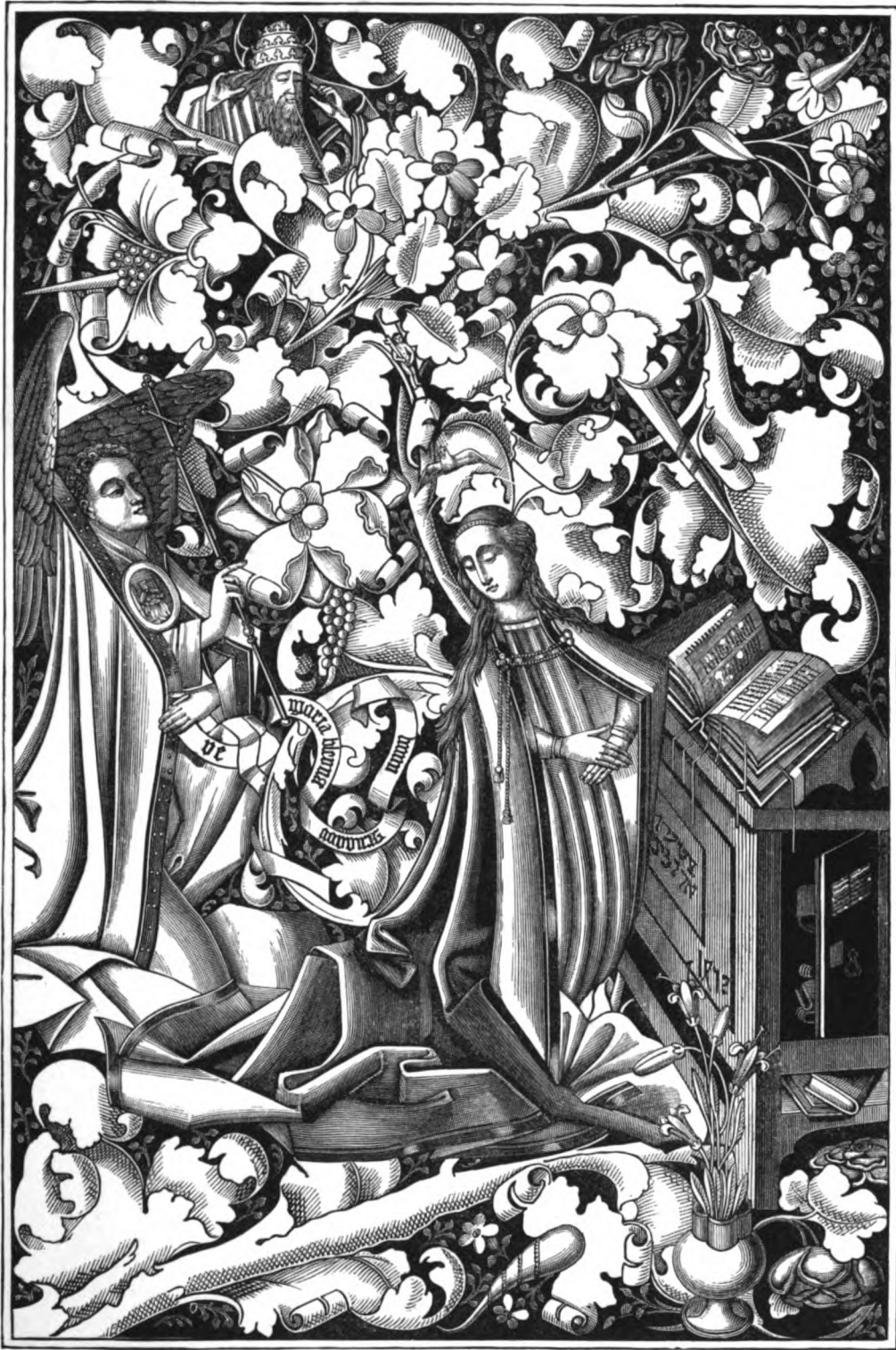


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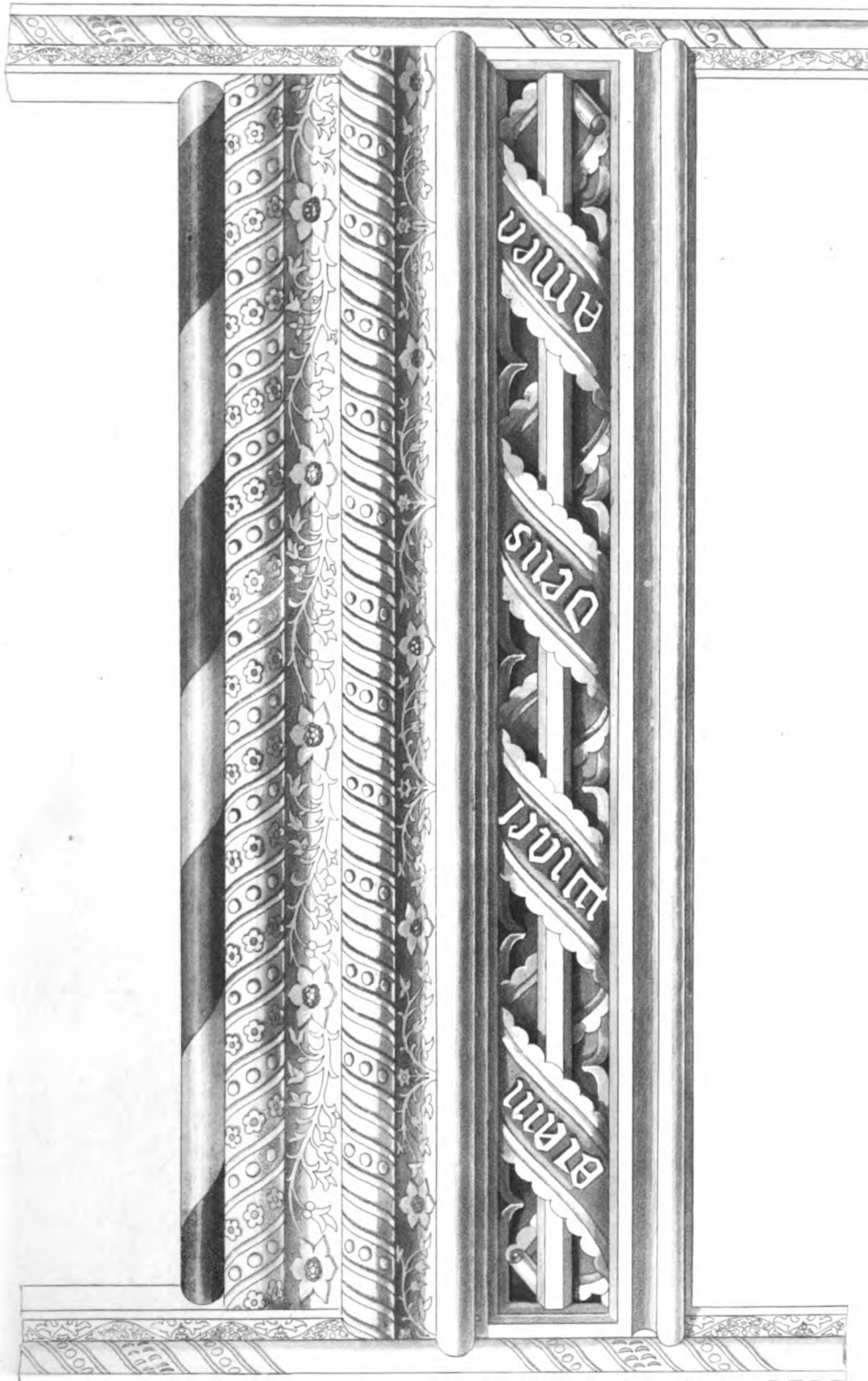
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FROM AN EARLY GERMAN PICTURE.







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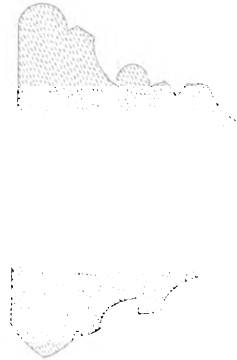
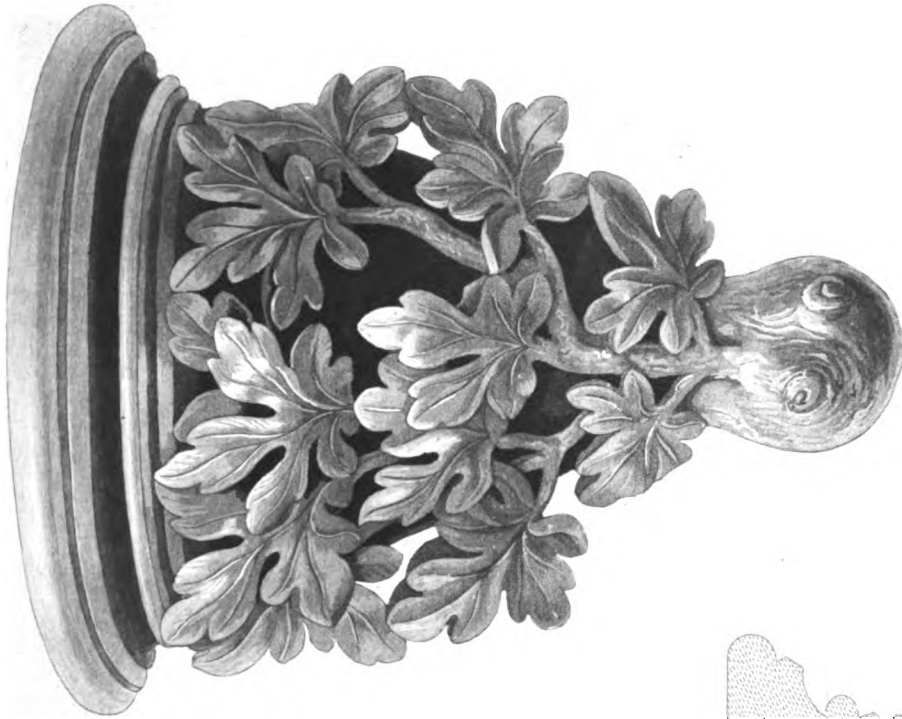
In Wotton Church, Norfolk.

From the beginning of the 14th century.

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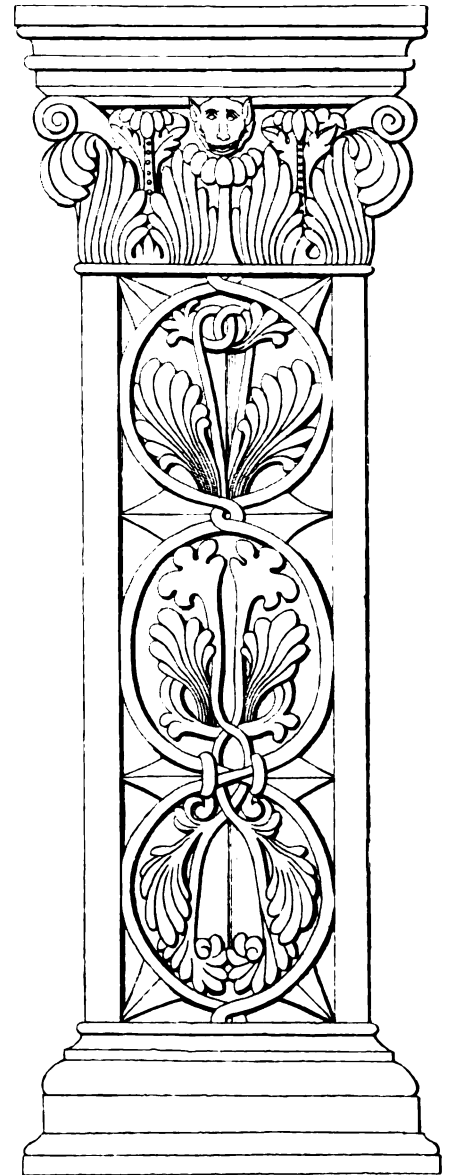
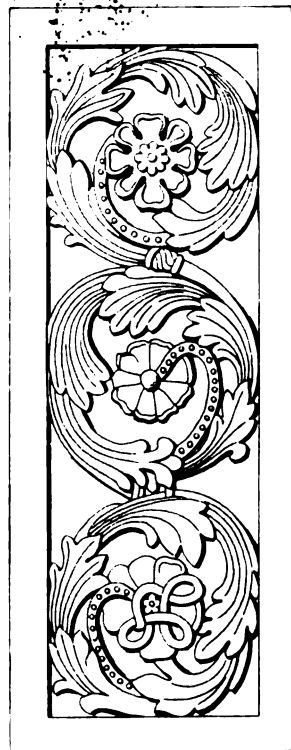
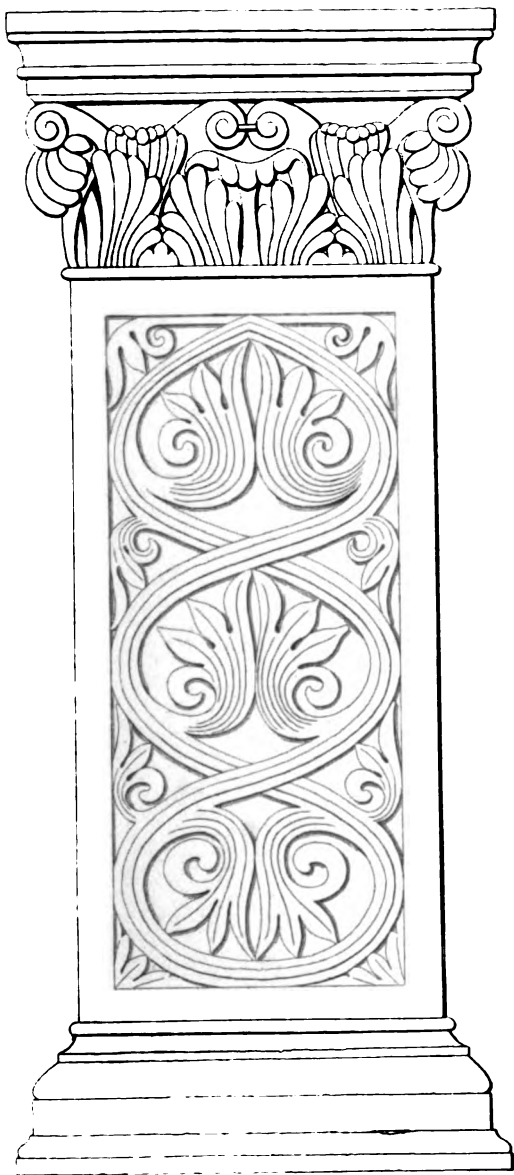
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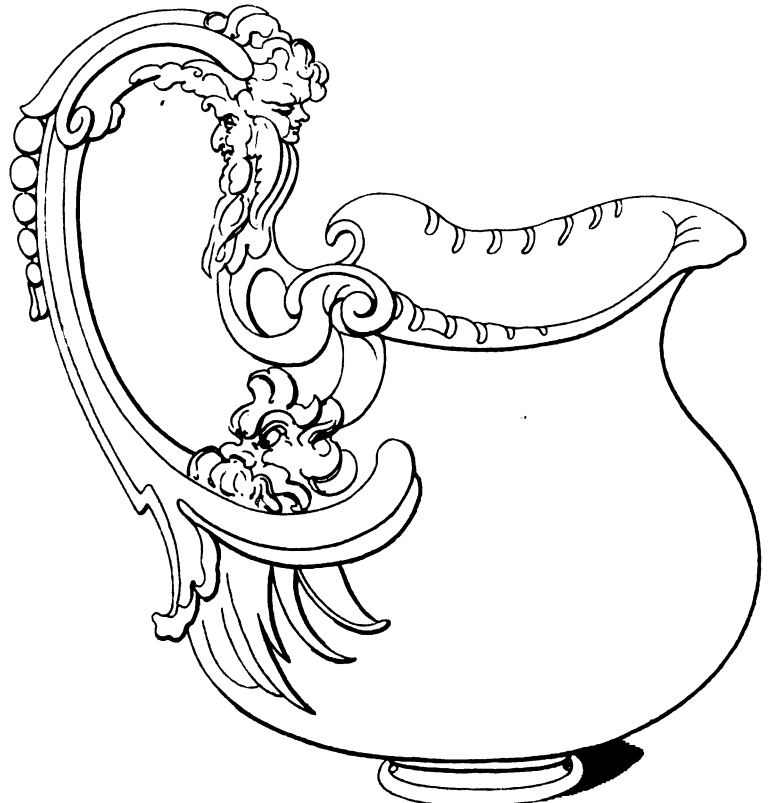


THREE SIDES OF A FILASTER.

In the Cloister of St Sauveur at Aix in Provence.

12th to the 13th Century.









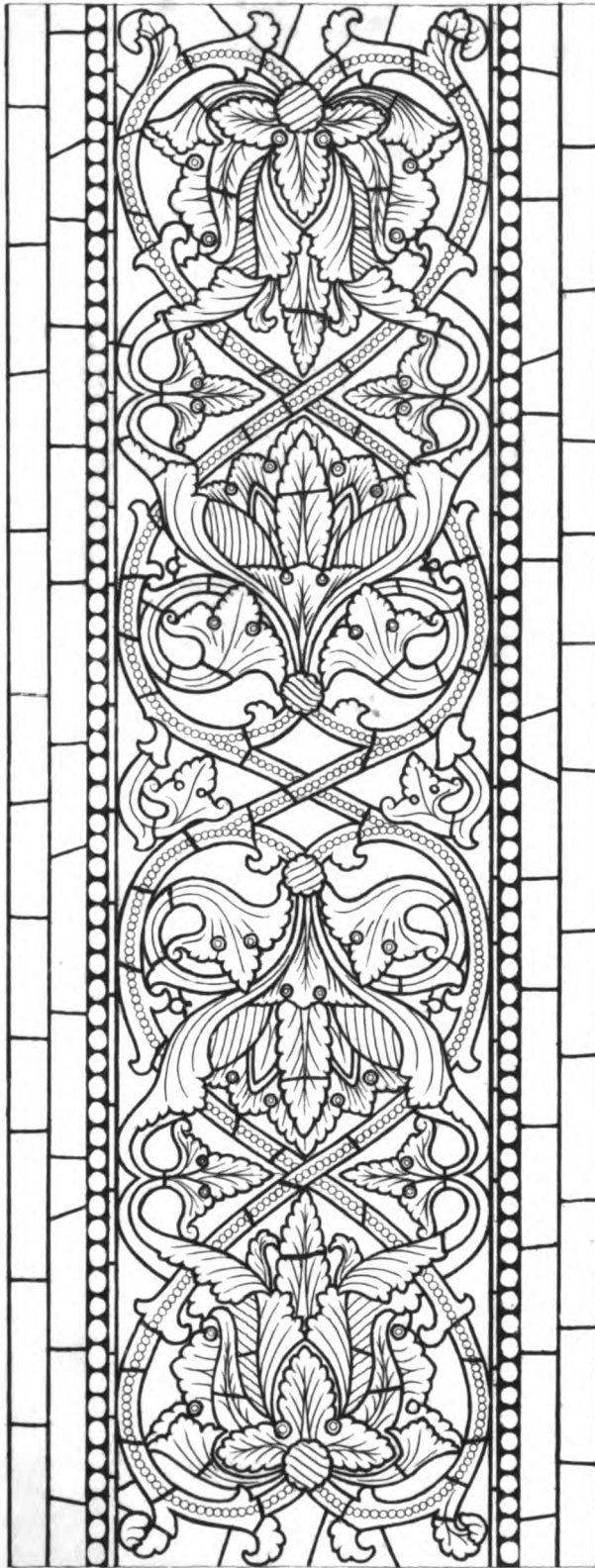
BORDER OF STAINED GLASS

In the Royal Abbey  
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Date towards the  
end of the 12<sup>th</sup> century.





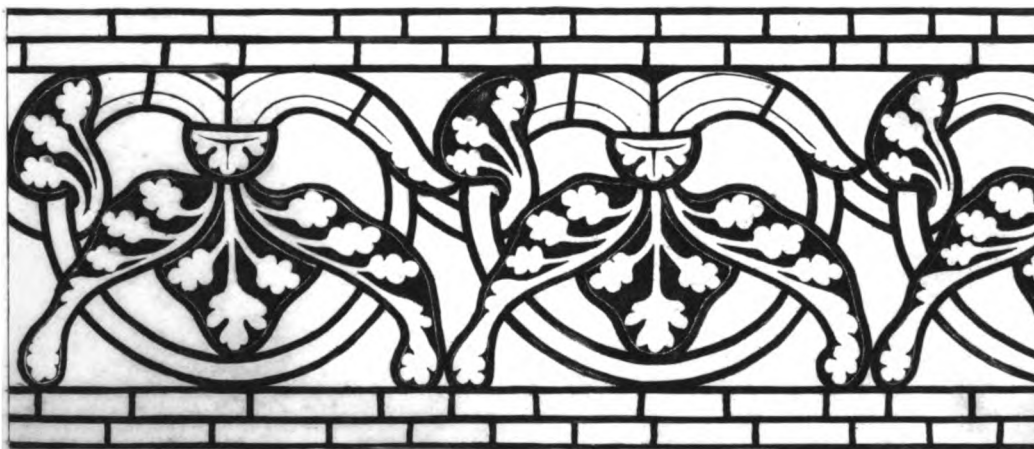
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Date: the latter part of the 12th century



STAINED GLASS,

From Canterbury Cathedral.



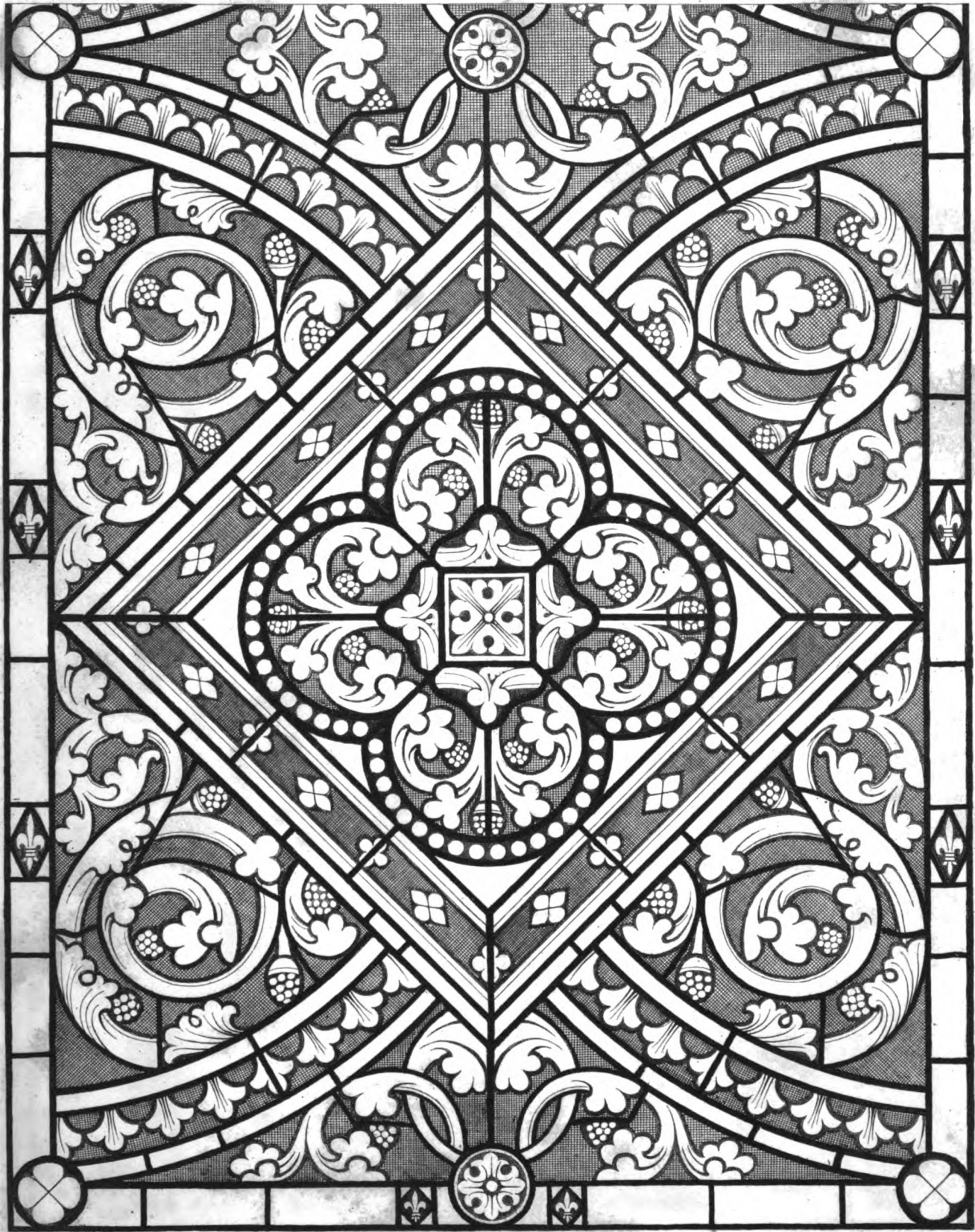


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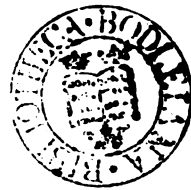


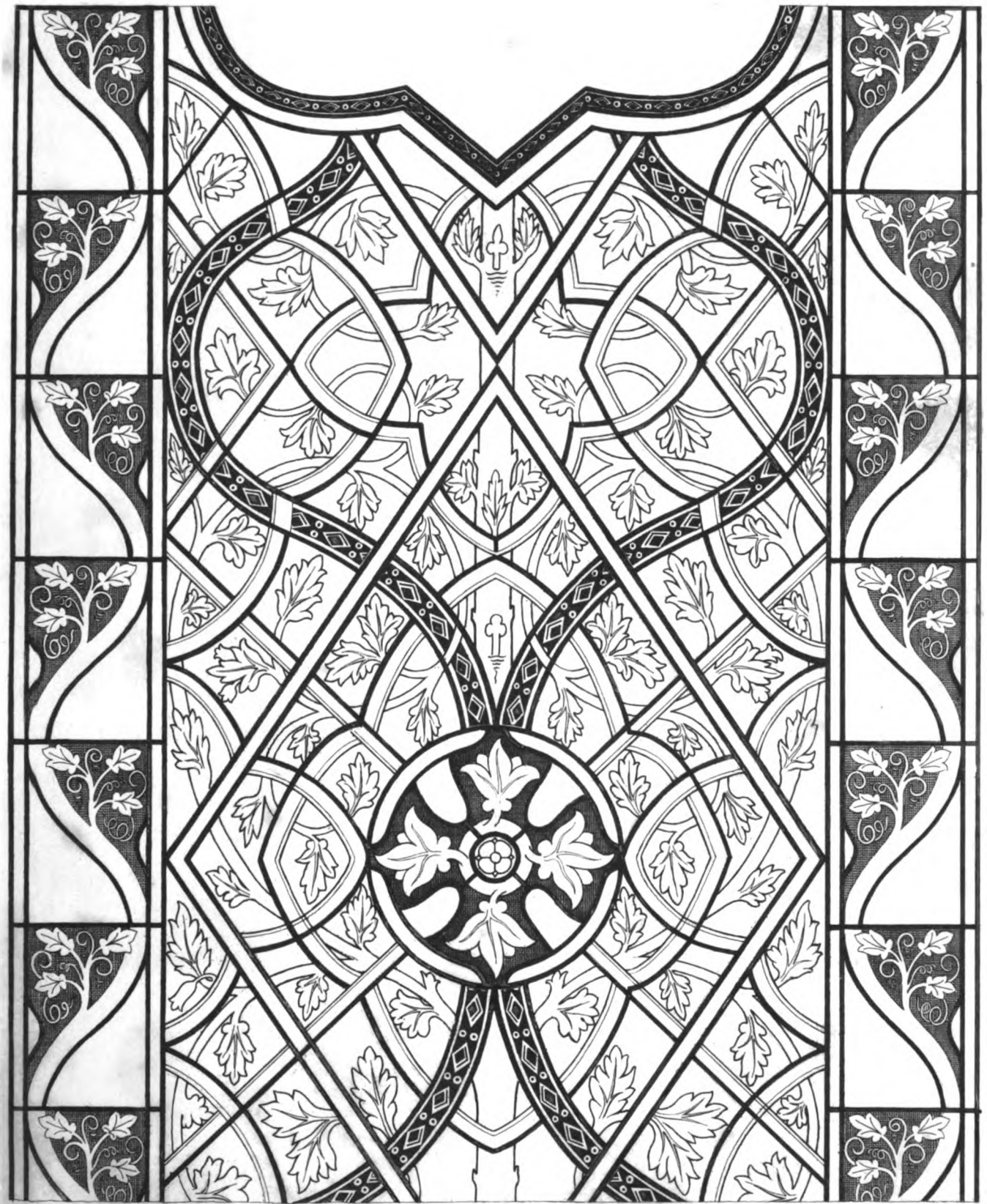




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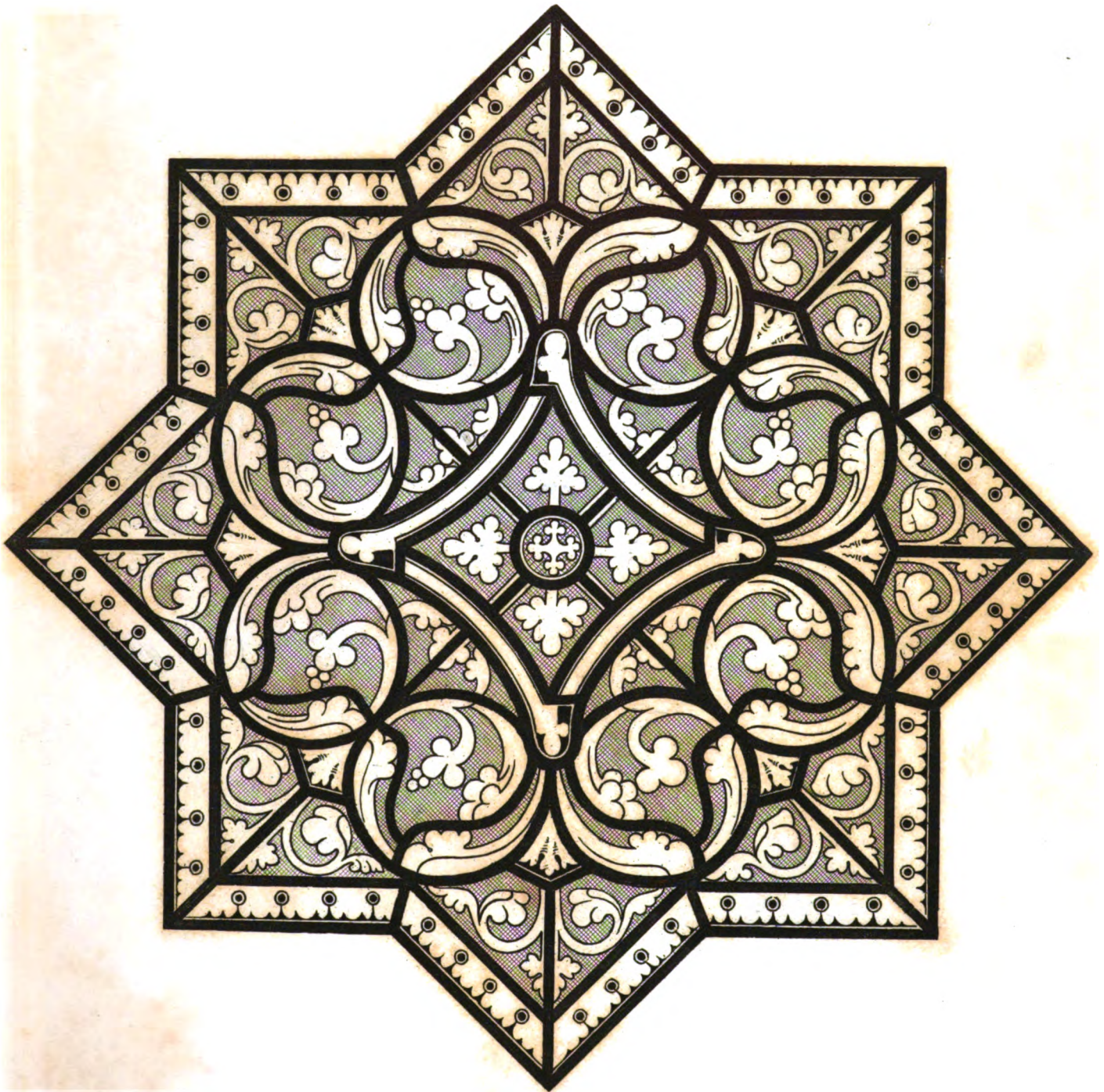




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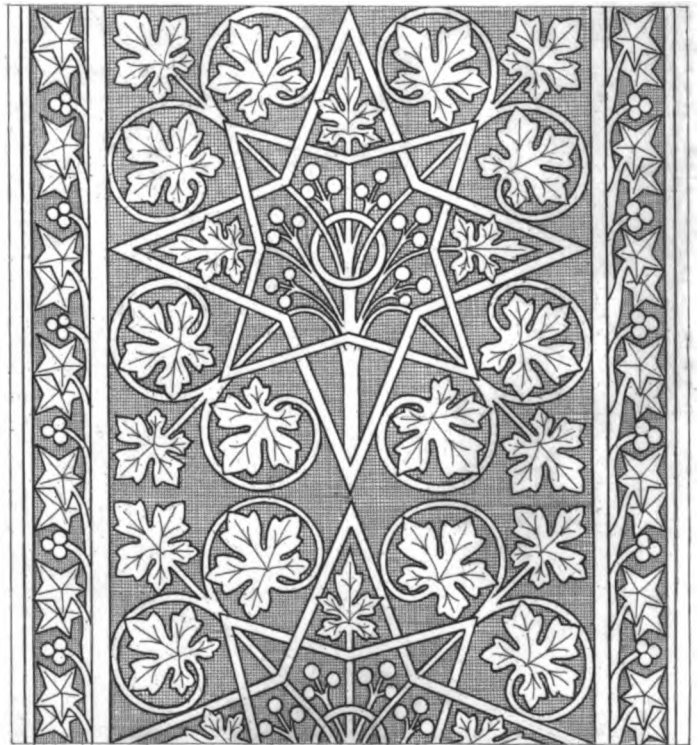
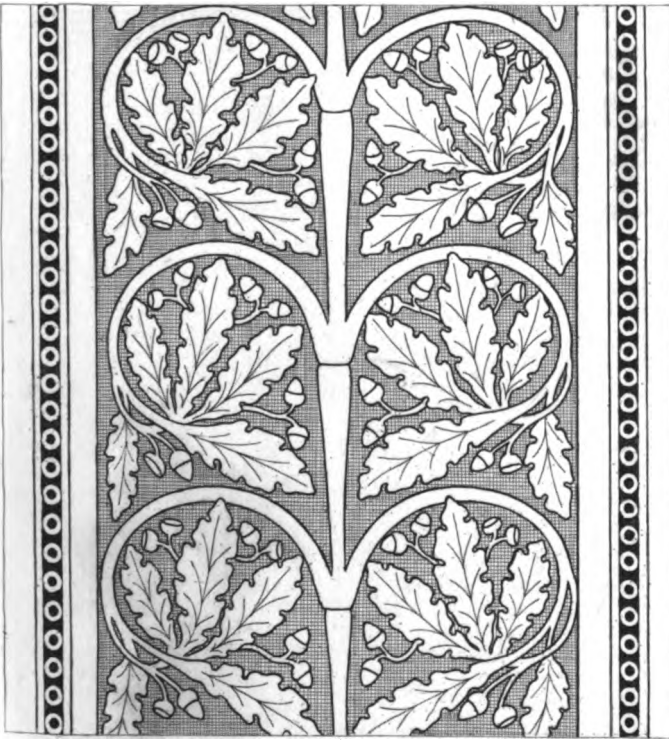
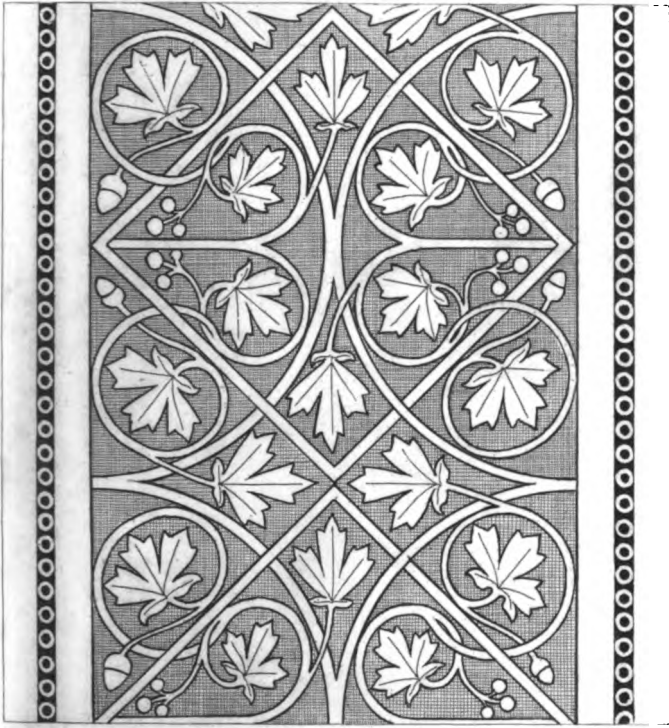




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From the west window, Nottingham side.



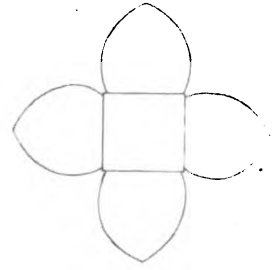


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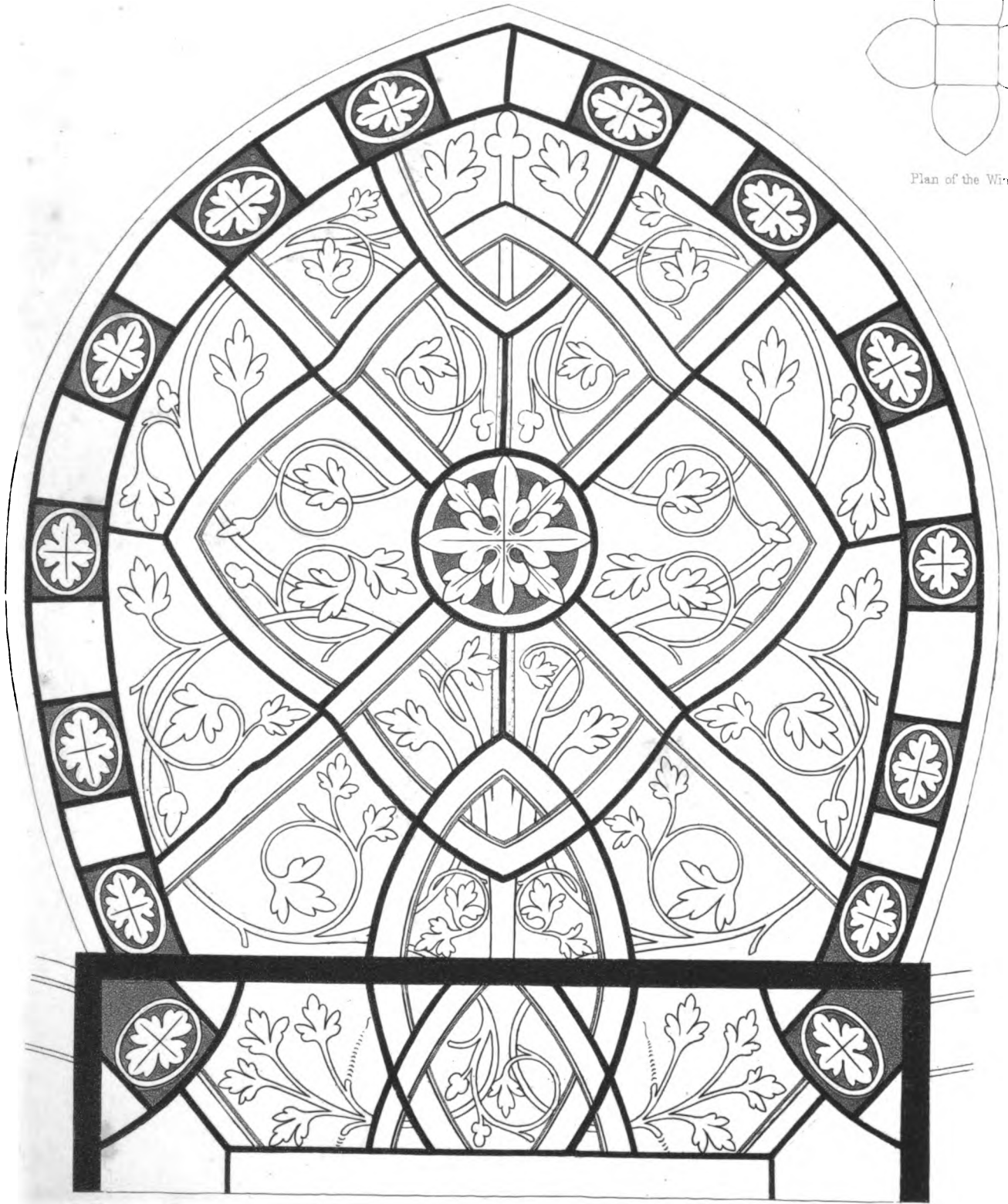
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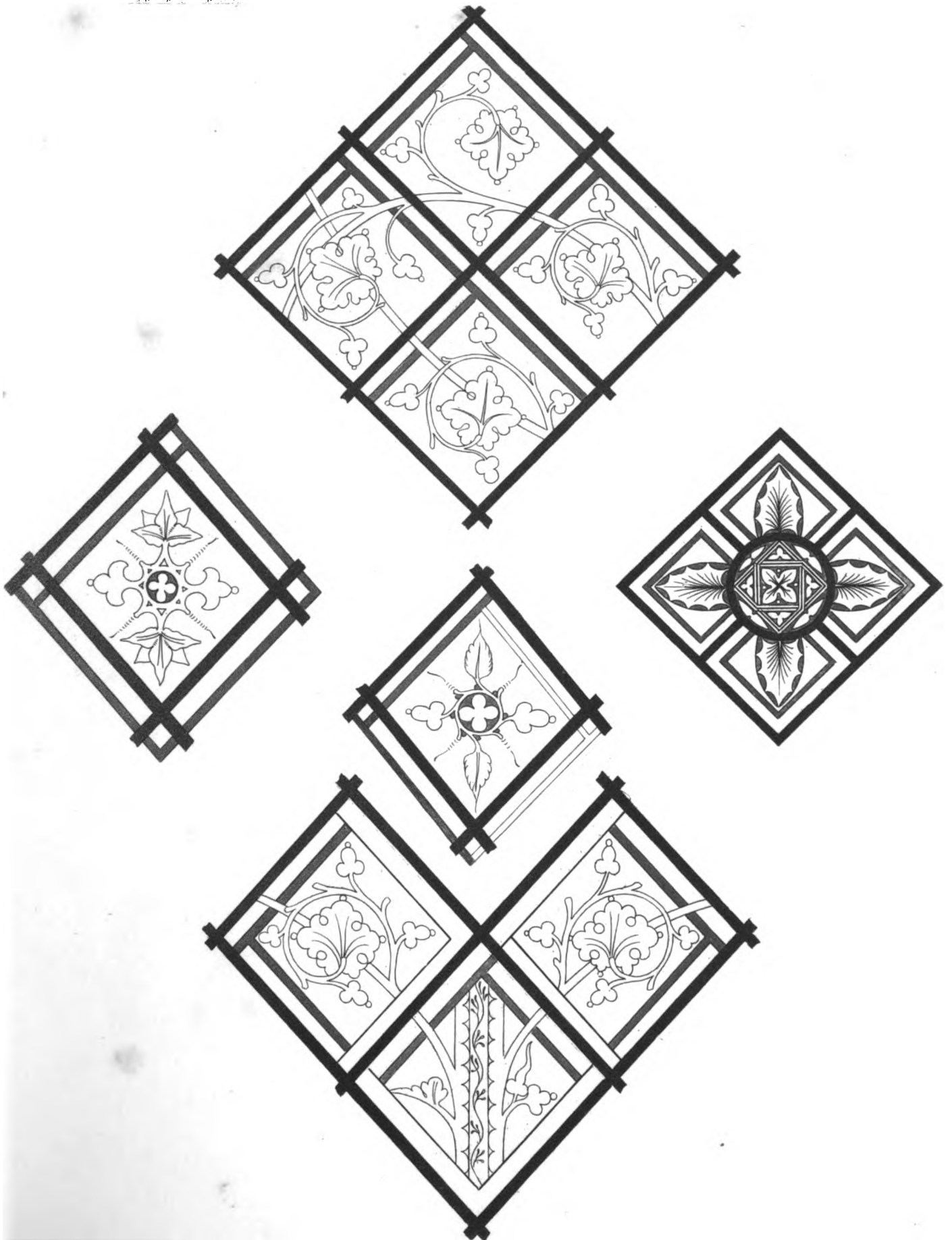
Plan of the Window.



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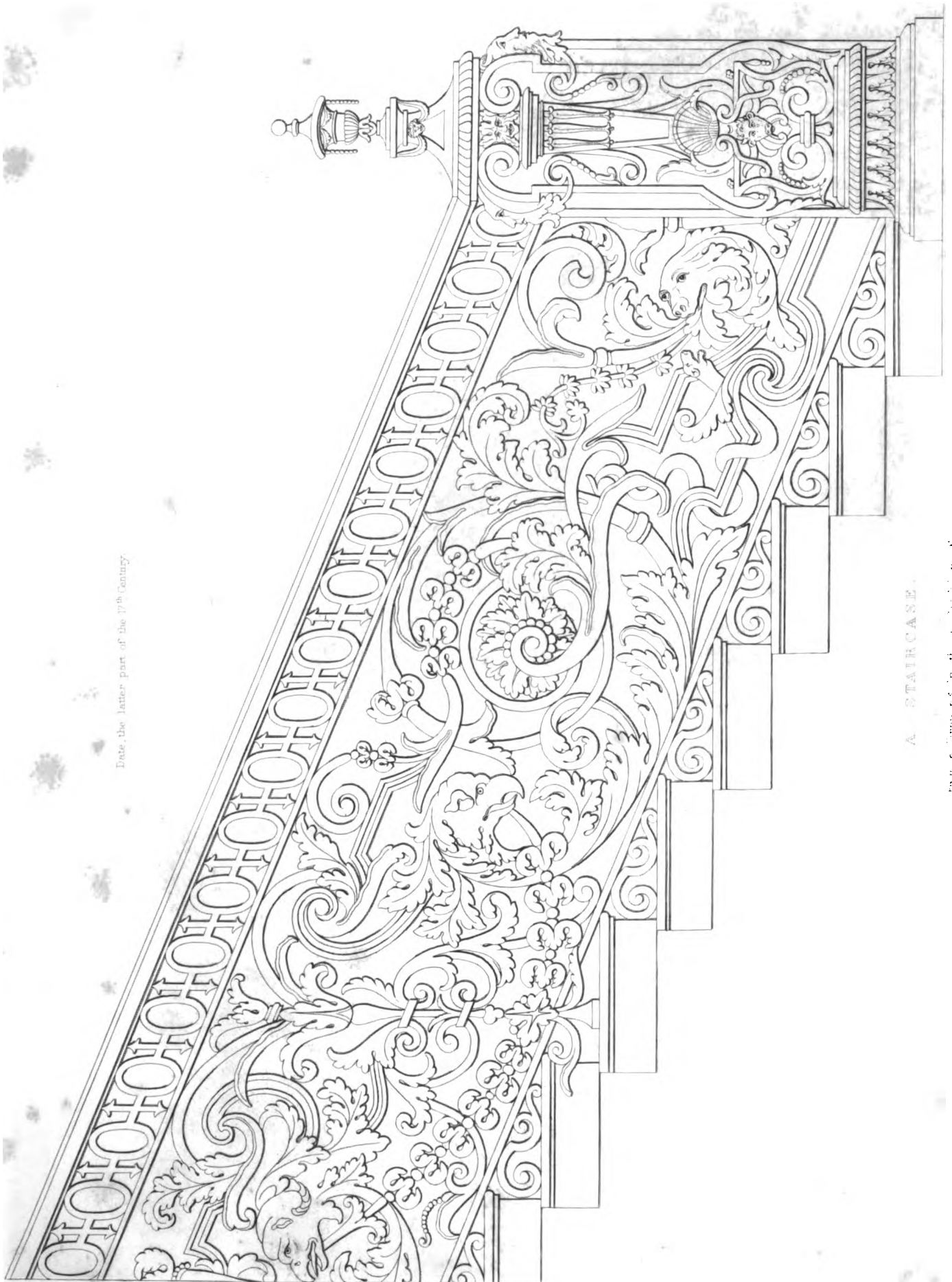






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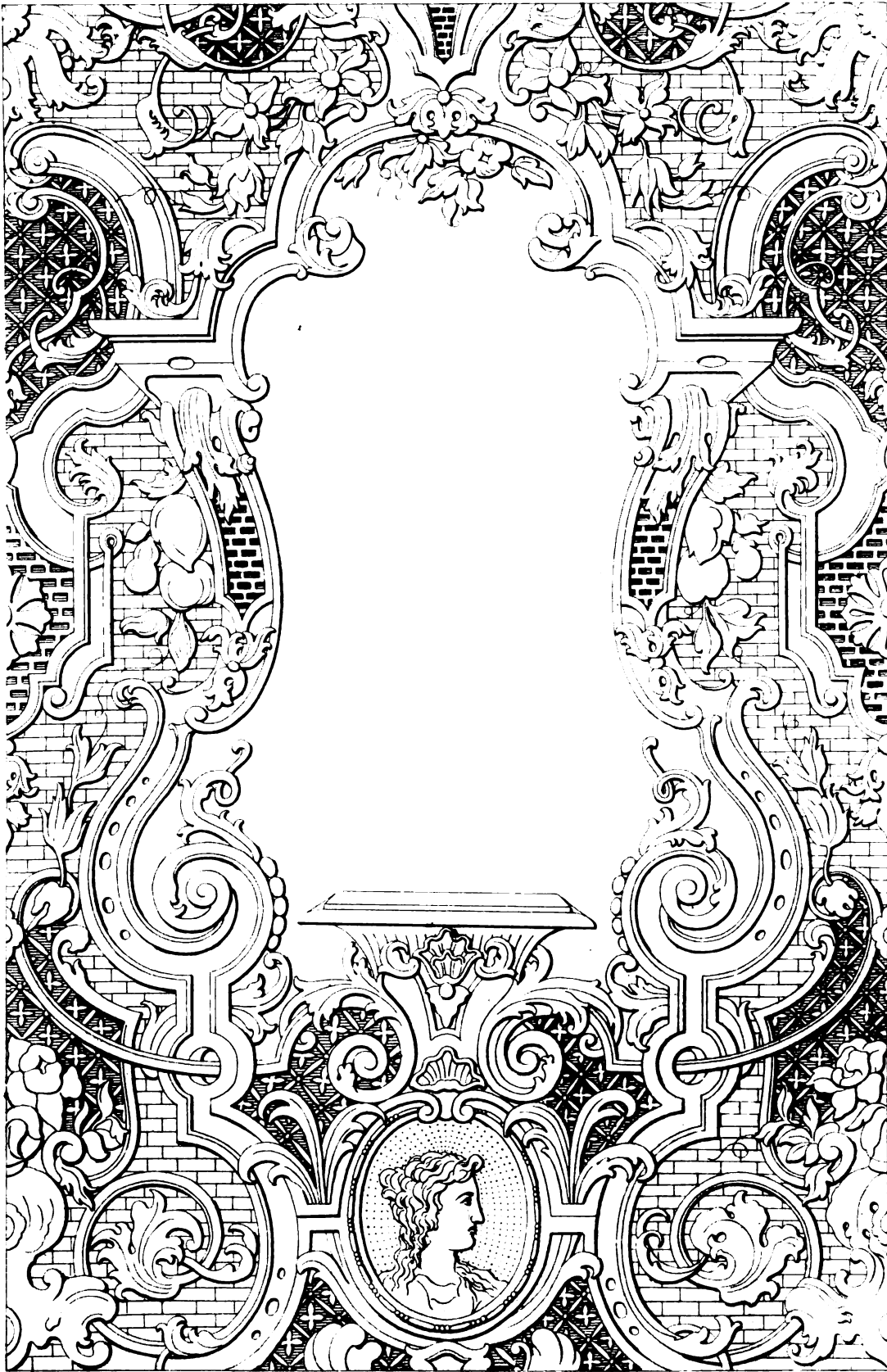
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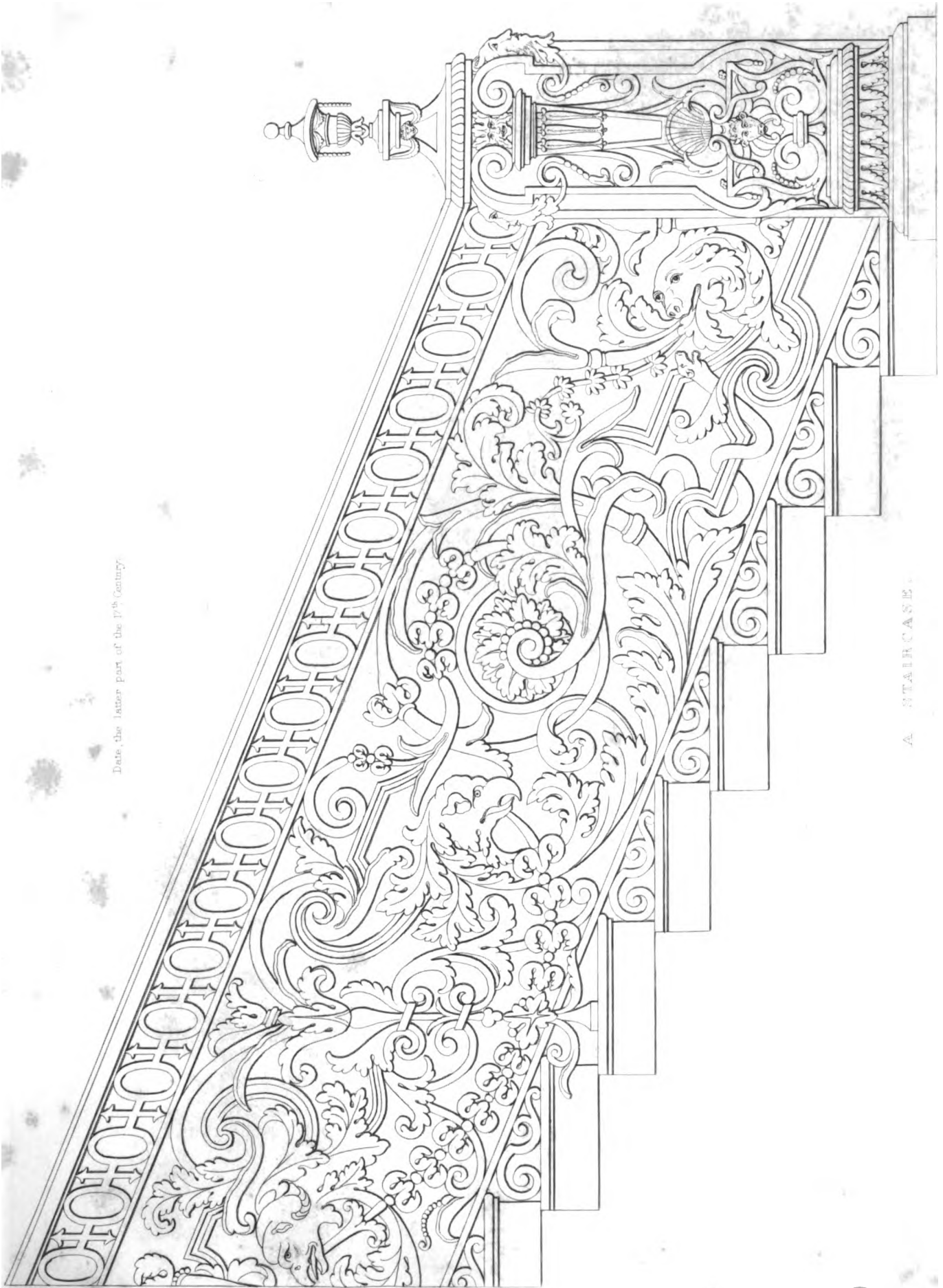


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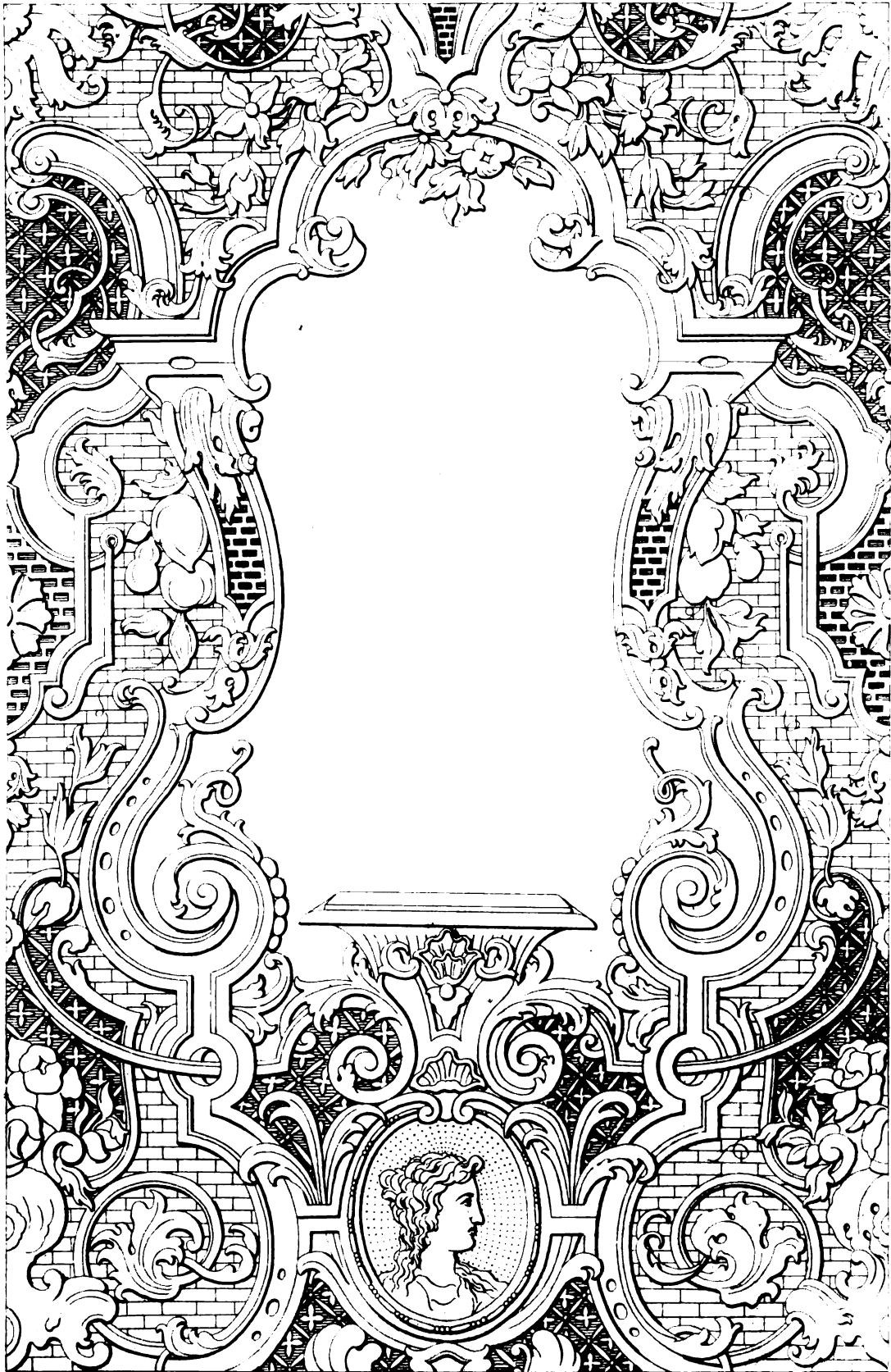


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