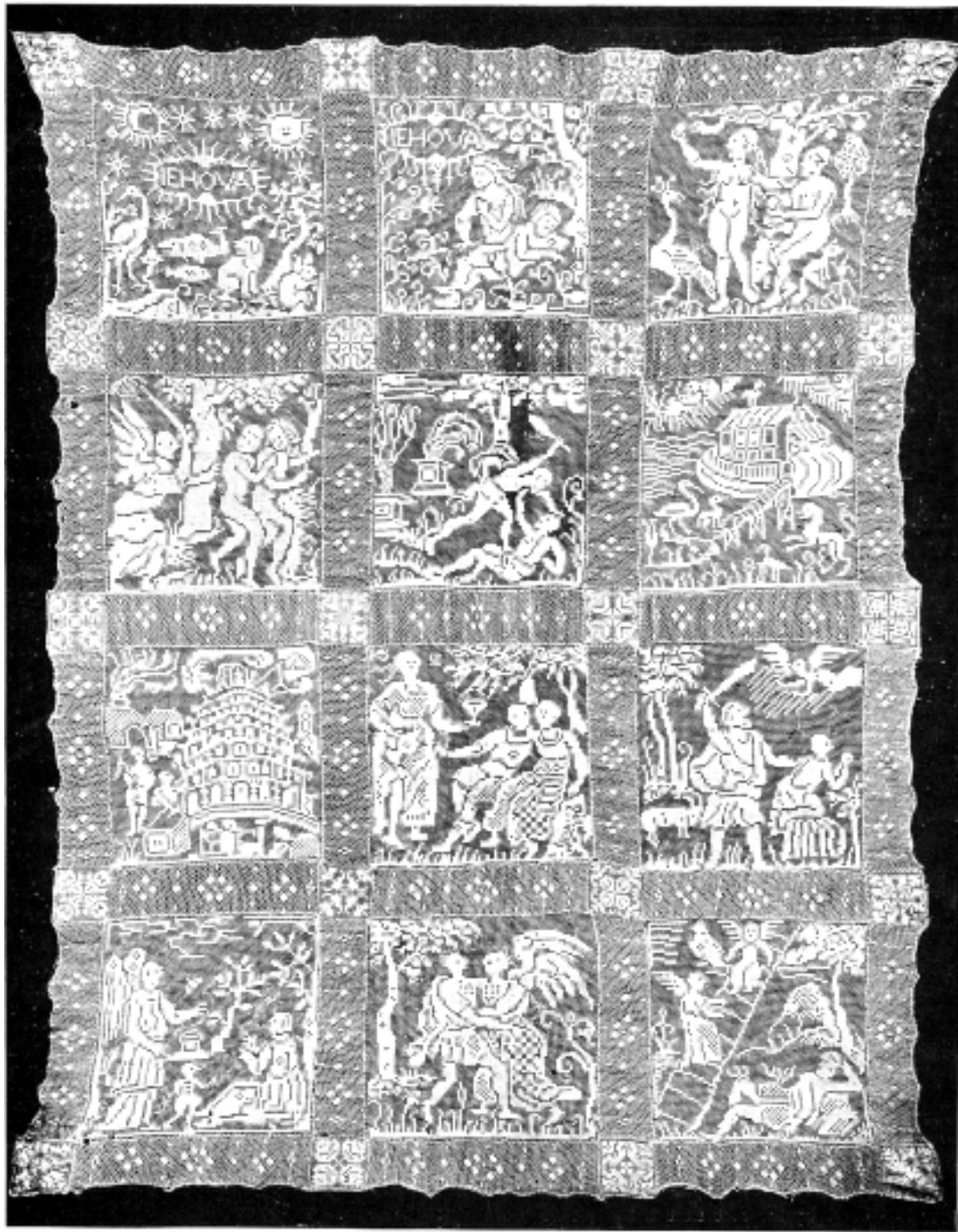


The Connoisseur

THE twelve squares of laces, or darned netting, once formed part of an altar cloth or vestment. The net ground was made as are garden or **Lace** fishing nets of the present day, and the pattern darned upon this *rézil* or *rezeuil*, from which the modern word *réseau*, for needle-point or bobbin-made net-ground, is derived. According to an old pattern-book the square mesh net-ground, of which our illustration is a specimen, was made by commencing with a single thread and



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