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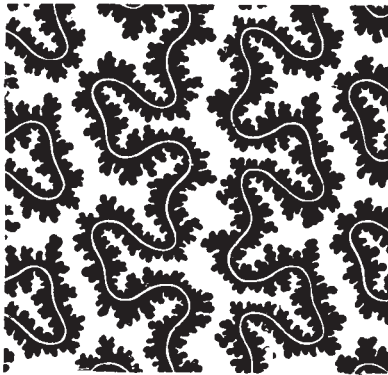


FIG. 1.

Fig. 1, is a most attractive Design for Jacquard weaving. The Design is specially suitable for colored zephyrs.

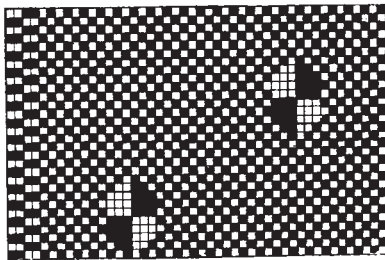


FIG. 2.

Fig. 2, is a dobby pattern requiring for its execution in the loom 16 harnesses. It is a pattern which at the present time is much in vogue.

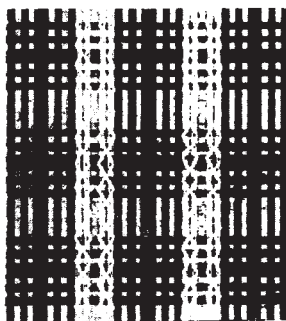


FIG. 3.

Fig. 3 is a design for a neat leno-colored-checker-board effect. The idea may be worked out in either a fine or a coarse fabric; but probably about an 80-reed with about the same number of picks per inch would give the best effect.

German Goods in New Zealand.

There is a very strong sentiment in New Zealand against allowing any German-made goods to enter this country, or any goods partially composed of German products. The members of the Dominion Conference of Drapers held in this city late in 1919 passed the following resolution:

That this conference, representing the retail soft-goods trade of the Dominion, desires to express its strong aversion to deal in German goods. It requests the Government to state its attitude regarding the resumption of trade with Germany and Austria, and if the Government decides that goods from these countries are to be admitted into New Zealand this conference urges: (1) That very definite marks denoting the country of origin be insisted upon; (2) that rigid steps be taken to preclude the admission of German and Austrian goods through other countries as merchandise of their own production; (3) that the law, if not sufficiently definite, should be amended so as to make it a penal offense for any trader to alter or obliterate the mark or label of origin on any goods offered for sale; (4) that a much heavier penalizing import duty be imposed than the one now enforced under the British preference clause.

This is a matter that American manufacturers should consider carefully, and no attempt should be made to get German-made goods of any kind into this Dominion under false colors.

Banking Reforms in Mexico Promised.

On Saturday, June 13, Gen. Salvador Alvarado, Secretary of Finance, called a meeting of the leading bankers of the city to discuss various phases of the banking situation in Mexico. He expressed a desire to co-operate with the bankers in Mexico in the formulation of an organized banking system and called upon them as a committee of the whole to study the matter carefully and to draw up plans for a sound banking law. He stated that Mexico at present was without such a banking law and he expressed the opinion that business could not be carried on with the highest degree of success until a stable and organized system was laid down.

The question was put to him whether this system which was to be proposed should take cognizance of a sole bank of issue operated by the Government or a number of individual banks of issue. Gen. Alvarado stated that he would be very pleased to have the opinion of the bankers on that question as well.

Confiscated Properties to be Returned.

He stated that it was his belief that the most important problem that Mexico had to solve was the satisfaction of the debts owing to the concerns whose funds had been confiscated by the former administration. He stated that if he continued to administer such matters, this obligation would be among the first to be met by the Mexican Government.