

Lace paper is one of those things over which some people can afford to be romantic. It is the opposite of wrapping paper, at all events. However, here is what a Belgium paper has to say on the subject: "Who of us has not admired those fine outlines and wondrous paper arabesques which cover the smallest box of confectionery, and make the contents a hundred times more appetizing? A bouquet with its pretty collar of lace, a casket with its band of guipure, or a fine roast leg of mutton, with a goffered sleeve—all seem to take on a new charm, so true is it that sometimes the manner in which an object is presented is better than the present itself. There are very few manufacturers of lace paper, and these almost exclusively in France and Germany. It dates only within the last fifty years, like so many other articles of luxury. Confectioners and pastry cooks, of course make great use of it; but butchers are now putting their choicest joints in lace paper. Then horticulturists, florists and cigar manufacturers employ it. A proof of the extension of the manufacture may be formed from the fact that, while not more than 100,000 francs' worth was turned out in Paris some thirty years ago, it is now sold to the yearly value of from 600,000 to 700,000 francs. It is exported all over the world, but principally to North and South America. Next in order come England, Spain, Italy, Russia, Austria, etc. The material is rather costly, and the paper has to be specially prepared by rubbing each sheet on both sides with soap powder, so that they may easily separate. Eight sheets put on the matrix, and then the girl beats with a small hammer the design is cut out. Thirty are necessary to cut ten square meters. Efforts have been made to the paper with one stroke, but have been unsuccessful, and the lead hammers have to be retained. Little boxes for fruits and tins, etc., are made, however, by machinery, at only within the last four years; and as they are fifty per cent. cheaper, a great many of them are sold."

It relieved the banks from paying the taxes on them! It took the tariff off the cigars and cigarettes! (Applause) Fellow-citizens, it has not been a great while since you saw a cigarette. The young men of the country who stand around our street corners and smoke them ought to pass resolutions of thanks to the last Congress. But I do not see that the people have derived much benefit from that, because that just advanced the price of the cigarettes, and they put the tax in their pockets — they repealed the stamps upon

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