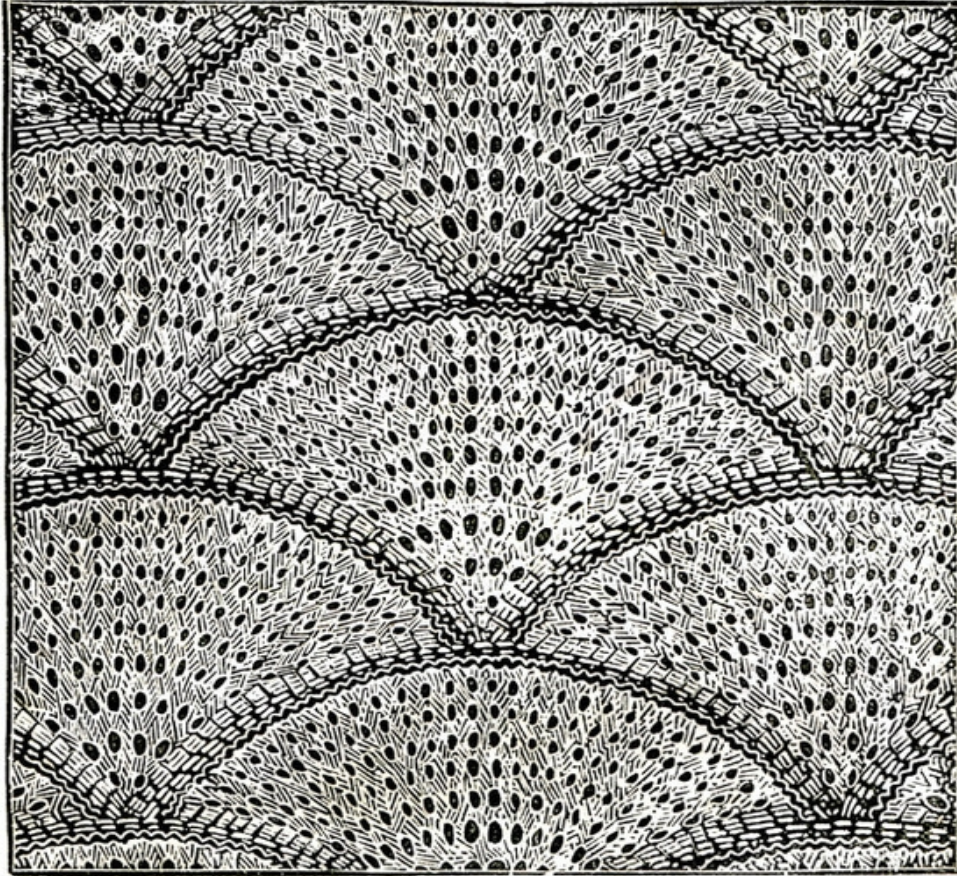


Knitted Counterpane Godey's Lady's Book and Magazine



This counterpane has the convenience of being worked in small pieces, and can be taken up at any leisure moment, without fear of injury or mistake. It is composed of knitted shells in an open pattern, sewed together in rows, the point of one being always placed in the centre of the cast. The following are the instructions for knitting them:

Cast on three loops; increase by taking up one loop in the centre of every row, until there are seven loops on the needle; then pass the cotton over, before and after the centre loop, purl one row, knit one row, purl one row, remembering that the first three and the last three loops are for the border, and must always be knitted in every row. Make four holes, purl, knit, and purl three rows. Make eight holes, but take two loops together, after bringing the thread forward for the first hole.

Repeat these rows until you have made twenty-eight holes, when, instead of purling and knitting the three rows, knit them all to form the border at the top the same as the sides. To form the shell shape, it is necessary to reduce the number of stitches; therefore, after the row which has the four holes, two stitches must be taken instead of one, according to the number of holes, the first commencing with one double stitch, the next with two, and so on, always taking the double stitches after the three knitted loops for the border.

This pattern may be knitted for either a light summer counterpane or for a winter one, by using either a fine or coarse cotton. For the former, No. 10 knitting cotton, and for latter No. 6.