Le Puy Lace; designed by Jean Chaleyé, instructor at the industrial school in Le Puy; 30 Plates

Jean Chaleyé (1879-1960) was a famous artist and lace designer in St Etienne and Le Puy, France, in the Art Nouveau and Belle Epoque period in France at the beginning of the 20th century. Not only was he a great designer, but he also invented one of the first codifications of lace technique, which lasted in Le Puy until quite recently. This collection of thirty of his designs, all beautifully executed at the period, shows the intimate knowledge of the technique that a designer must have before the lacemaker can make the lace.

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