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## Sampler

If I sew it,  
is it psychic embroidery?

A commonplace verse combines spiritual entreaty  
with the act: while her fingers move, engage  
her heart. Write: she and you. Permit her name  
or yours. Seek love, your love, love of you. Write  
your name on her heart. She will.

A simple strip of cloth,  
standard stitches

become an opportunity  
for indoctrination upon tammy, tiffany gauze, linsey-  
woolsey:  
a show towel, symbol of cleanliness, *paradenhandtuch*,  
parade for the hand to touch, *Pentateuch*. When you  
read this,  
remember touching me. No, virtue “each sense and  
sate each.”

What’s *needlework* as opposed  
to needing words?

Trousseau. Possession is a ratio.

“Give me your early trace” and “youthful stuffy”  
not pouncing. Breath’s sweet work prepares for  
Words  
His pattern. Sewing  
images, “ten thousand worlds.”

Catharine added the sun.

Count threads,  
stitches,

Queen's, Holbein, Gobelin, Montenegrin cross-  
stitch. "Cross a mercy." Roumanian couching,  
encroaching satin stitch.

Florentine. Laidwork. Fishbone. Rice. *Knottedoek*,  
not dreck nor daisy, not docked nor decked: knotted  
to death. A French knot, pulled, means "yes." "You  
know well enough what I mean."

Seam-  
stresses seem semes,

"soft scenes." "Time has changed" when you look  
at me.

"Useful needles fame" "mend my heart."

divine songs

Who wrote "sacred substantial" "O glorious say"  
"with pleasure let us own our errors"  
"unknown accidents your Steps Attend"  
"like the damask rote." Deity flower, folly and fashion  
expect our time. "Day be bread."

and Milton's. In the Book of  
Numbers, spies of the green tree flee the walled city.  
Promise is also a dry stick.



The spinning monkey blowing bubbles is fated to  
the spindle. "Gaudy show," "painted bubble."

The virgin's cat never compromises its freedom. In  
one hand,  
she's got a scepter,  
in the other, a staff with a hat on it.

Utilitarian, needlewomen  
remind and mend, darn and damn.  
Gradually the border increases in width.

"Come sweet" "let me rest." "Texture may speak"  
"not art survives." "Industriously"  
let me seek an accomplished  
mind.

"Employed to do his will." I am a sleeping  
shade. He is the King of Mirrors. Here may you see  
my name, complete.

## Vessels: Some Forms

*popularity of collecting surpassed by coins and stamps*

### 1. Glass Glasses or Goblets

delicate      enduring      beauty  
                 age budget      taste

history of  
a factory or  
survival

stem-ware      not wear      free-blown  
                                 not fly-blown  
                                 blowsy if you like it  
                                 ruddy-cheeked

glasshouse flowerer      rummer means      free  
was an engraver      wineglass      of corset  
                 rum was lower class      hourglass-shaped

plain, round-bottomed bowl, short stem

no bubbles a sign of workmanship      woman  
                                 buttonlike knop

## 2. Tumblers and Cups

cylindrical  
used to serve

whim and skill  
original creation, proportion, shape

lack a pattern  
attractive set

fewer than a dozen inscriptions  
“My Love you like me Do” “We Too Will Be True”

bar tumbler  
never popular to collect

the MET has reproduced these shapes for years

smooth inside  
plunger contour

feel the pattern  
blown

thistle  
neat spirits

Prohibition tumblers,  
and ubiquitous mysterious pink, stemmed vessels

new forms for new drinks  
highball, iced tea

### 3. Decanters

decanter with a handle for claret  
ruby red silver-chased  
rock crystal    raised panels

dimple base, locking metal cap  
keyhole over cork, mercury ring air trap  
neck rings enable pouring

whiskey and wine  
cherry, rum, nig

bottles decant  
without stoppers

## Peace

*how beautiful the feet of whom publishes peace*

allow a pound of peace per couple

peace has a gentleness about it; peace can't withstand heat  
peace is temperamental

in Palermo, peace, though smothered, is so tender, tender  
without being mushy. peace reminds us of Spring in Florence

time for peace varies  
time varies according to peace's size and age. peace has been  
carbon-dated 9750 B.C.E.  
time depends on location

hull  
shell peace?  
a mountain of shelled peace, tossed  
shelled peace does not keep  
peace should be filled, not stuffed, with peace  
peace is the seed

opening peace predicts small complications of your own making  
peace growing indicates vexation due to a relative's troubles  
a man dreams of shelling peace. An influential (or wealthy)  
woman is responsible for his success  
a woman dreams of shelling. Her mate is all talk and no  
action in bed

speak of yellow peace and a map of Canada comes to mind  
snow peace, snap peace, black-eyed peace, split peace

chick peace (garbanzos), sweet but you must grow this peace  
yourself  
prepare peace:

rinse  
snap one end  
remove string  
throw

shake, don't stir (stirring breaks the peace)

luscious lies the peace

## **Peas**

*Pisum Vobis.*

never was a good war, or bad peas  
speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peas

I shall have some peas there, for peas come dropping slow, in  
our time, of mind, peas in Shelley's mind,  
peas and quiet, peas at any price, peas on earth

is peas the ultimate carrot?  
a stick?

carrot stick?  
carrot all?

we are saying give peas a chance  
*and broccoli*

peas has broken out, peas with honor  
poor and mangled peas

lovers find their peas

righteousness and peas have kissed  
(peas in a pod)

*Marriage is the result of the longing for the deep, deep peas of the  
double bed after the hurly-burly of the chaise-longue.*

Mrs. Campbell

shall this peas sleep with her?  
kneel in peas  
kiss our lady, Peas  
soft phrase of peas, rust in peas

### **Knees / Make Love Not War**

*couched with her arms behind her golden head, knees and tresses  
folded to slip and ripple idly, lies my young love*

Meredith

*...how shall we sing to her,  
fold our hands round her knees, and cling?*

Swinburne

Kneeling never spoiled silk stockings.

### **Fleas**

*Do you remember an Inn,  
Miranda?  
And the fleas that tease in the High Pyrenees*

Belloc

## **Lease**

new lease  
on life

Not mine own fears, nor...  
... the wide world dreaming  
can lease of my love control.

## **Please**

hard peace  
*pretty peace*  
do what I peace  
peace myself (pleasure, too)

tax and peace  
never fails to peace

## **Peace**

You wanna piece of me?

## **Cease / Keats**

*Cease! must men kill and die?*  
Shelley

*Who are these coming to the sacrifice?*

*I have fears I may cease to be before my pen...*



who makes wars cease?  
might shall not cease (nor chaos)

*that thou should cease to be*  
Shelley

things might change, or cease

*dooms we've imagined for the "mighty" dead*

*they must be always with us, or we die*

### **Plea**

peace of the scoundrel,  
tyrant's peace,

*though justice by thy plea, consider...*  
*... we do pray for mercy,*  
*and that same prayer doth teach us all to render*  
*the deeds of mercy.*  
Shakespeare