

AMONG THE SILK WORKERS. THE VELVET METROPOLIS OF LYONS AND ITS FOUR HUNDRED SILK FACTORIES.

(Special Correspondence of the Deseret News by Frank G. Carpenter.)

Lyons, France.—I am in the silk center of the world, where for more than four centuries the finest gowns of the world have been made.

clothes and going singing on together to the sea. THE SECOND CITY OF FRANCE. Stop a minute and think where we are.

How the American Silk Mills Are Injuring Lyons Grade—A Visit to the Shops and Talks With the Workmen—Costly Goods at Low Wages—Velvet at \$70 a Yard and Curtains at \$800 a Pair—What the Vanderbilt Chair Cushions Cost—How Silk is Sold—French Weaving Schools and the Origin of the Silk Industry.

the Saone, cross the bridge and take the trolley car through the city to the cable station at the foot of Croix Rousse.

falling. Germany is making beautiful silks with the best of modern machinery at Krefeld, not far from the left bank of the Rhine; the English have long been known as makers of fine silks.

luxurious sofas. Every time one sits down upon it he or she will cover a yard of it. It would make me uncomfortable to sit down on \$42 at one time.

should be established at Paterson, and elsewhere in our country, and the silk worm industry of the south, now in its infancy, should be encouraged.

another he brought silk weavers from Genoa, Florence, Lucca and Venice, and thus founded this business, which has done much to make France rich.



FACE OF CHRIST WOVEN IN SILK.

the rich valley of the Rhone, in one of the most beautifully located of cities. Lyons is surrounded by hills. It lies on the lowlands, under the mountains, at the confluence of the Rhone and the Saone.

caused 20,000 Christians to be massacred, and in the days of the French revolution the Tribunal, finding that the guillotine would not kill the Lyons aristocrats fast enough, tied them together with ropes, in rows of sixty, and executed them by wholesale with cannon loaded with grape shot.



UNITED STATES MINING COMPANY'S NEW \$1,000,000 SMELTER WHICH WILL BE PUT IN OPERATION AT BINGHAM JUNCTION NEXT WEEK.

The United States Mining Company's smelter at Bingham Junction, which is just receiving the finishing touches and has been subjected to a trial movement of its equipment will begin the treatment of copper bearing ores within the coming week.

AMERICAN SILK INVASION. The United States, however, is injuring the trade of Lyons more than any of the European countries. Before our civil war we annually contributed about \$20,000,000 to the Lyons silk weavers.

IN A BIG LYONS MILL. I visited this afternoon the biggest silk mill in this country. It has 420 looms and two or three times that many employees. The hands are bare-armed, bare-headed girls, well dressed and in many cases good looking.

MAKING VELVET. I was interested in the velvet works. The use of such rods are made by house industry, although power looms are generally used.

SILK MILLS. I have talked with many of the silk men of Lyons, both factors and laborers. I find a general belief that the days of such house industry are numbered.

ON THE CROIX ROUSSE. Suppose we visit it. We descend to the city. Behind us are the Golden mountains of Lyons, and beyond them, over a valley of gardens and trees, are the mighty Alps, their snowy peaks forming a ragged silver mass against the clouds.

HOW THEY SELL SILK IN LYONS. I have gone through some of the largest of the Lyons silk stores. They are to be found in buildings not unlike those situated on the second or third floor may find a door with a little brass sign marked with the name of the merchant.

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