

Basic Detail Report



Title Woman's Cap

Date about 1860-1865

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched with various net lace, machine-made laces, gauze and lace, velvet ribbons, silk ribbon, starched net support, and wire

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Description Woman's cap, probably for half-mourning. It is trimmed with white

and black laces and light purple ribbons. The brim is the only part of the cap

supported by a heavily stiffened white cotton net. This piece is slightly pointed

at the center top, being five inches wide and narrowing down to 1 1/2 inch wide,

8 1/2 inches down each side. Two wires are used to shape the edges of this

piece. This brim piece is first edged with a white and black gauze and lace

pleated trim. Layers of pleated lace and narrow velvet ribbon are overlapped

across the brim piece, ending in a layer of the same pleated gauze. The ribbons

encircle the cap where the crown begins. The light purple ribbon, 1 3/4 inch

wide, is overlaid with black and white lace strips that continue for approximately

seventeen inches beyond the bottom of the cap. The crown is made from black

net overlaid by a grey embroidered net, decorated with more of the black and

white lace. A confection of loops formed by the narrow velvet ribbon is stitched

to the top of the crown.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth at center top): 8 x 7 1/2

x 5in. (20.3 x 19.1 x 12.7cm)