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INTRODUCTION

A fallacious belief current among many people is that the Displaced Person is content to live in a DP Camp on charity and in idleness.

Generally, that is not the case. Life in a DP camp is no fun. The buildings which usually constitute DP camps are often badly run-down and in need of repairs. The rooms are over-crowded, several families sometimes occupying the same room. Living quarters are sadly lacking in furniture and equipment. There are annoying regulations and restrictions demanded by close community living, and constant inspection by both the Army and IRO officers which gives the DP as much privacy as the goldfish has in its glass bowl; under these conditions of living, resignation and not contentment, is the rule.

Those of us who know and work with the Displaced Persons are often made aware of how galling and unsatisfying they consider their life which compels them to accept charity for lack of opportunities of earning and paying their own way. There are many DPs who refuse to move into camps despite Army and IRO pressure, simply because they prefer to earn and to make their own way, difficult as conditions are in the German Economy. As one free-living DP put it, "It's a satisfaction to be able to earn enough by one's own efforts to buy the necessities of life, to pay the light and gas, and to meet the rent each month".

In camp, idleness is the exception rather than the rule. Many of the DPs are engaged outside of camp, working for the IRO Administration or Army installations. Some are engaged in the German industries but the majority perform useful camp functions which are necessary for normal community living. These tasks are many and varied. There are the usual house-keeping activities, work in the community kitchens, on the fire squad, on the camp police force, etc. There is work to be done on the maintenance of buildings, on the camp gardens, and vegetable patches. Schools must be established and qualified teachers provided. Recreational sport and cultural activities, are a "must" to break the monotony of camp living. For the sake of their future, vocational and training courses must be made available. All these things the DPs manage — usually at their own cost and through their own efforts.

Over and above all this, the DPs find time to engage in creative pursuits and hobbies. The handicraft items presented here reveal how the DPs spend their time and what they can do. The articles are but a fraction of the many made in camps, and one must realise the difficulties in getting the needed supplies in war — torn Germany to appreciate fully the articles made. Many of the items have been made from scrap materials and with tools and machines often self-made. The finished products more than anything else, refute the charge of large-scale idleness in DP camps.

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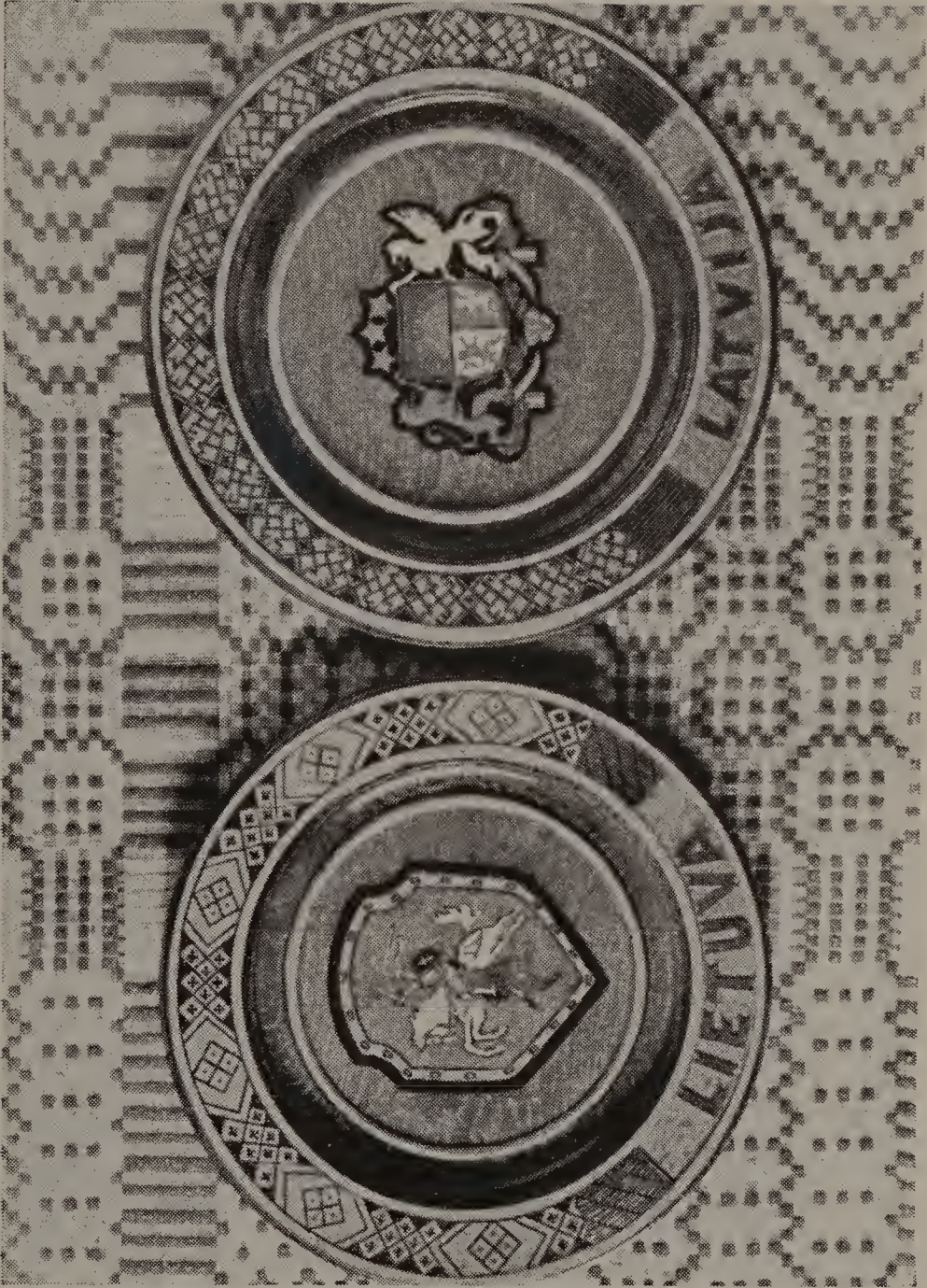
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Painted Plates (Lithuanian and Latvian)

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Carved Plate (Baltic)

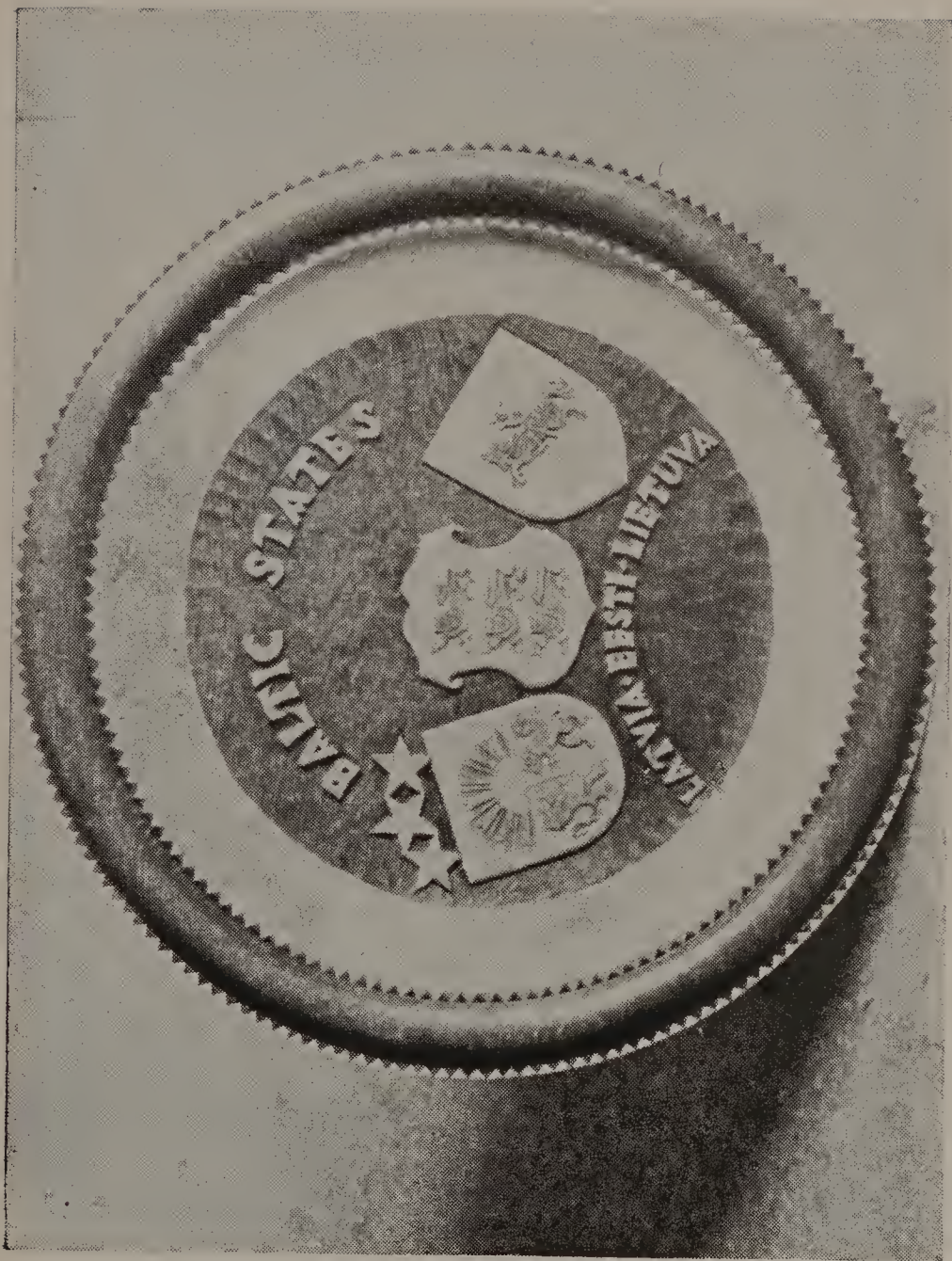


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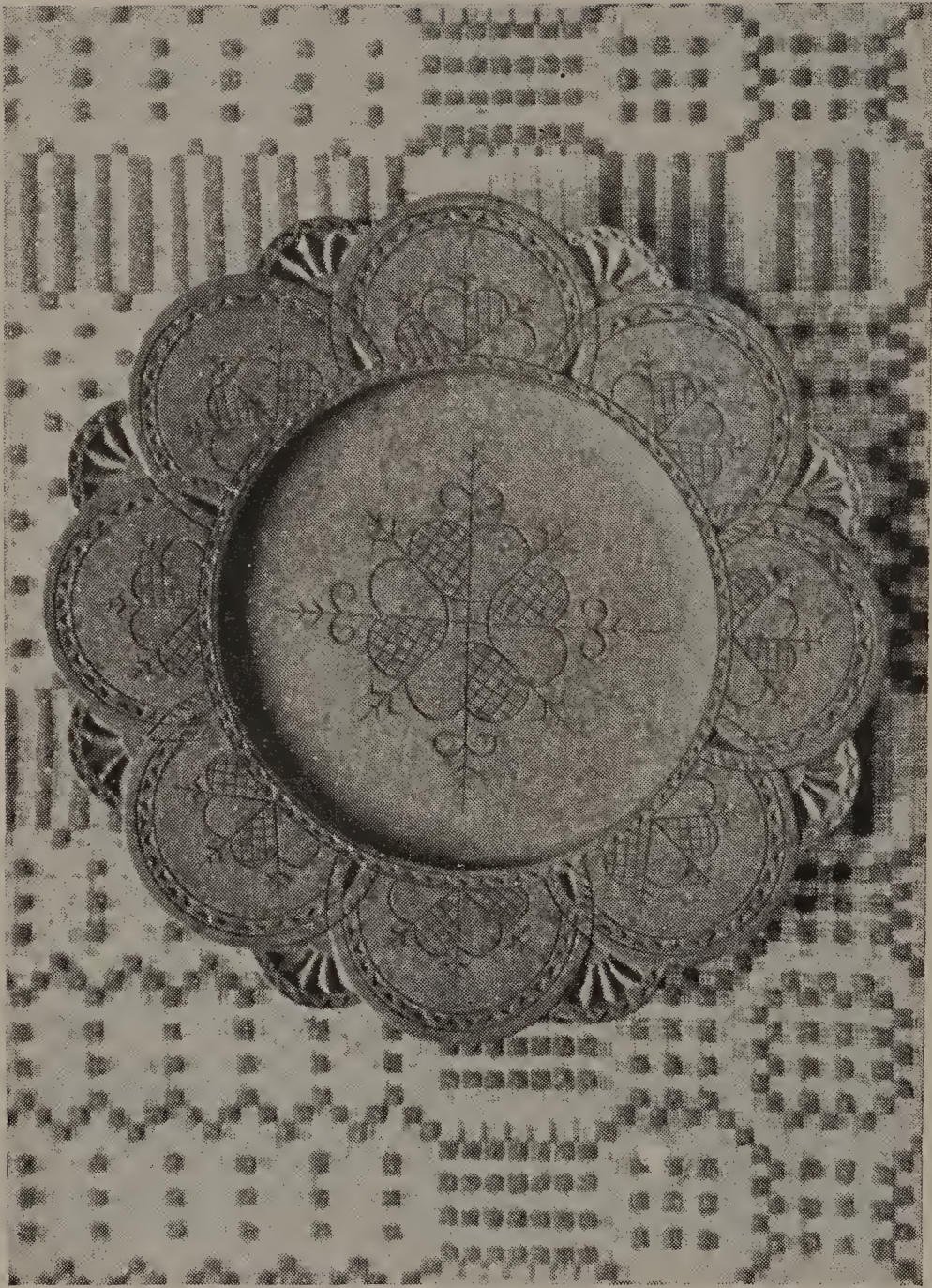
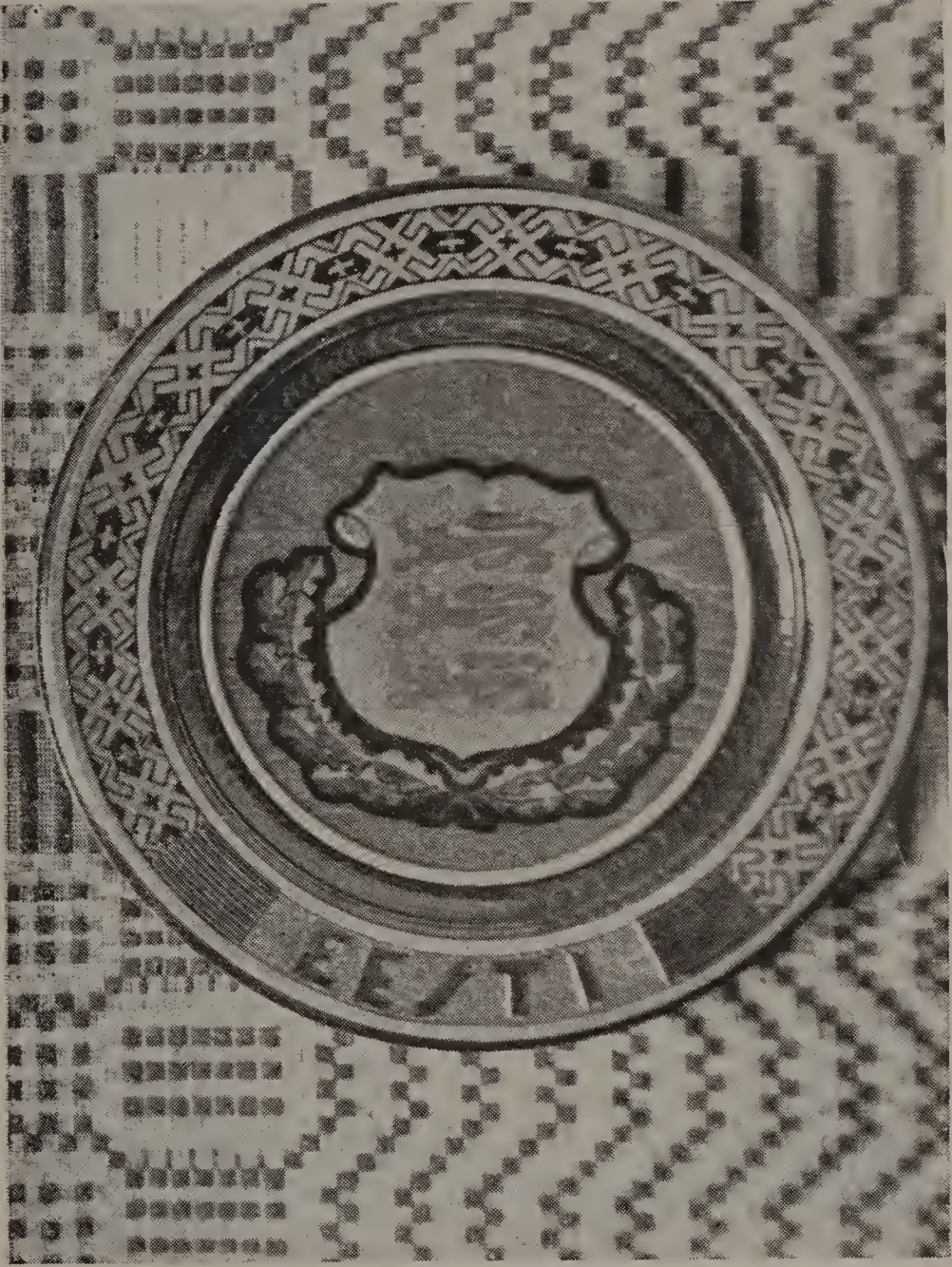


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Painted Plate (Estonian)

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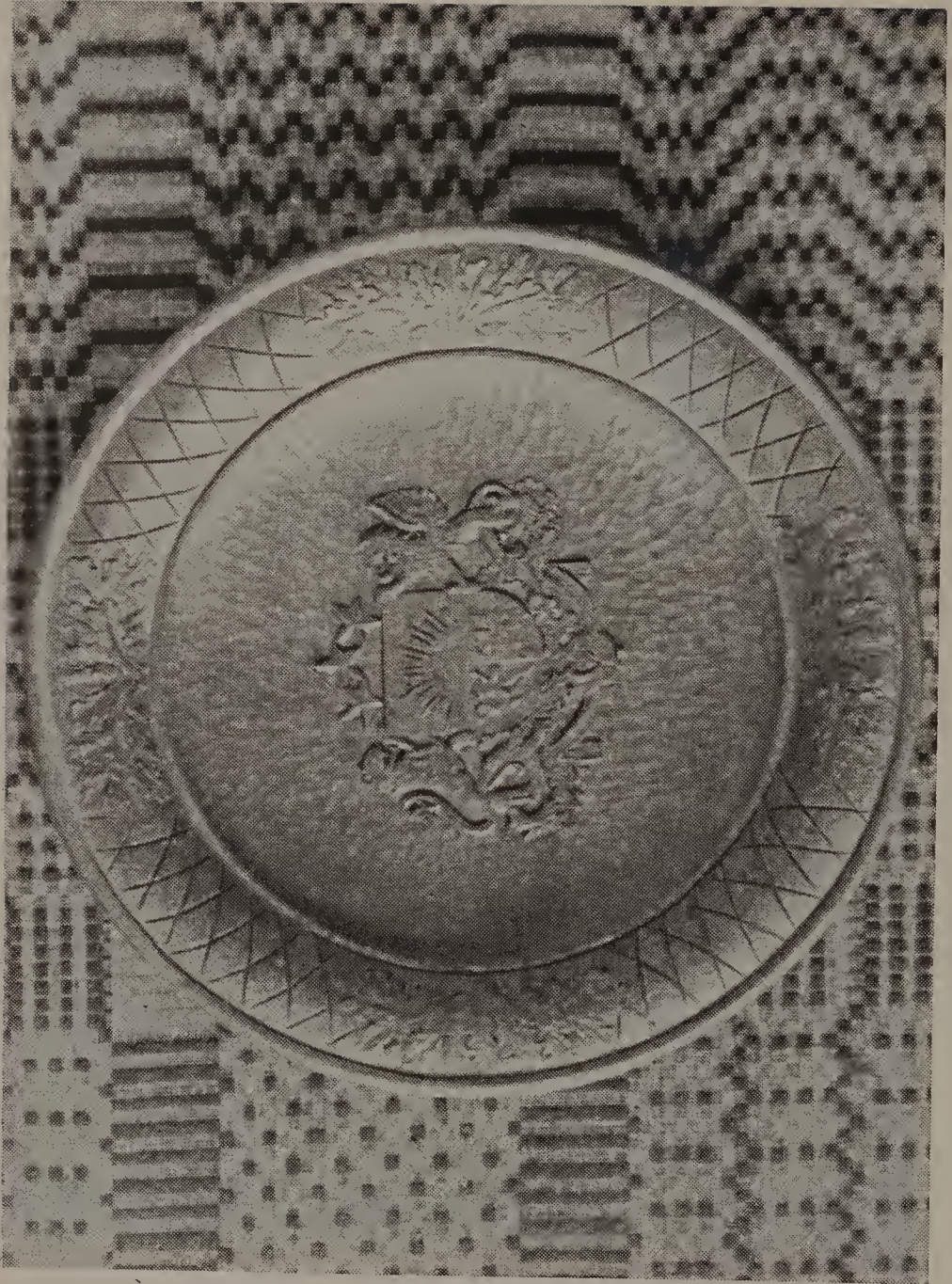
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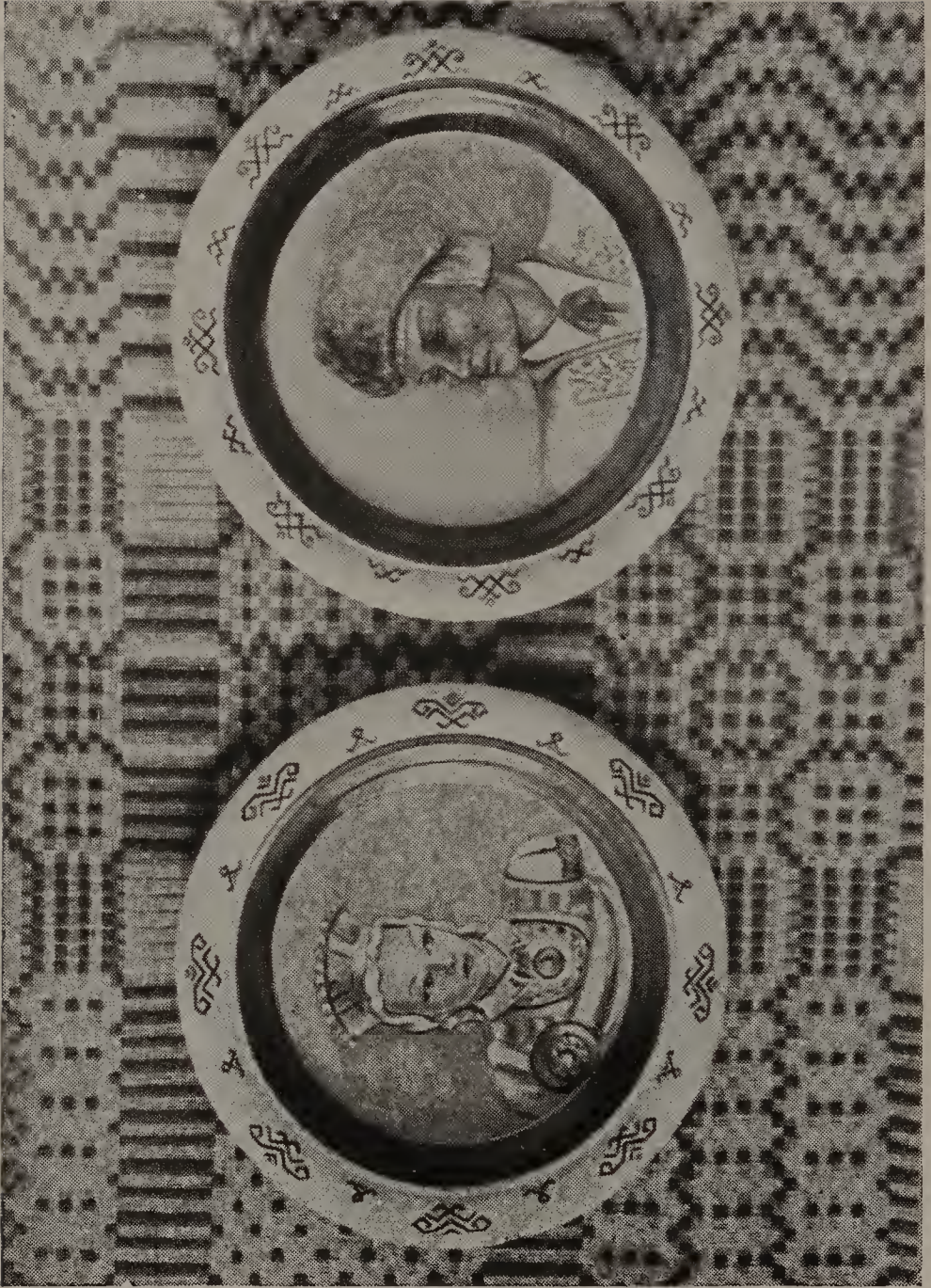
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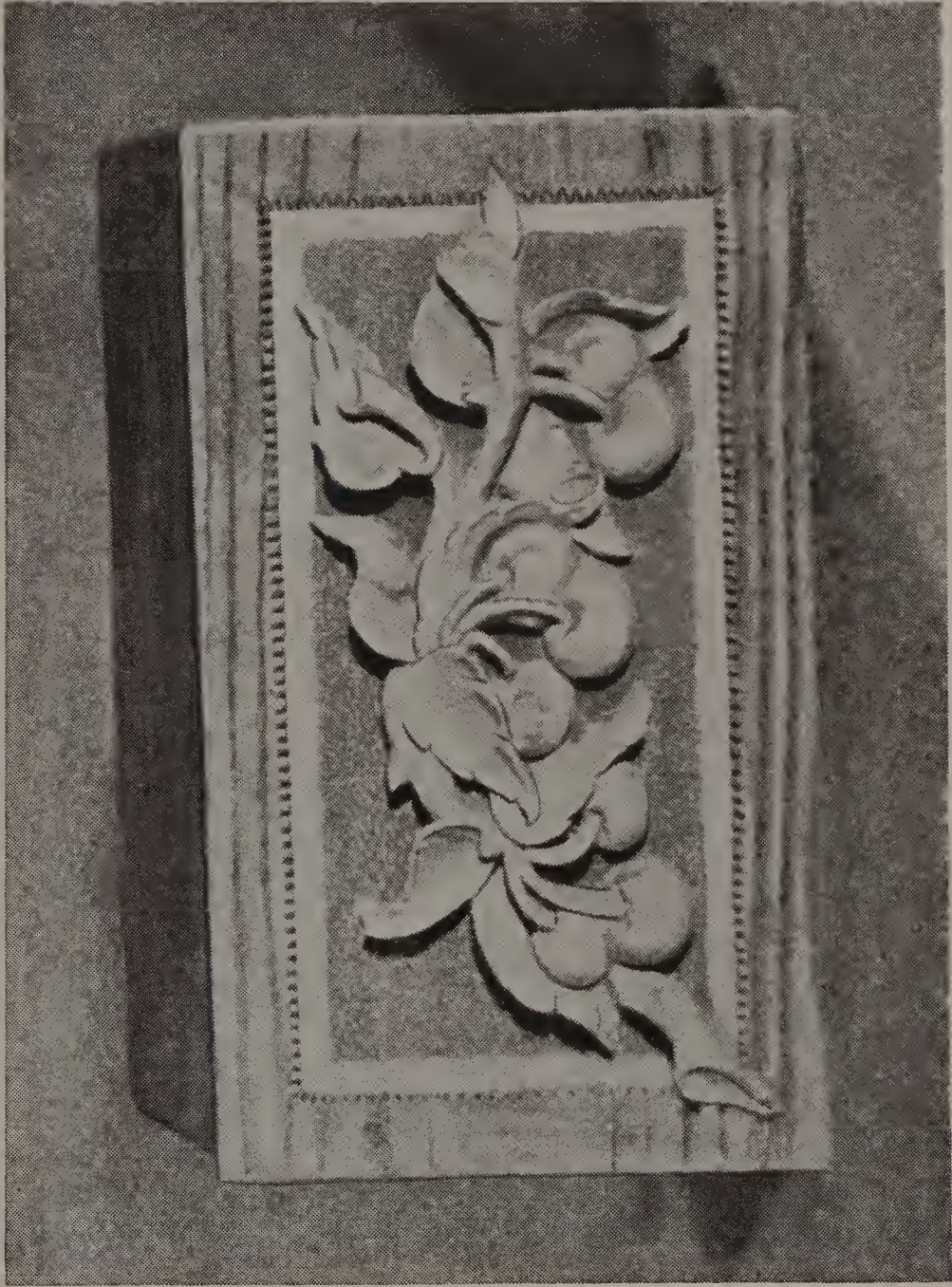
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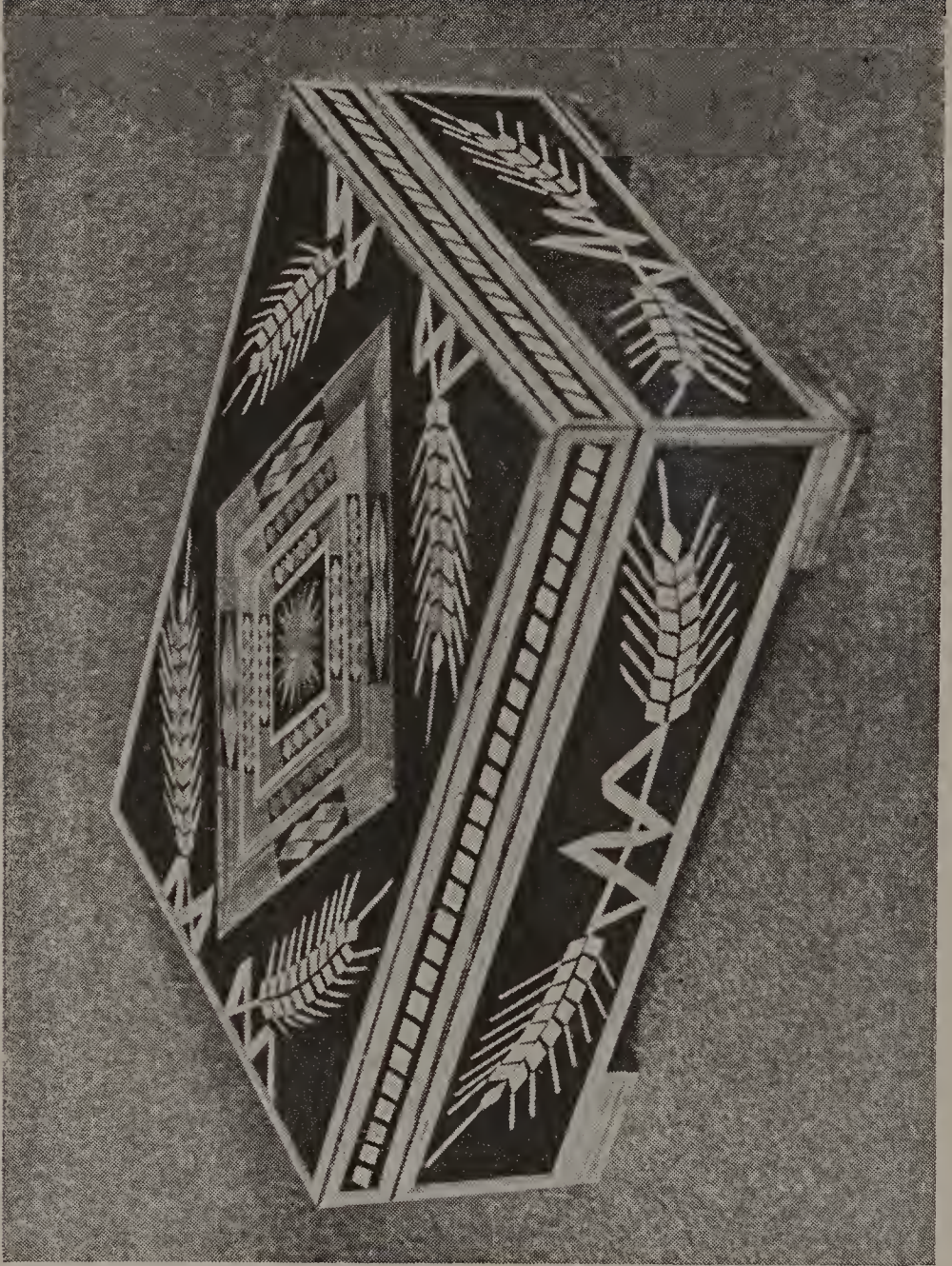
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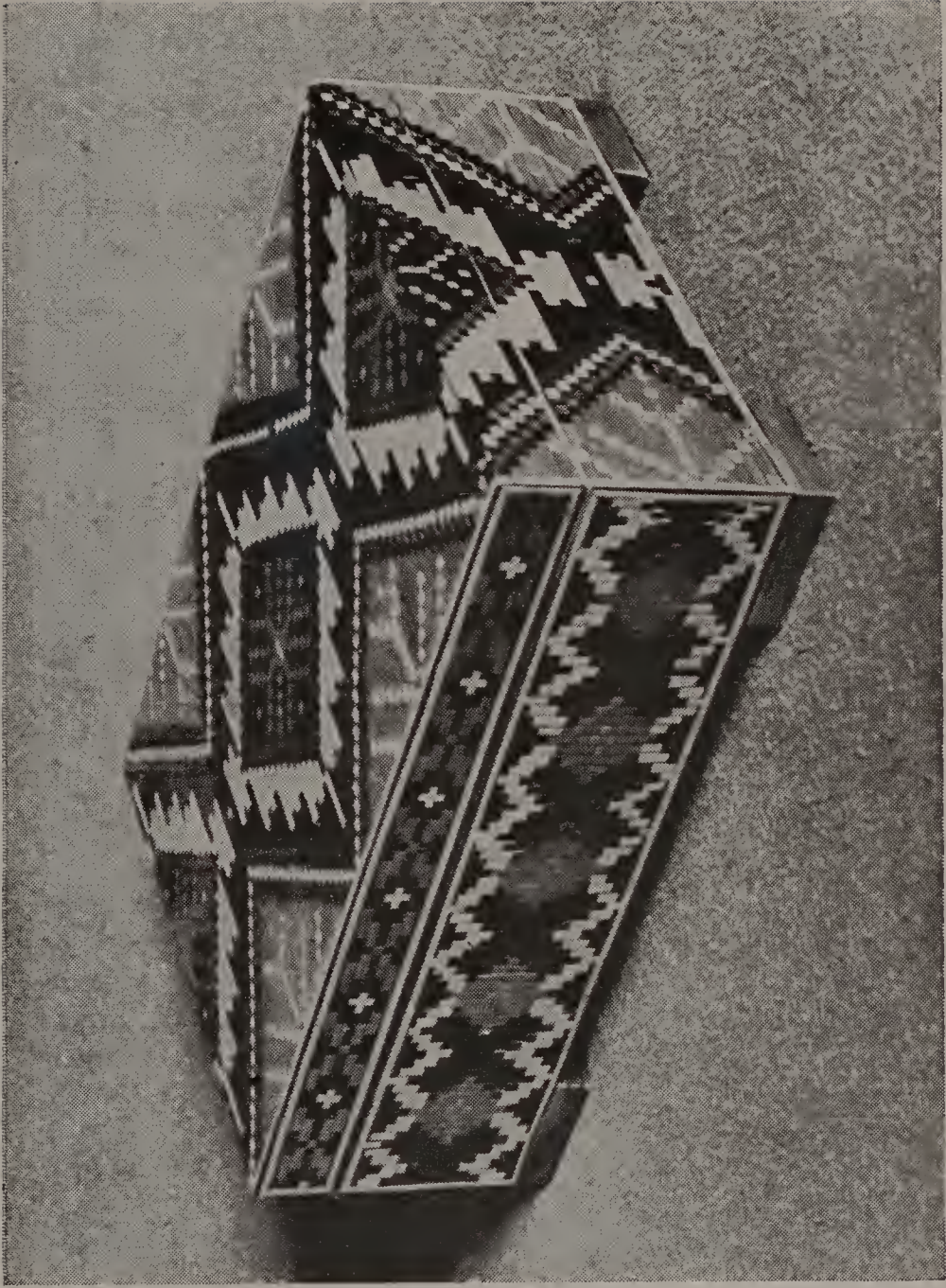
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Box-Straw Design (White Ruthenian)

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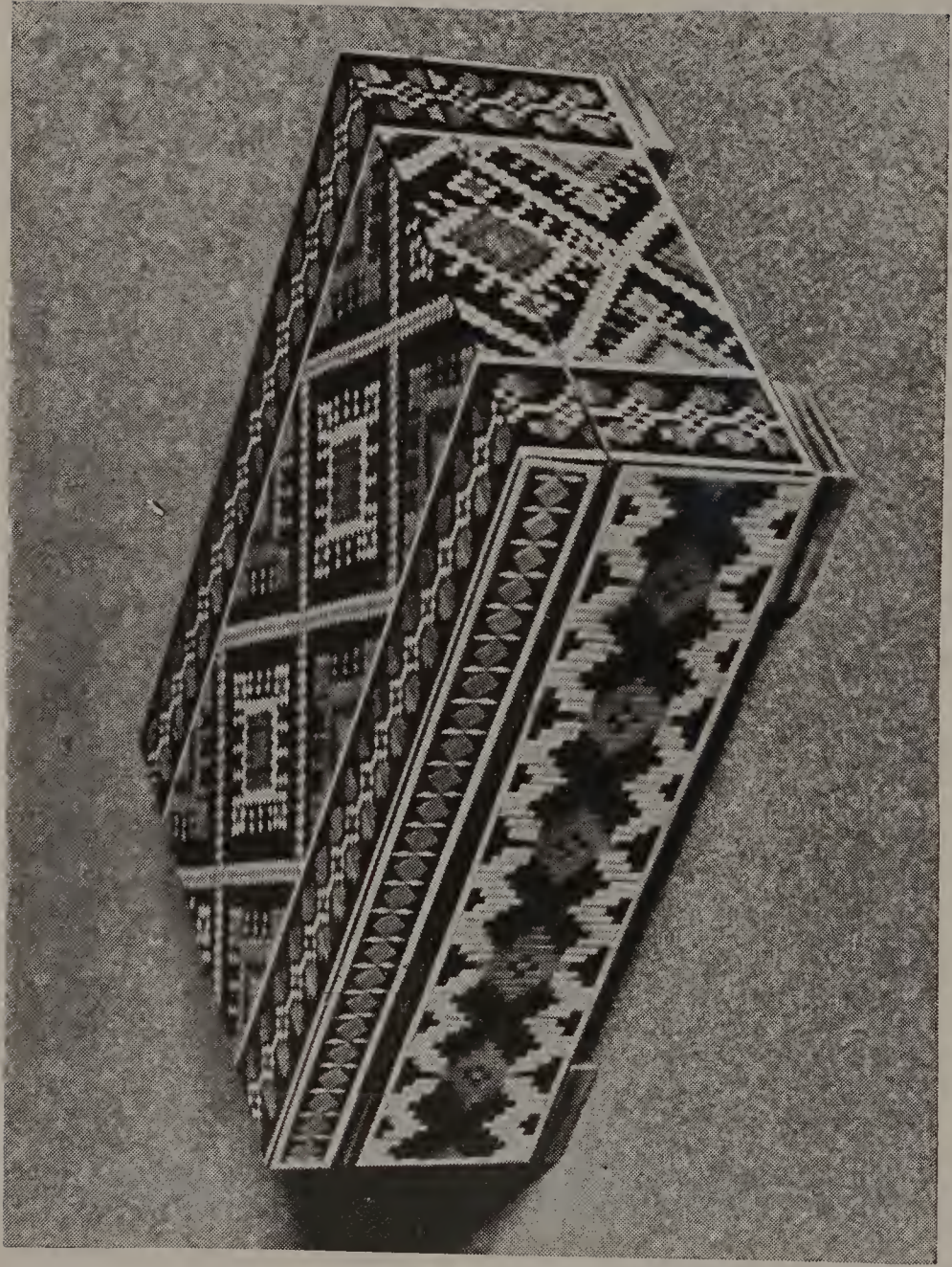
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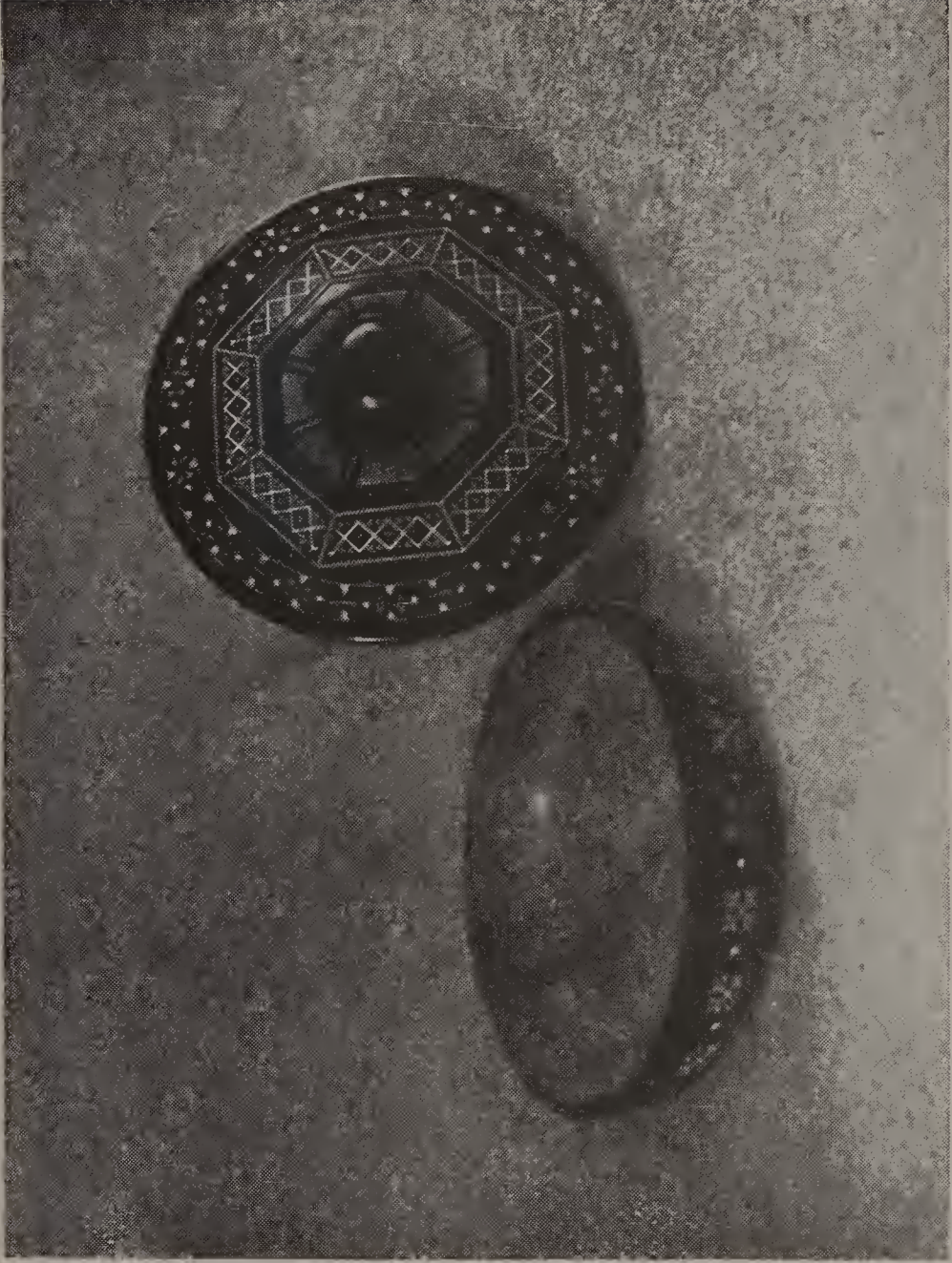
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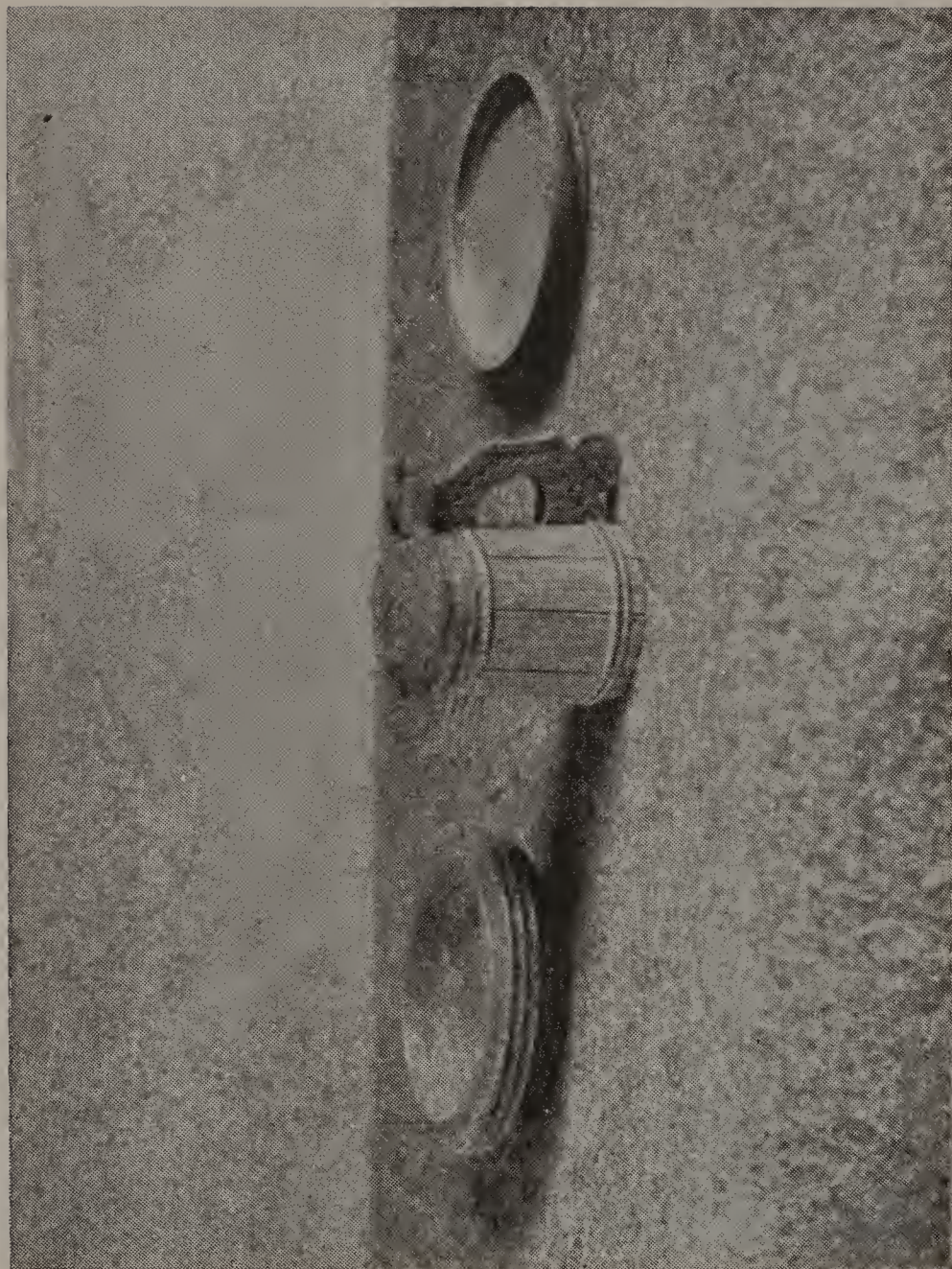
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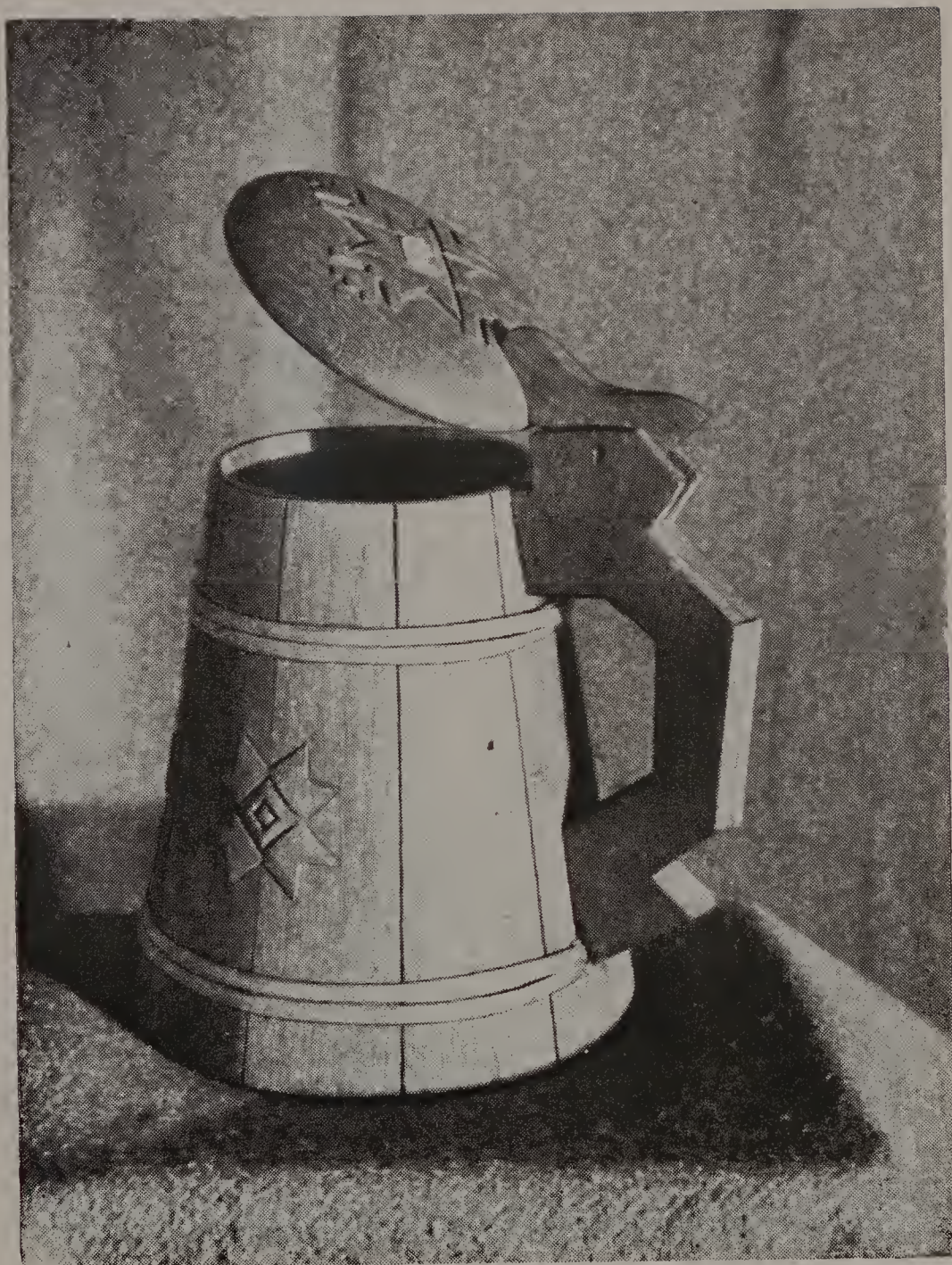
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Wooden Stein and Bowl (Baltic)

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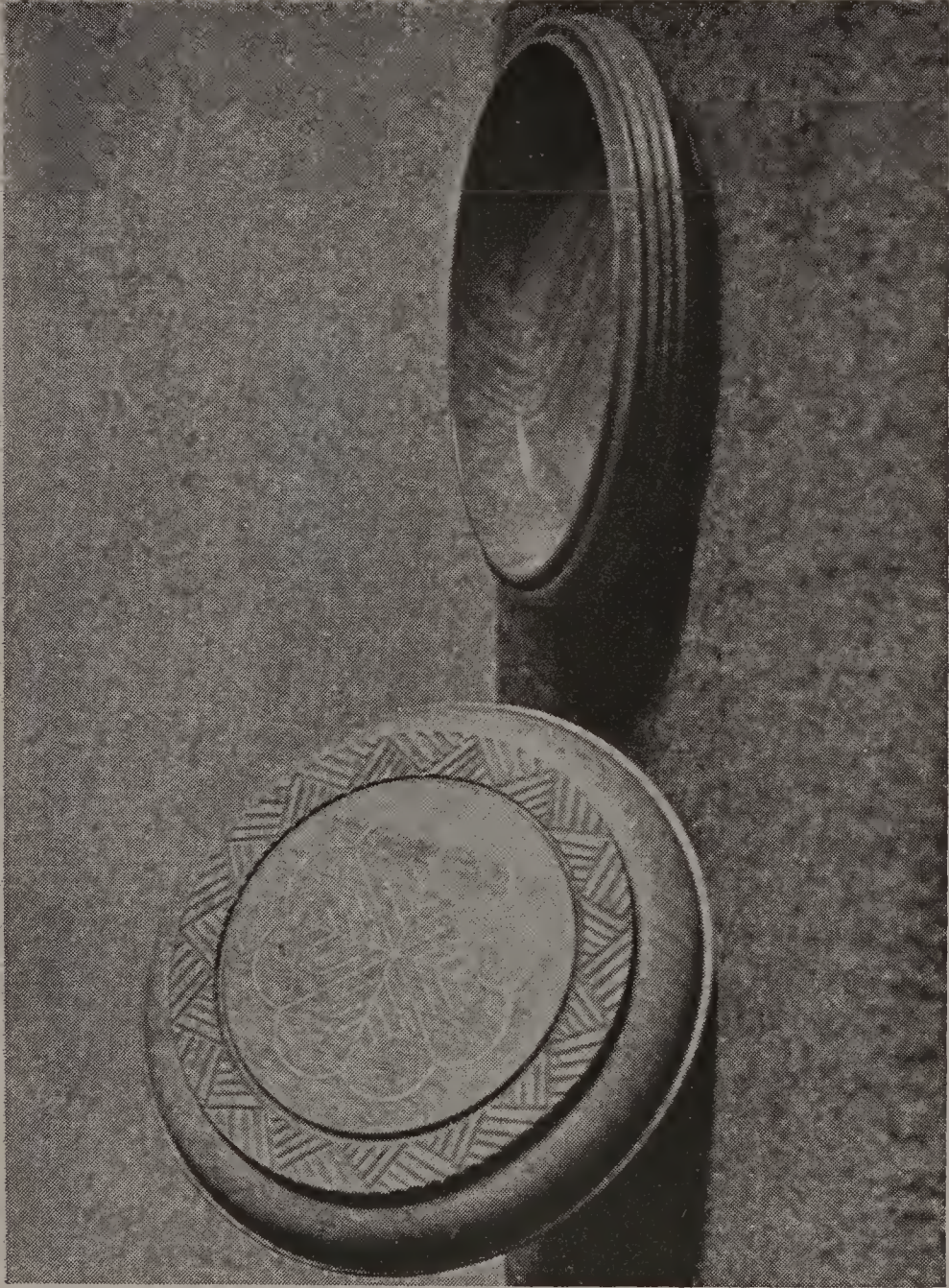
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Camp Pegnitz



Powder Box (Baltic)

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Candle Holder (Baltic)

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Box-Oak leaf Design (Russian)

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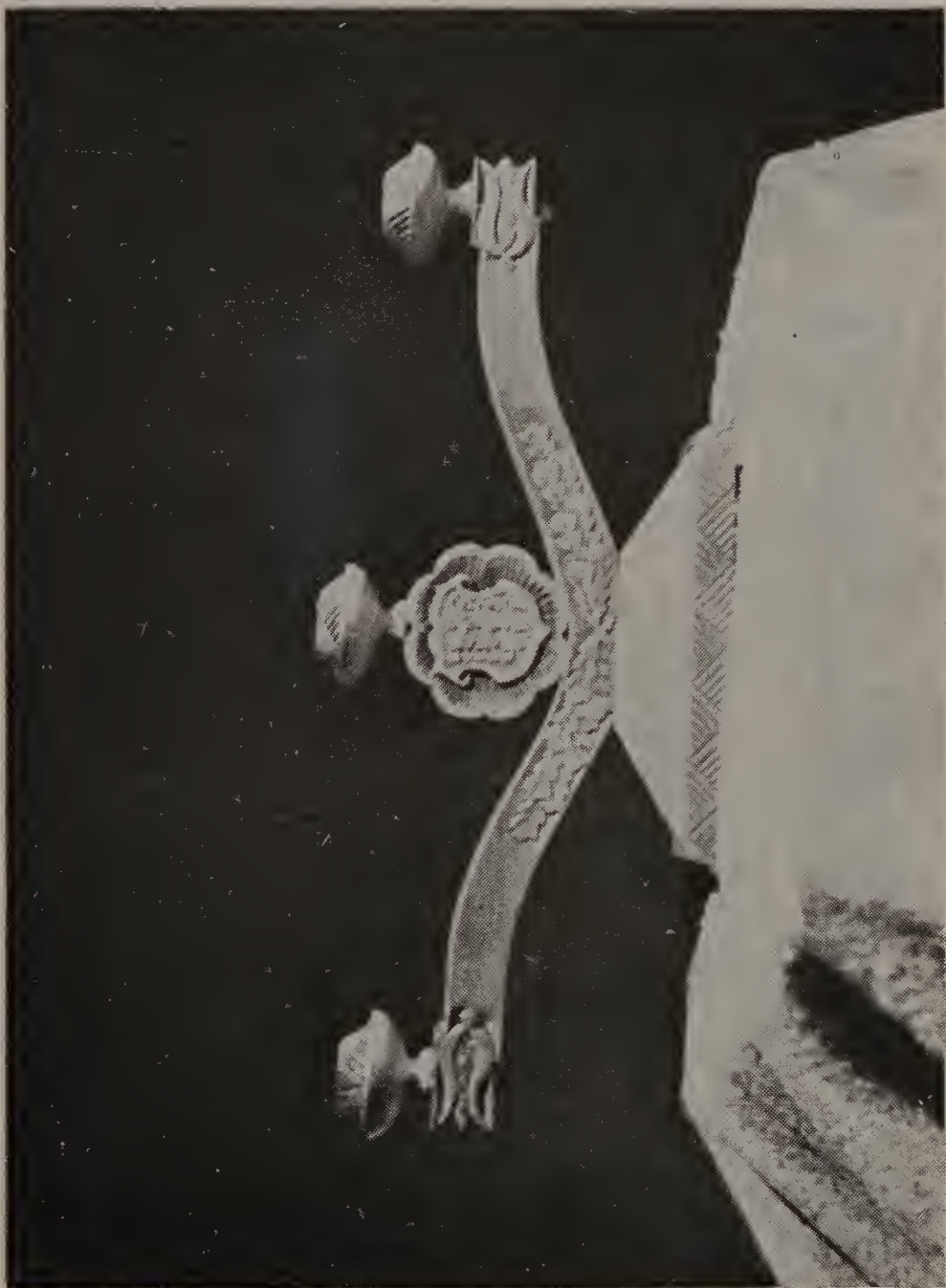
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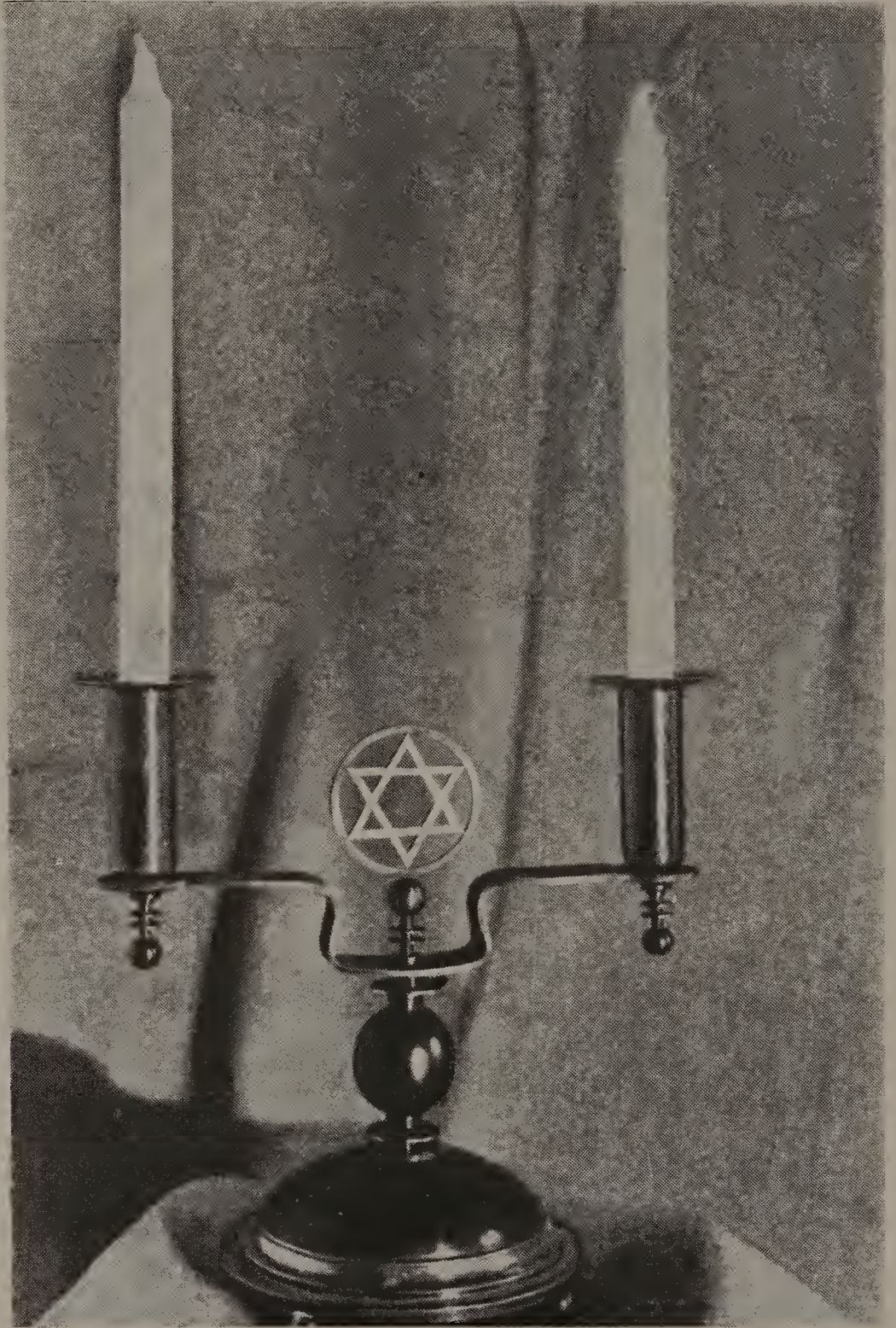
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Candlesticks (Baltic)

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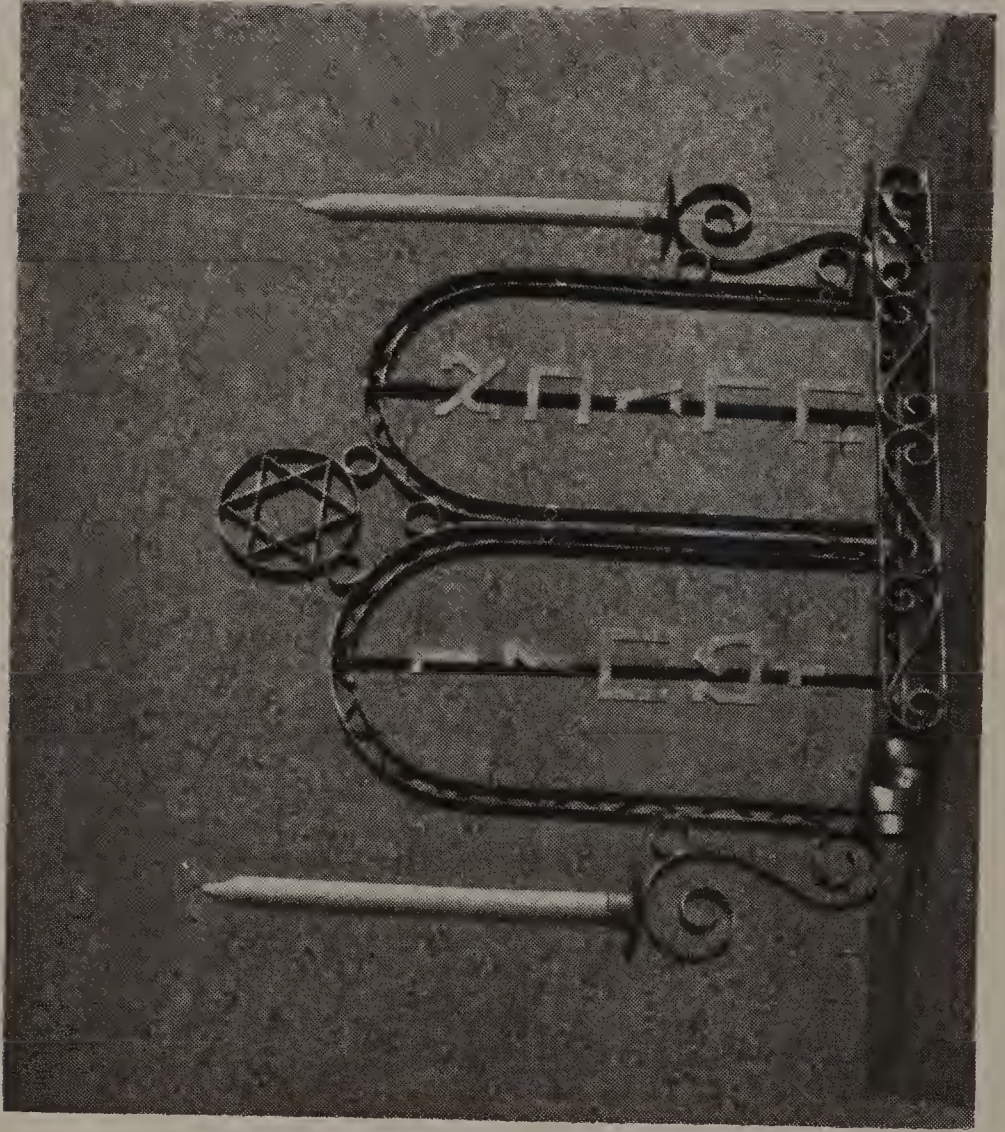
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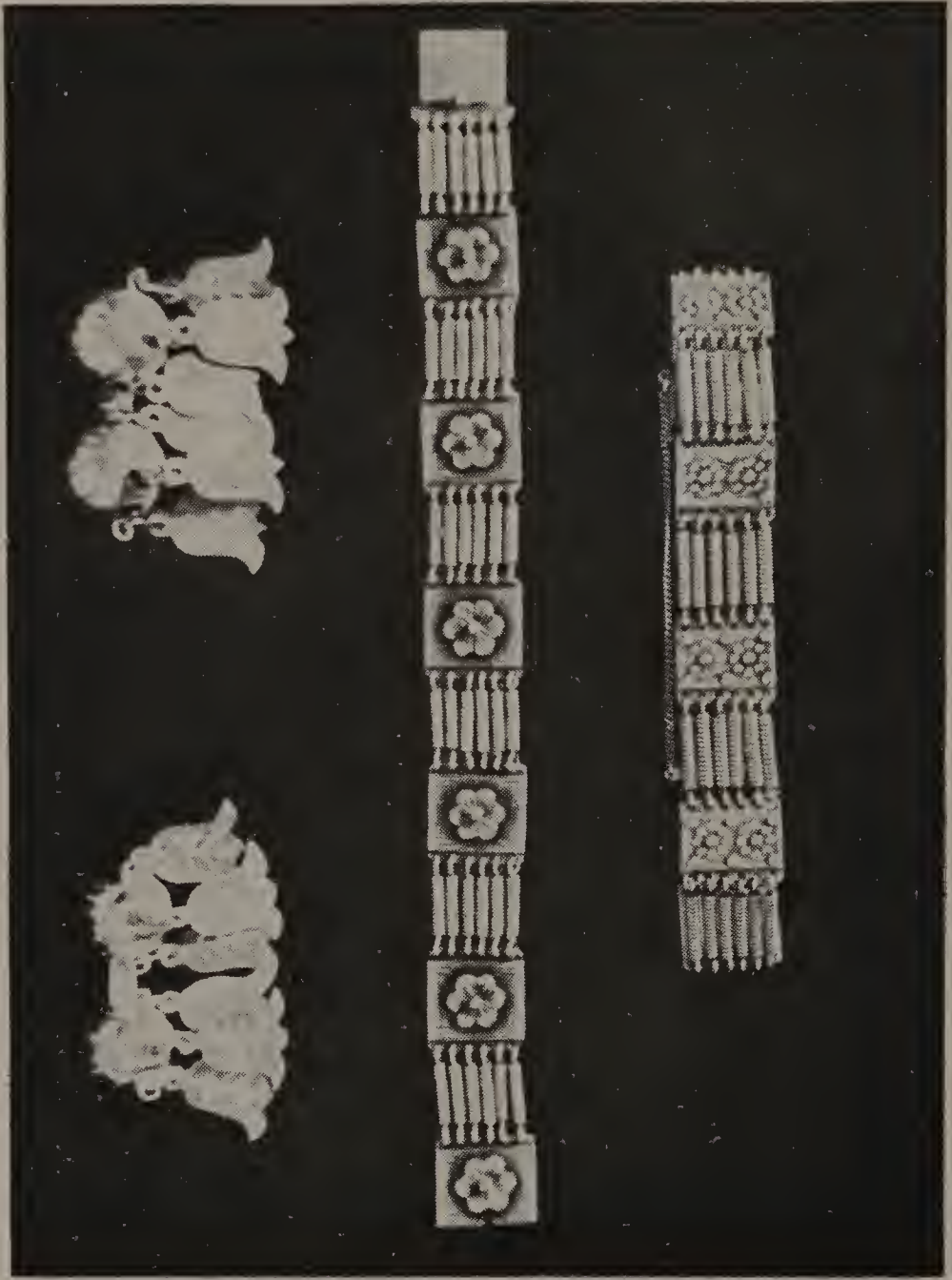
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Camp Mack

Silver Clasps (Latvian)



Silver Jewelry (Baltic)

Camp Mack



Doll (Baltic)

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Camp Mack



Doll (Baltic)

Camp Mack



Doll (Baltic)

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Dolls (Polish)

Camp Coburg



Doll (Baltic)

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Doll (Polish)

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Doll (Baltic)

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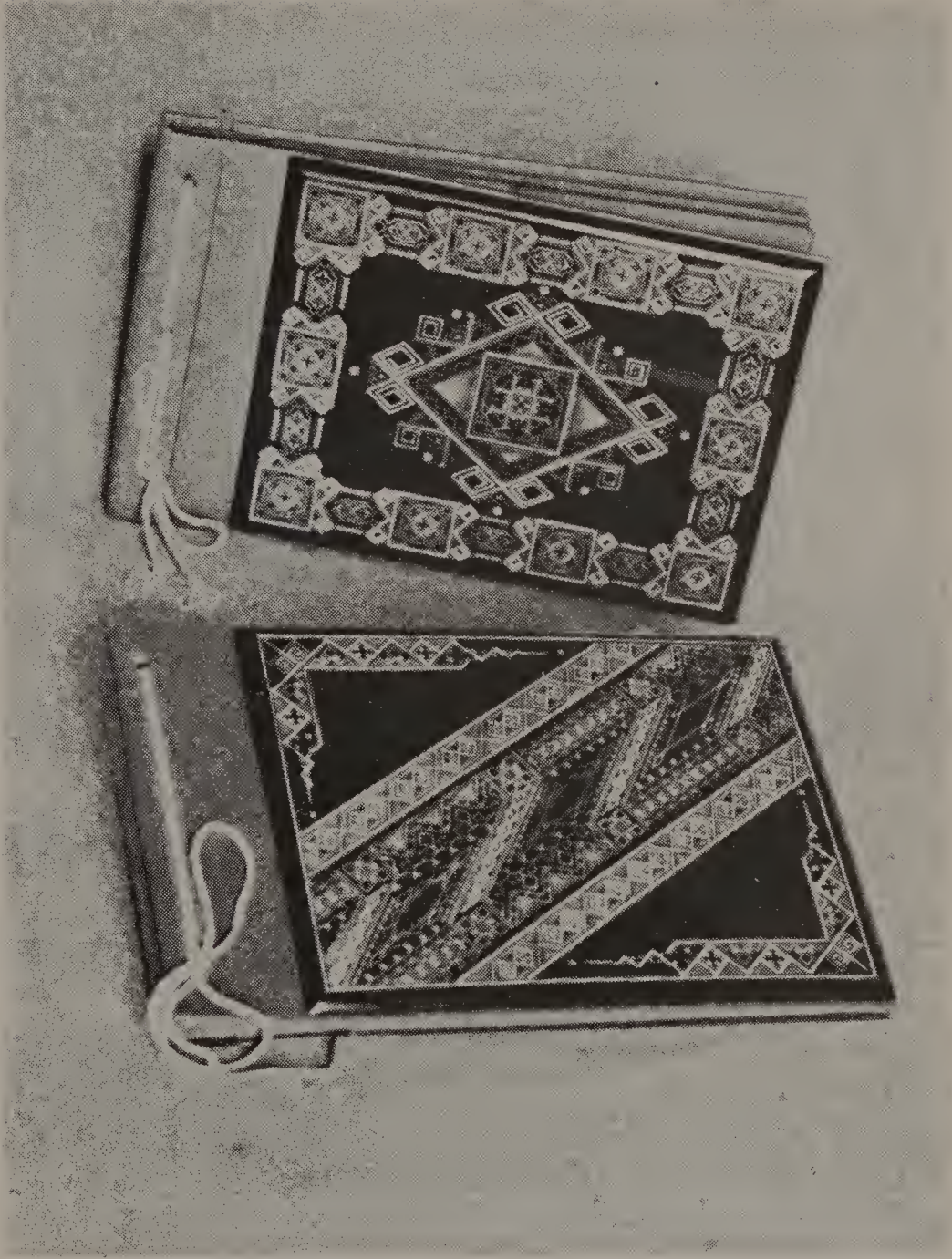
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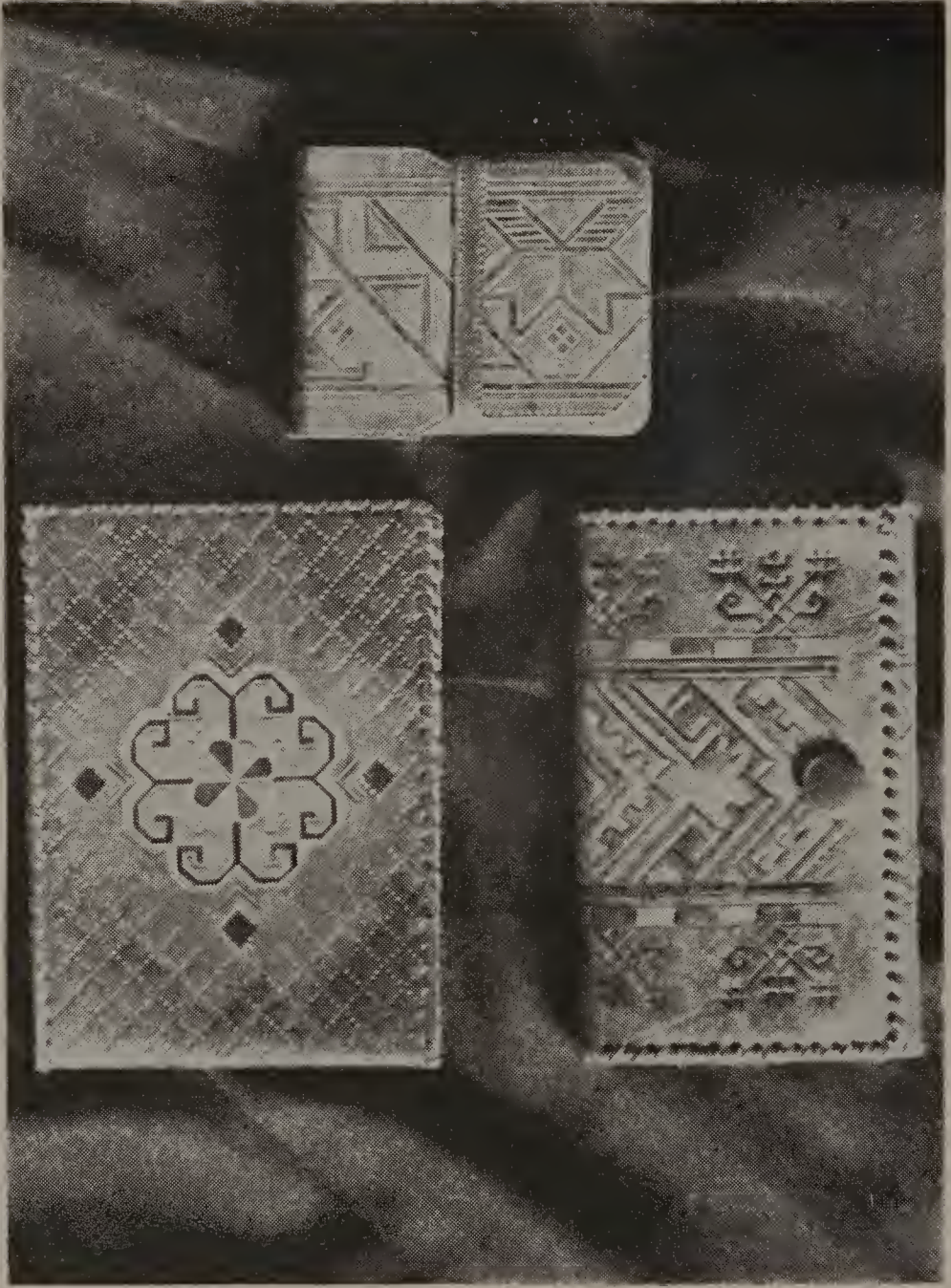
Dolls (Polish)

Camp Coburg



Albums (Ukrainian)

Leopold Kaserne



Leather Work (Baltic)

Baltic Camp-Bamberg



Leather Album (Baltic)

Baltic Camp-Bamberg



Leather Work (Baltic)

Baltic Camp-Bamberg



Baltic Camp-Bamberg

Leather Goods (Baltic)



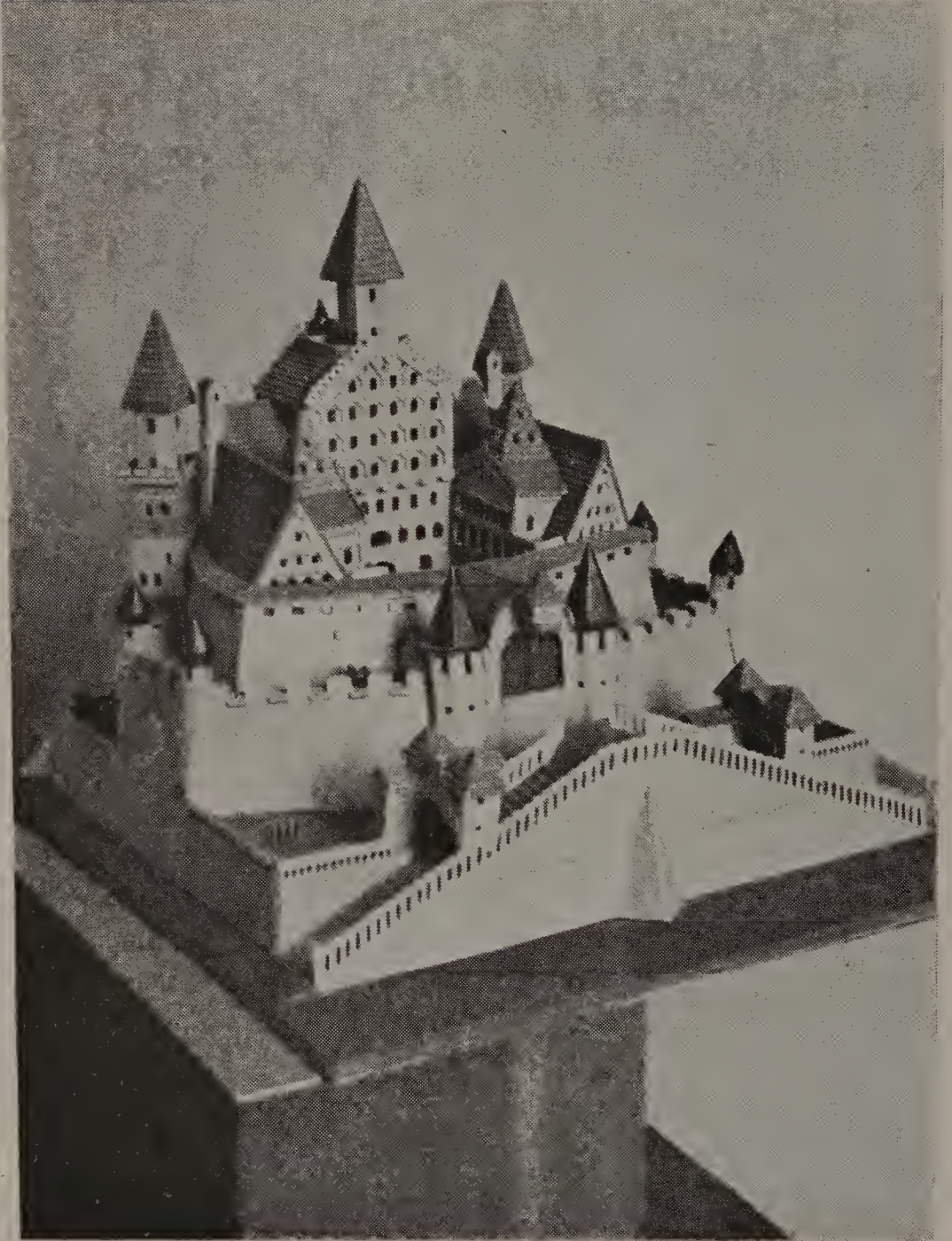
Wooden Sandals (Baltic)

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Crayfish (Polish)

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Castle (Polish)

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Tea Pot (Jewish)

Marktredwitz Community



Cups (Jewish)

Marktredwitz Community



Tea Pot (Jewish)

Marktredwitz Community



Carving (Russian)

Camp Mainleus



National-dresses (Ukrainian)

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Blouse (Ukrainian)

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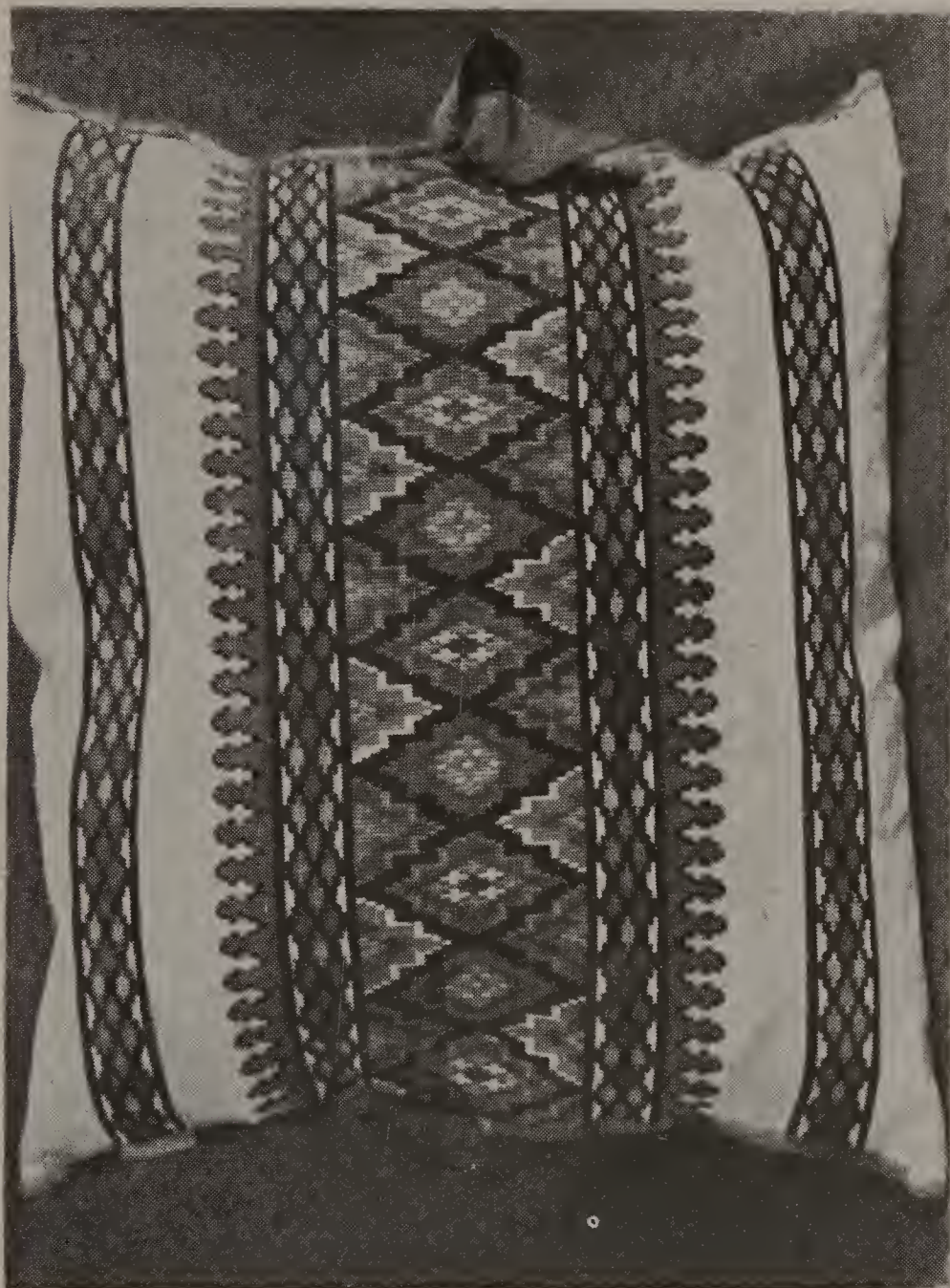
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Pillow Case (Ukrainian)

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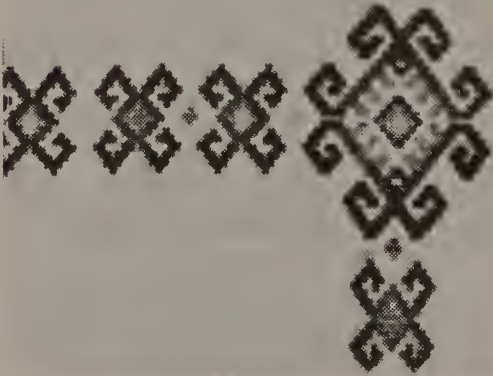
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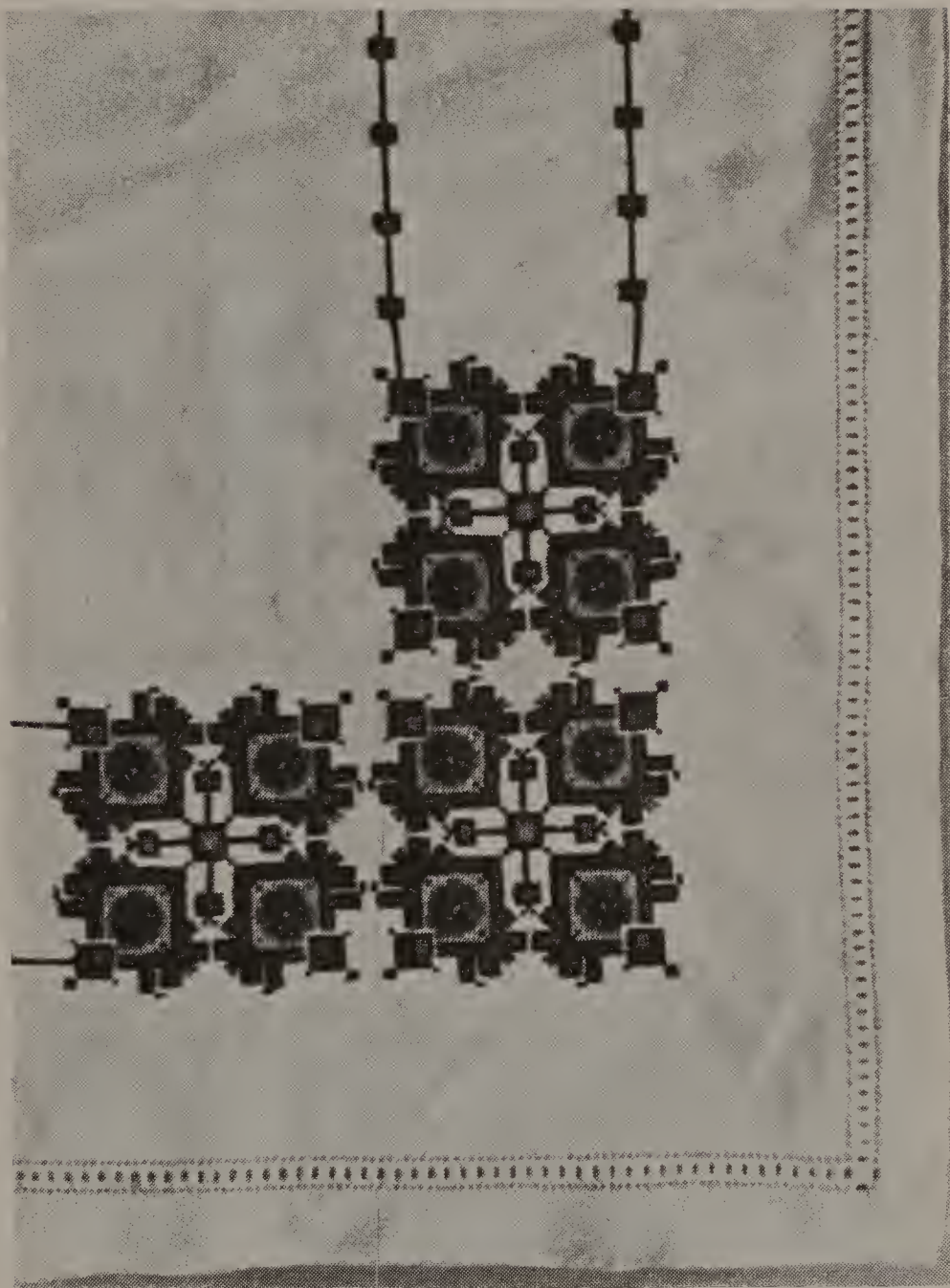
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Table Centers (Ukrainian)



Embroidered Table Cloth (Ukrainian)

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Embroidered Linen (Ukrainian)

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Embroidered Table Cloth (Ukrainian)

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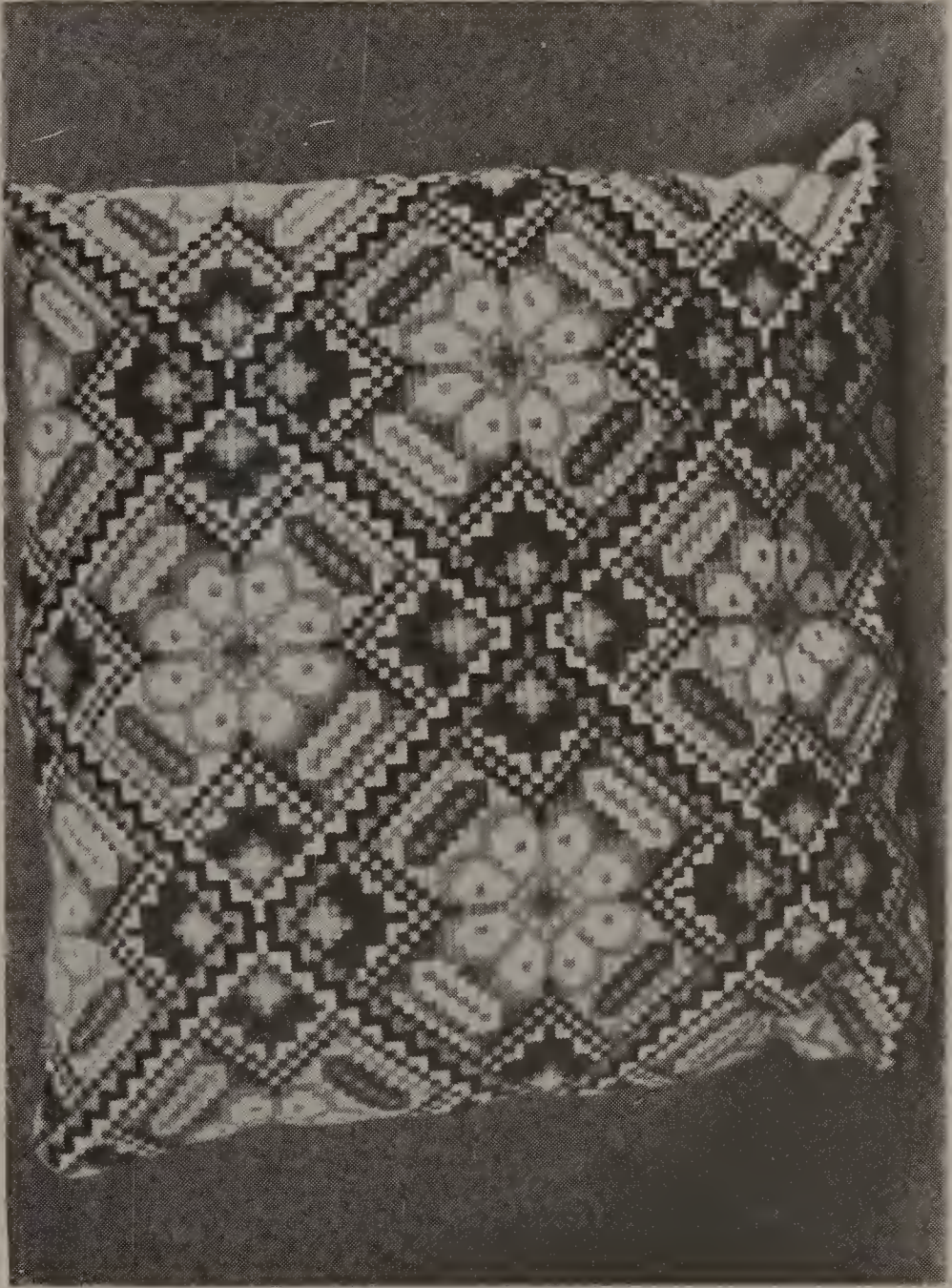
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Embroidered Pillow Cover (Ukrainian)

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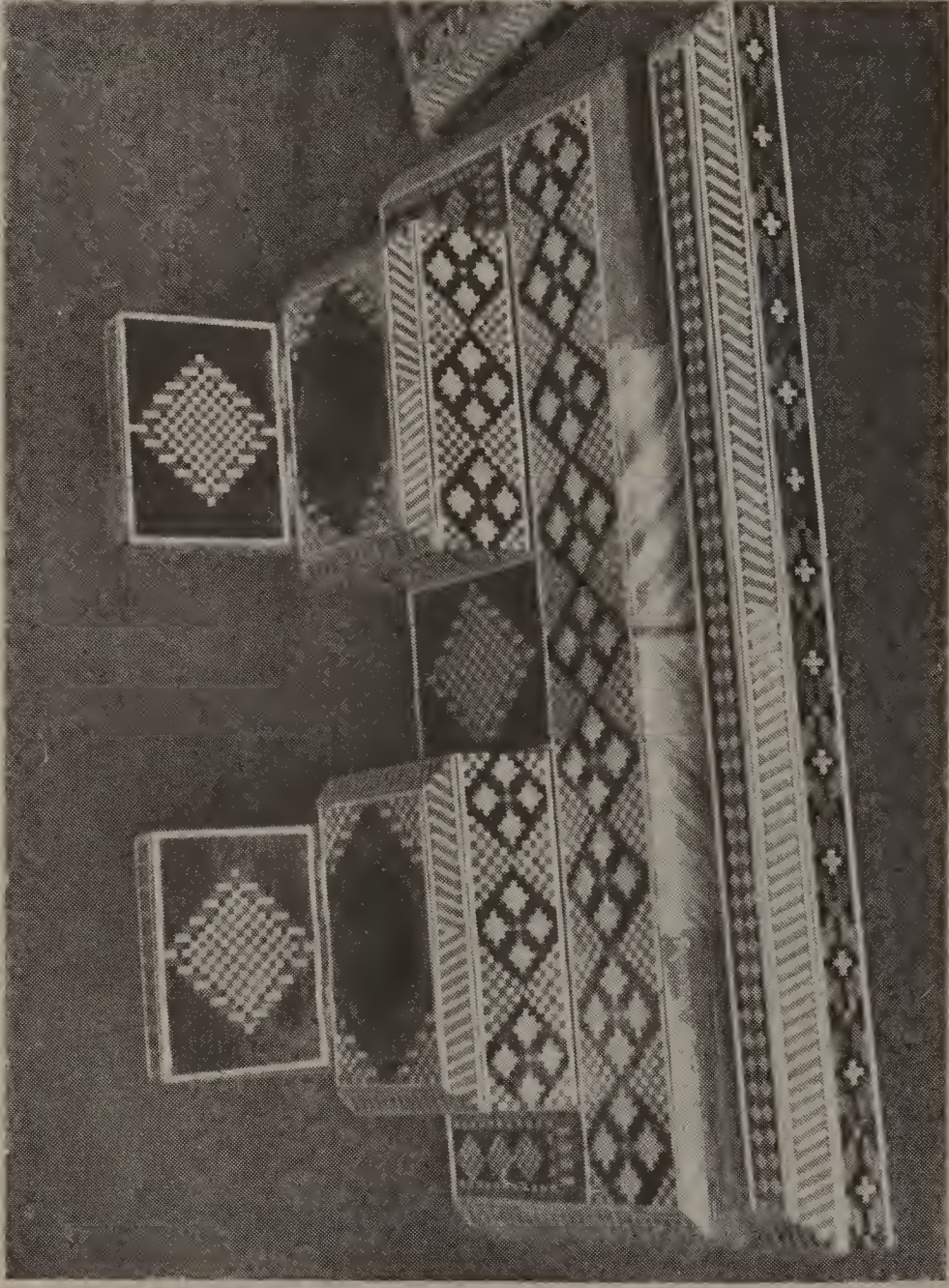
Carpet (Ukrainian)

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Photo Album (White Ruthenian)





Inkwell Set (White Ruthenian)

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Fawn-Carving (Russian)

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Metal Work (Polish)

Camp Coburg

