

# Renaissance French Styles



# Chronology of French Design Periods

## Early French Renaissance

**Francois I** 1494-1547

**Henry II** 1547-1559

**Francis II** 1559-1560

**Catherine de Medici** (regent for Charles IX) 1560-1563

**Charles IX** 1560-1574

**Henry III** 1574-1589

## French Renaissance

**Henry IV** 1589-1610

**Louis XIII** 1610-1643 (Louis Treize “trez”)

**Cardinal Mazarin** and Anne of Austria (regent for Louis XIV) 1642-1661

**Louis XIV** 1643-1715 (Louis Quatorze “cators”)

**Régence** Philippe II, Duke of Orléans 1715-1723 (“regency”)

**Louis XV** 1723-1774 (Louis Quinze “cans”)

**Louis XVI** 1774-1792 (Louis Seize “says”) executed

**Directoire** 1795-1799 (French Revolution 1789-1799)

**Consulate** (Napolean Bonaparte “First Consul”) 1799-1804

**Empire** (Napolean Bonaparte) 1804-1814

**Restoration** (Louis XVIII) 1814-1830

# **Louis XVI Style (1774-1792)**



*Photo Giraudon.*

*Fig. 2.* — Portique de la cour de l'École militaire, à Paris.

**Louis XVI**



*Fig. 1.* — Console du Petit Trianon.

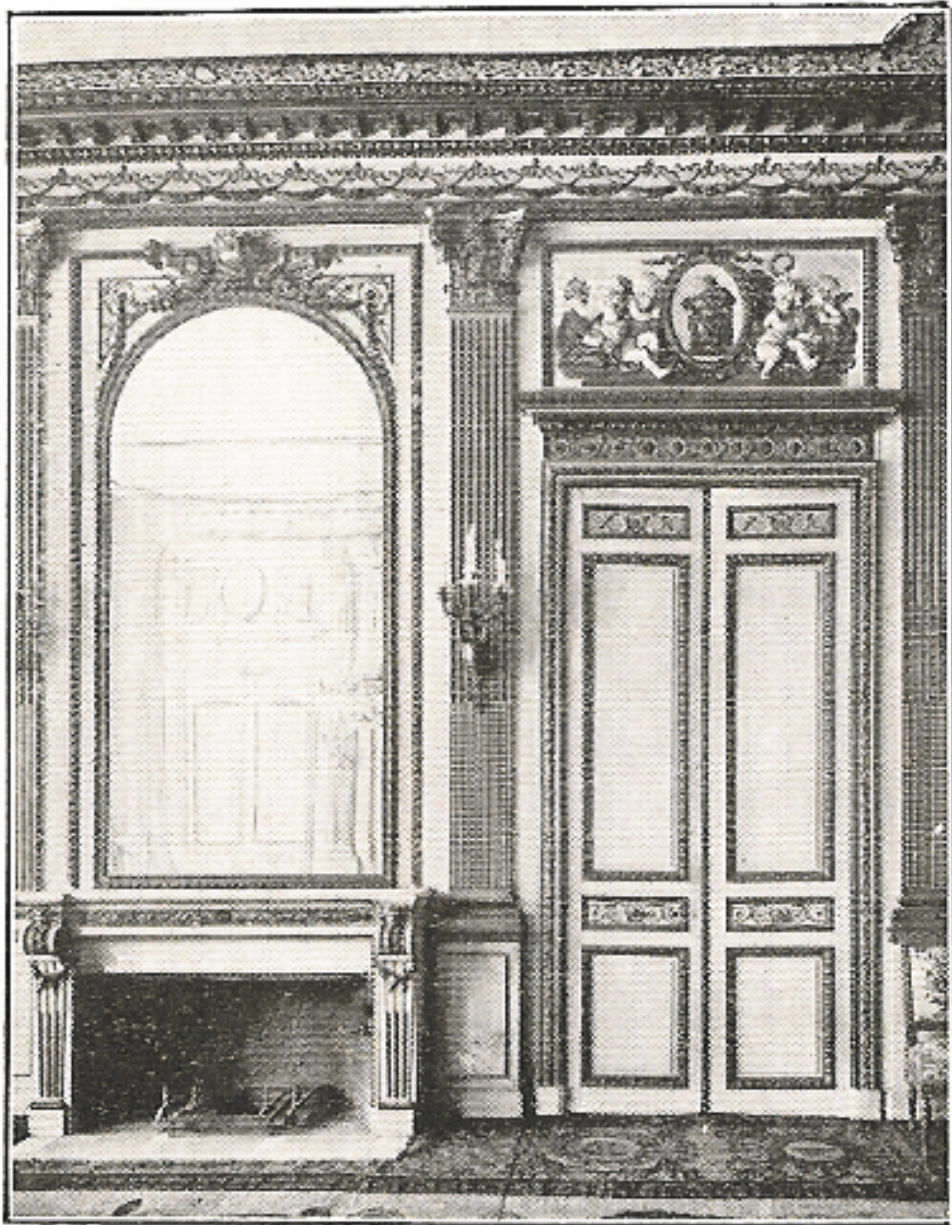
Louis XVI



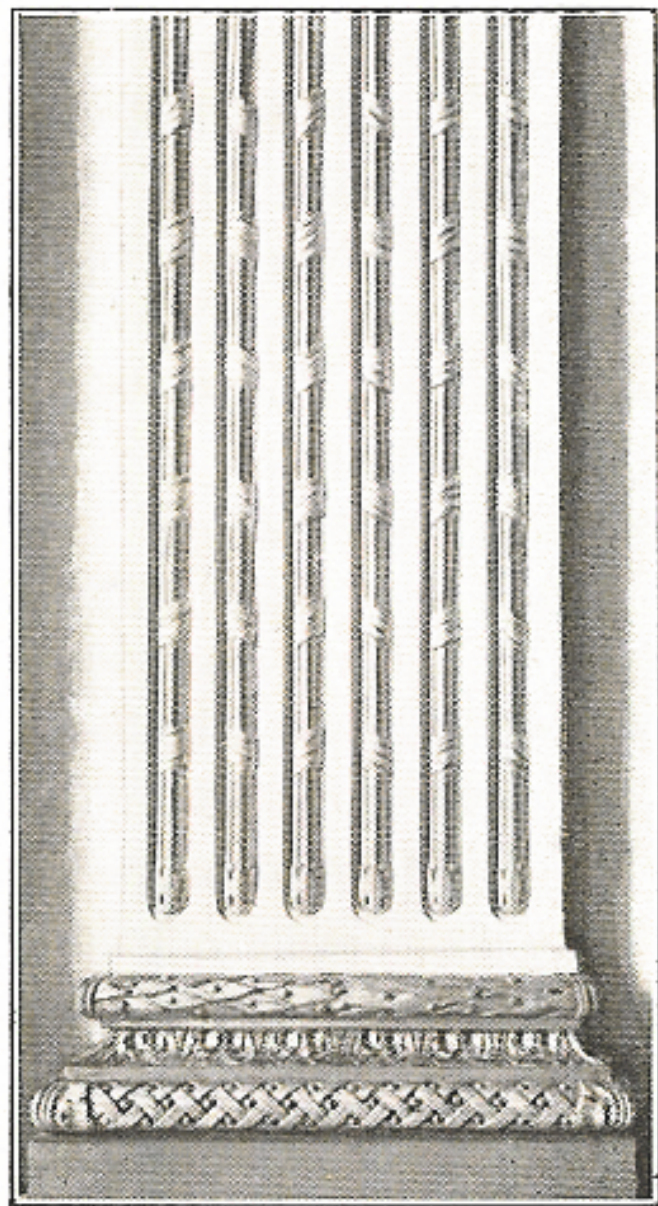
Hotel Baudard de Saint-James, Francois-Joseph Belanger, 1775-1780

Louis XVI



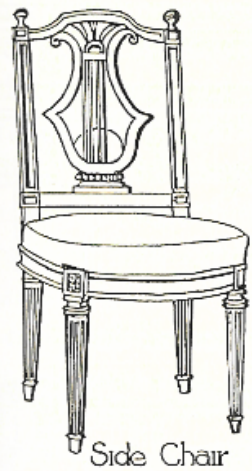


*Fig. 18.*  
Décoration inspirée de l'art antique.



*Fig. 19.* — Ensemble et base d'un pilastre de l'hôtel de Rochecouart, à Paris.

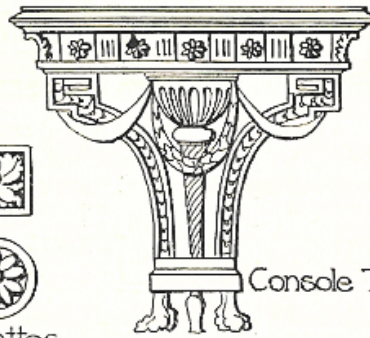
Louis XVI



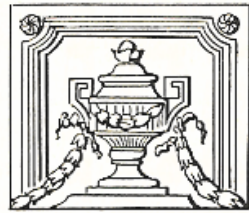
Side Chair



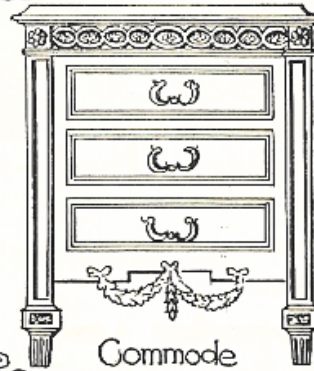
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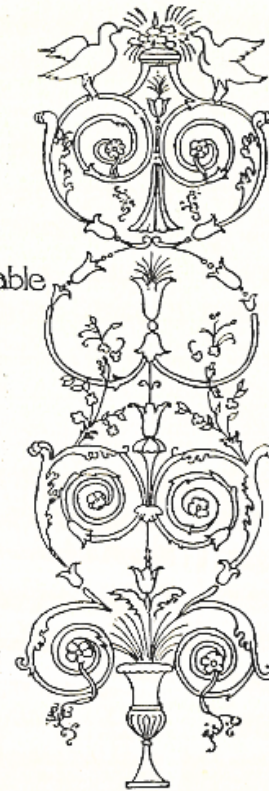
Console Table



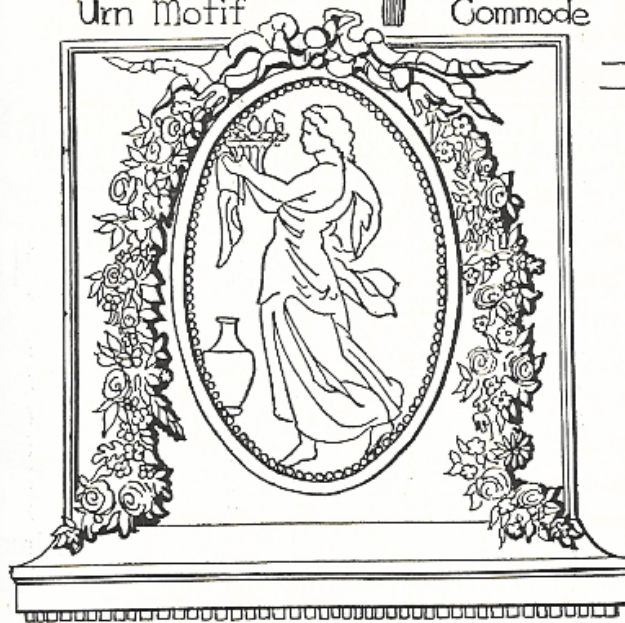
Urn Motif



Commode



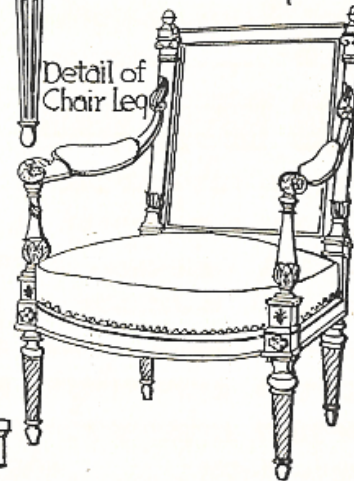
Arabesque



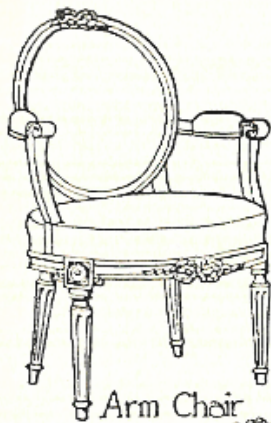
Over-door Motif - Medallion, garland, ribbon



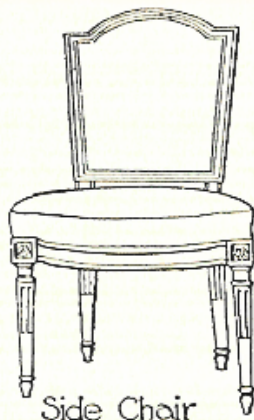
Detail of Chair Leg



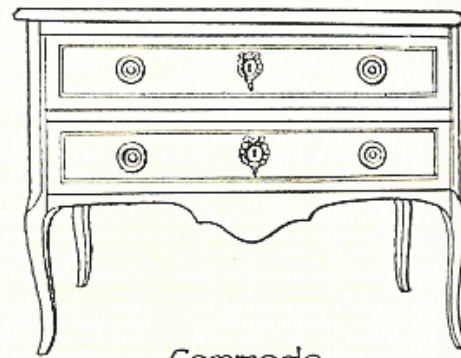
Arm Chair



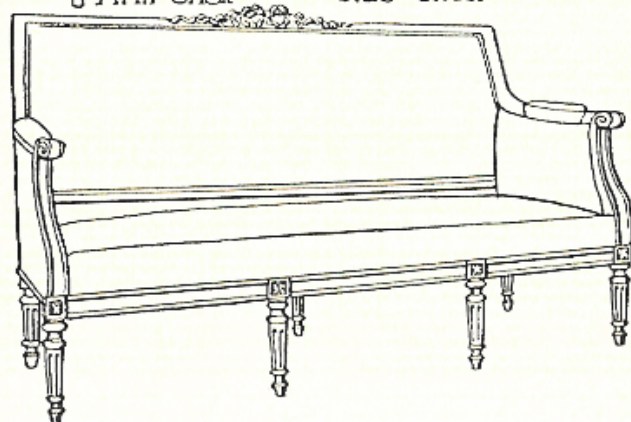
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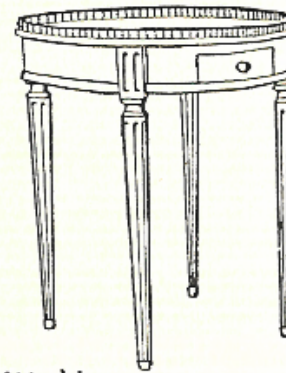
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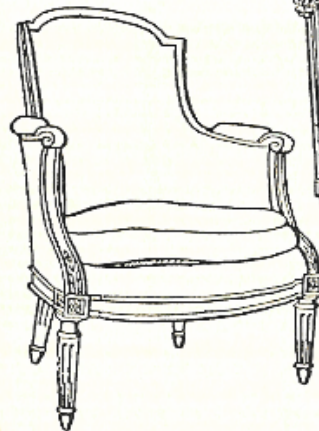
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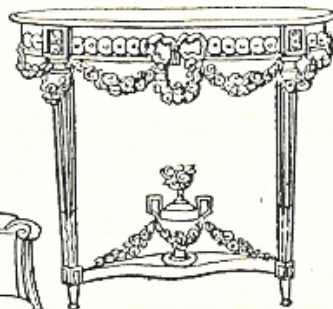
Sofa or Canapé



Bouillotte



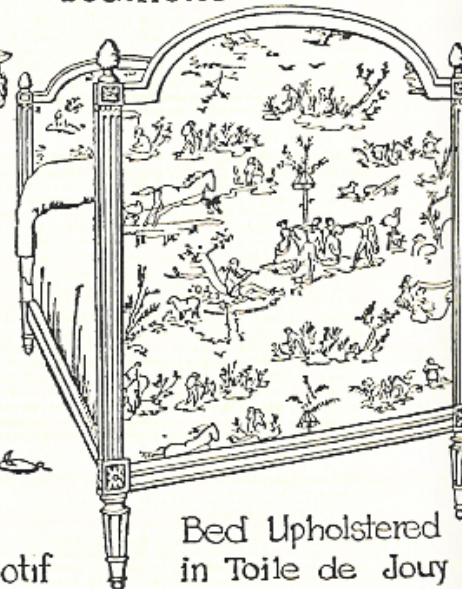
Bergère



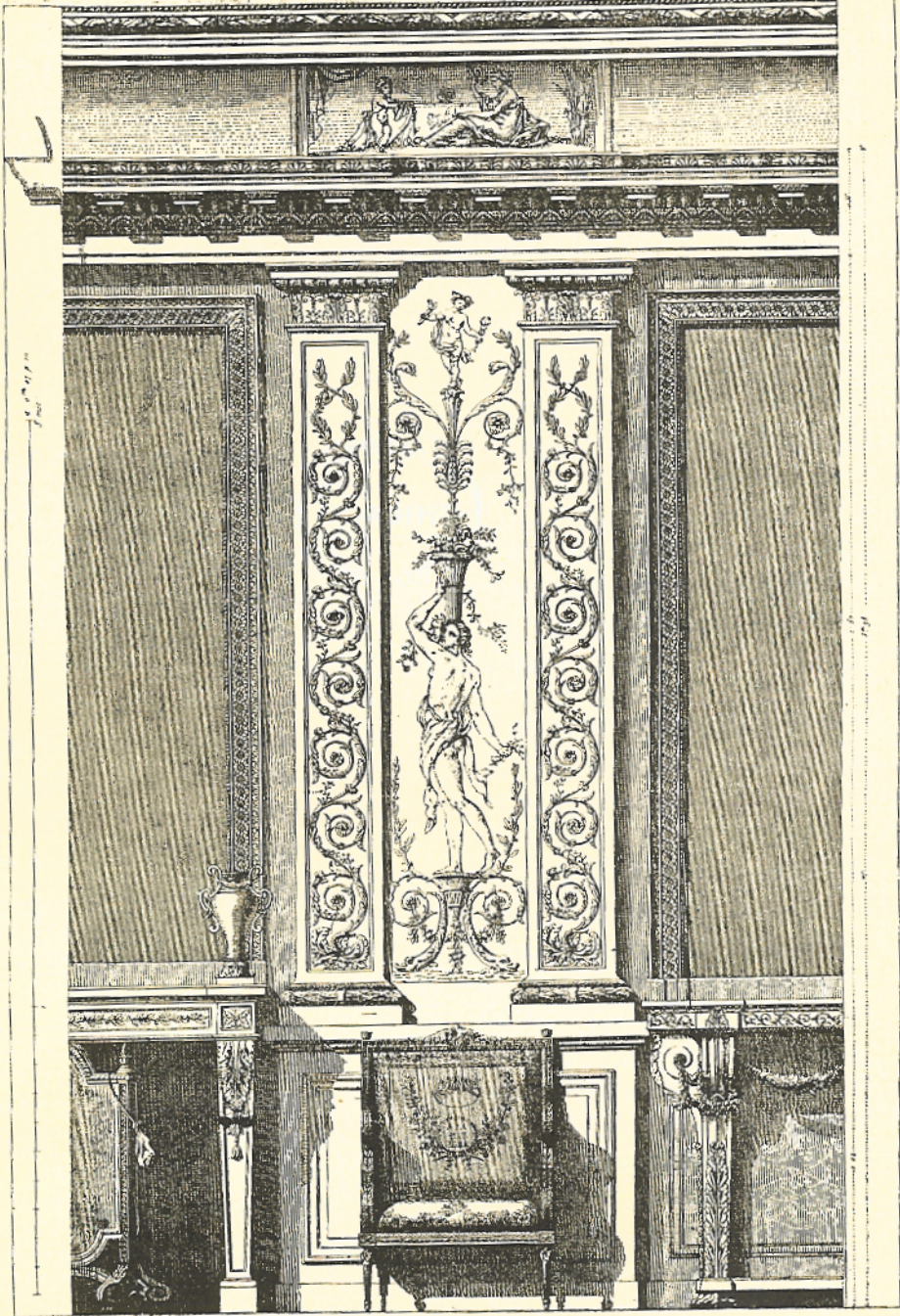
Console



Bow and Quiver Motif



Bed Upholstered  
in Toile de Jouy



PART OF A SALON.

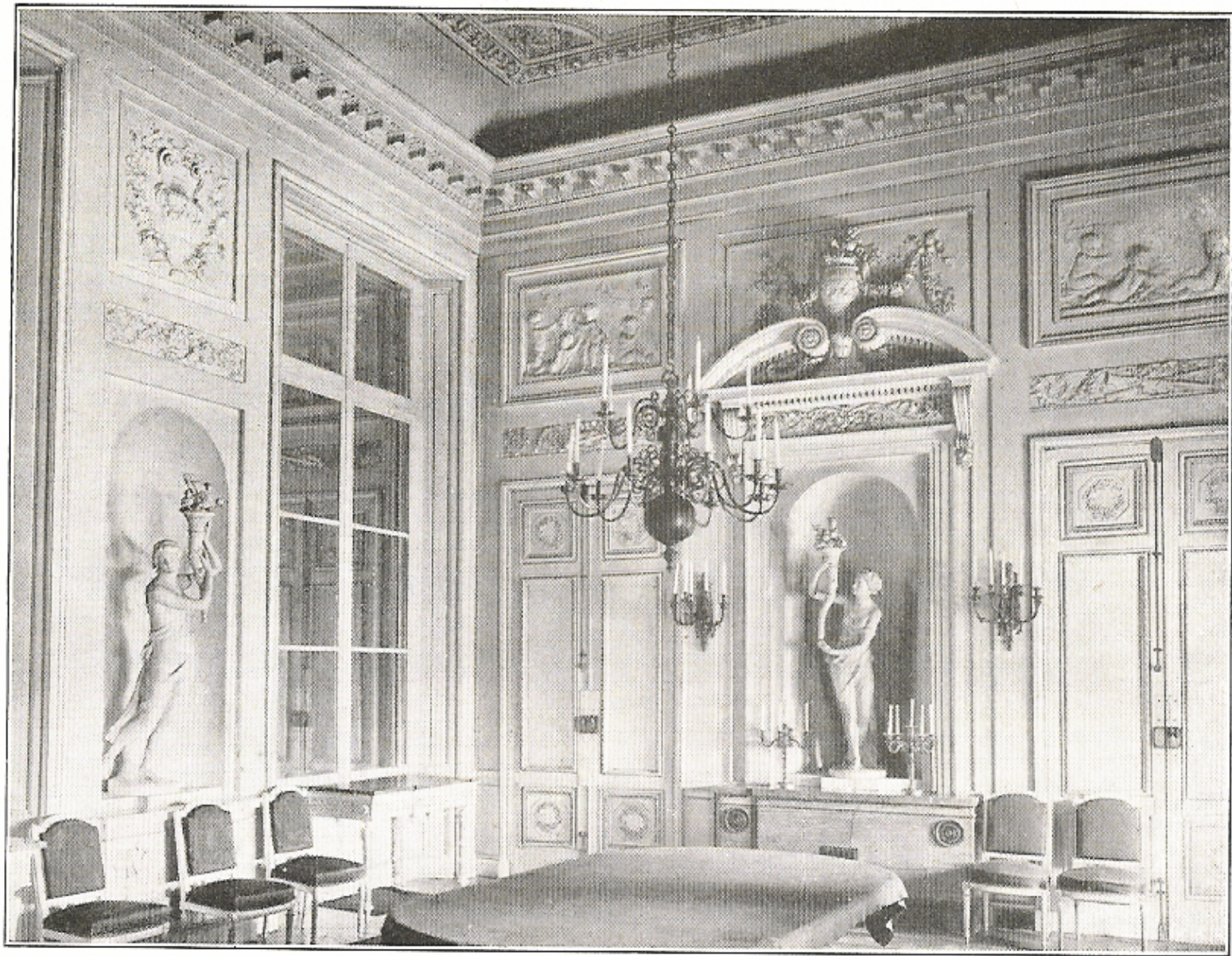
Decorated and Furnished in the Louis XVI. Style.

Louis XVI



*Fig. 20. — Décoration Louis XVI exécutée sous Louis XV.  
Salon du Petit Trianon.*

**Louis XVI**



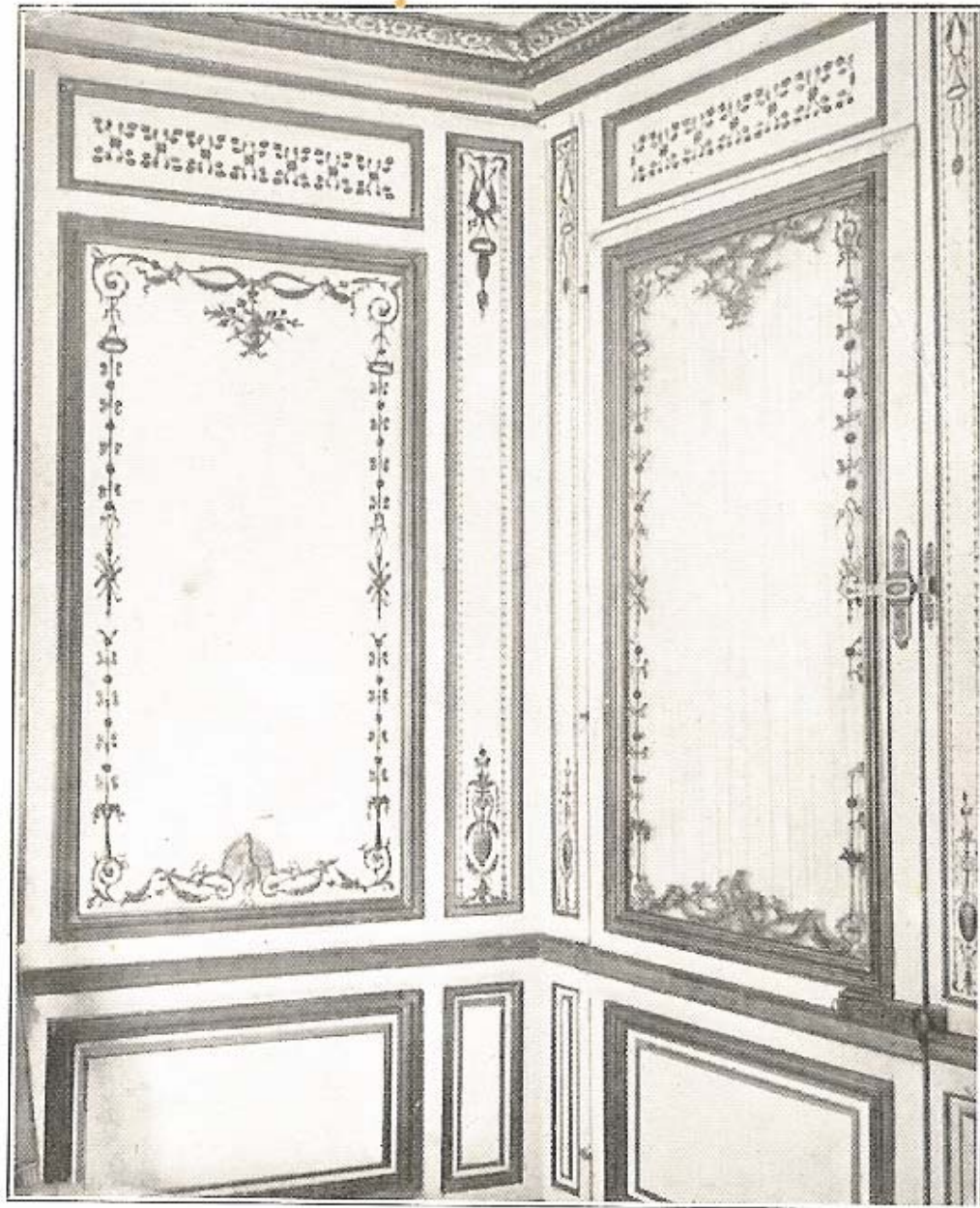
Décoration affranchie de l'art antique.  
Salle à manger de l'hôtel Crillon, à Paris,  
Restituée actuellement dans l'hôtel de La Tour d'Auvergne, à Paris.

Louis XVI



*Fig. 23.* — Salle à manger de l'hôtel du Châtelet, à Paris.

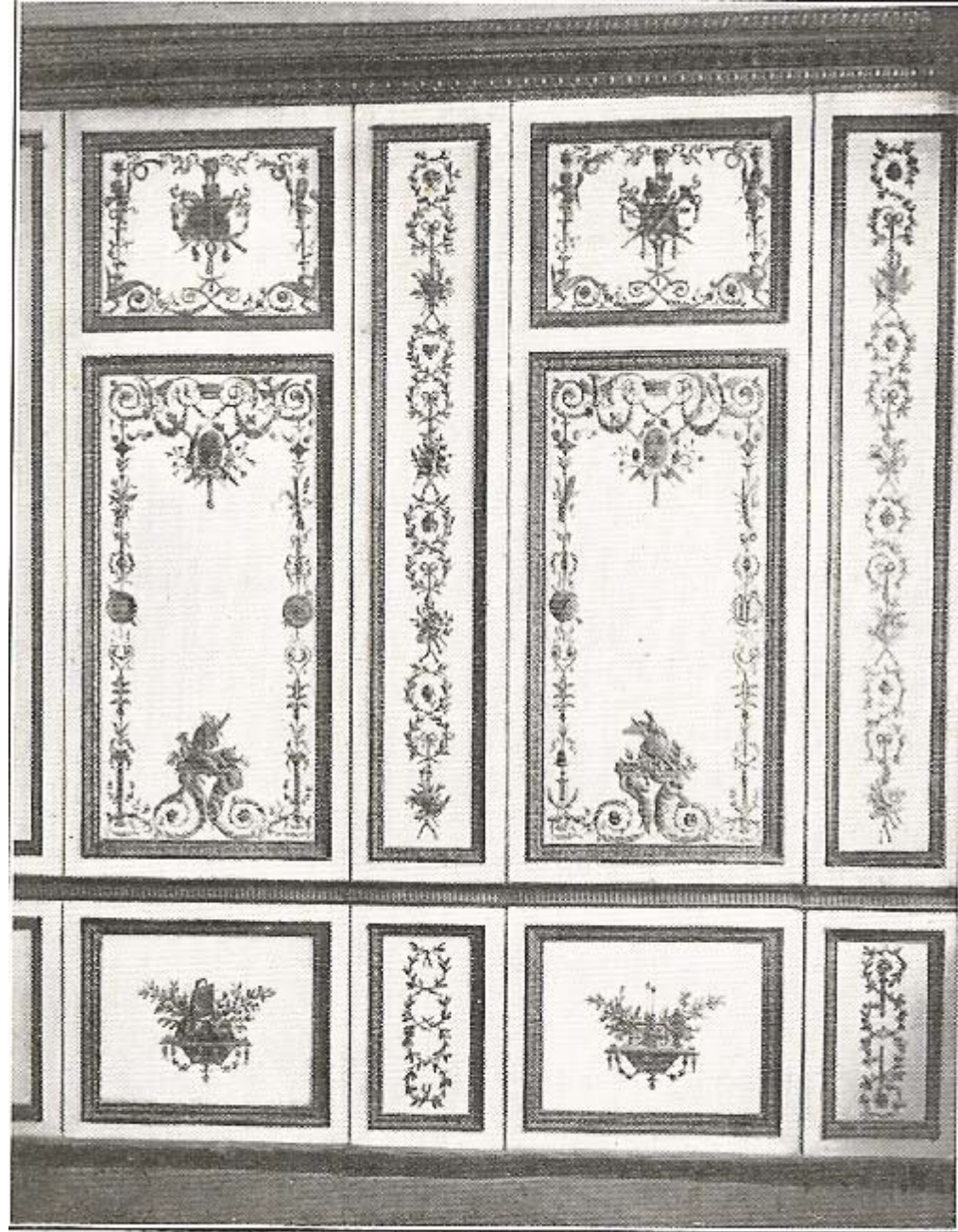
Louis XVI



*Fig. 22.* — Salon de la Méridienne.  
Château de Versailles.

Louis XVI





*Fig. 21.* — Décoration Louis XVI exécutée sous Louis XVI.  
Garde-robe de Louis XVI, à Versailles.

Louis XVI



*Fig. 28.* — Fauteuil « à chapeau »,  
Musée des Arts décoratifs, à Paris.



*Fig. 29.* — Bergère.  
Musée des Arts décoratifs, à Paris.



Louis XVI *Chaise*, Georges Jacob, c. 1780

Louis XVI



Louis XVI *Commode* for Marie Antoinette's Chateau St. Cloud,  
Jean-Henri Riesener, 1783-1787



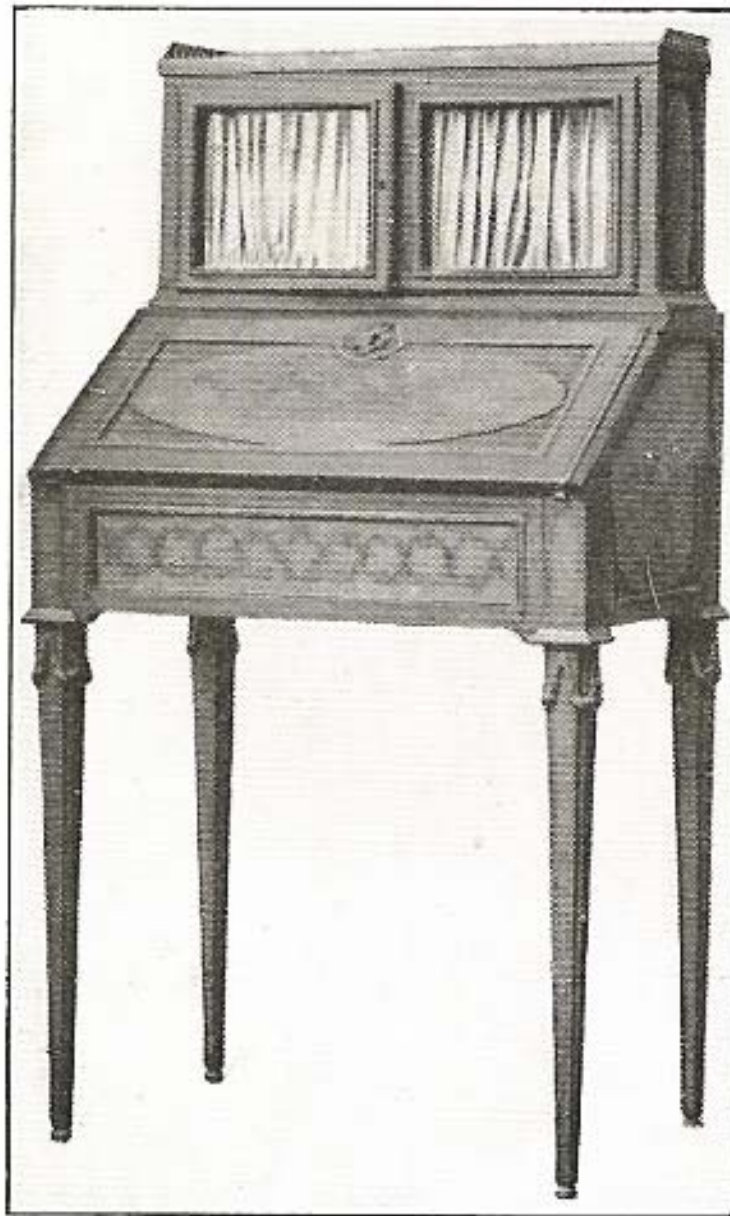
Louis XVI Drop Front Cabinet, Adam Weisweiler, c. 1790

Louis XVI



Louis XVI *Bonheur du Jour*, Martin Carlin, c. 1775

Louis XVI



*Fig. 30.* — Bonheur-du-jour.

Louis XVI



*Fig. 31. — Buffet-servante, par Riesener.*

Louis XVI





Jaques-Louis David, Death of Socrates, 1787

Louis XVI



Louis XVI

Jean-Antoine  
Houdon,  
George  
Washington,  
1785-1791





Jean-Antoine  
Houdon,  
Voltaire, 1781

Louis XVI