

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

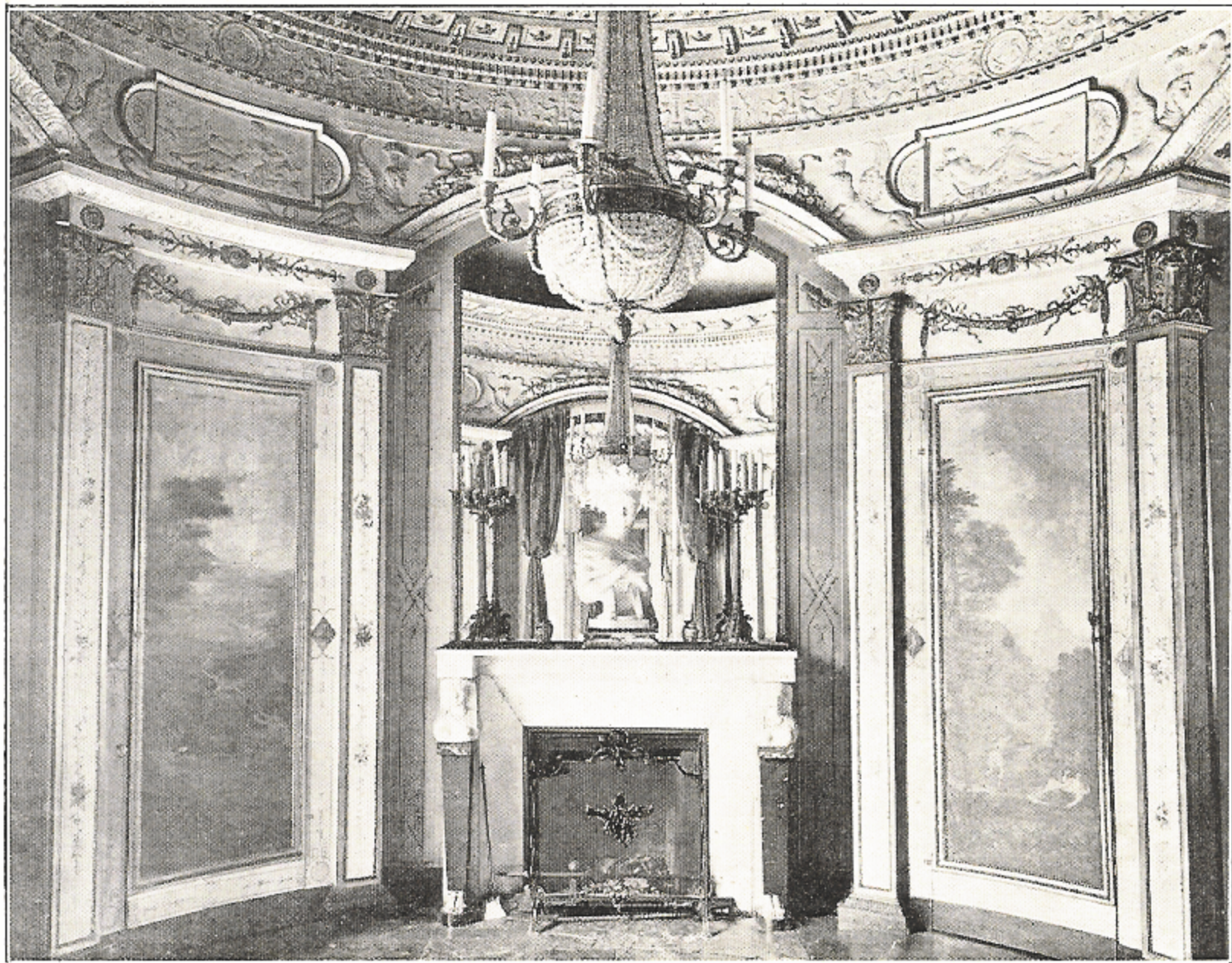
Empire (Napolean Bonaparte) 1804-1814

Restoration (Louis XVIII) 1814-1830

Directoire Style (1795-1799)



Fig. 7. — Panneau de l'hôtel Gouthière, à Paris.



Boudoir de l'ancien hôtel d'Estrades, à Versailles.

Directoire



Fig. 8. — Détail de la frise du boudoir de l'ancien hôtel d'Estrades, à Versailles.

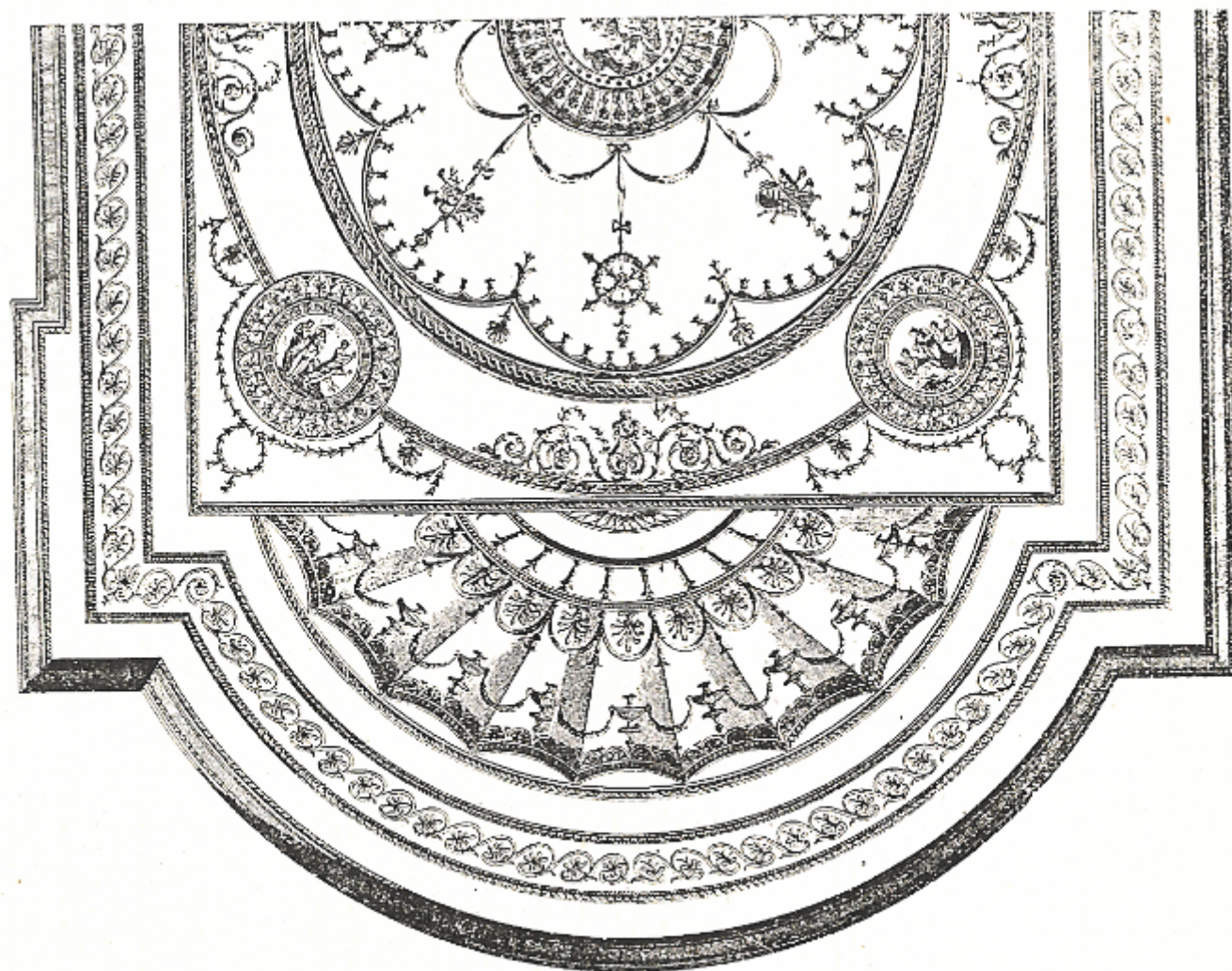


Fig. 12. — Plafond, par R. et J. Adam (1777).





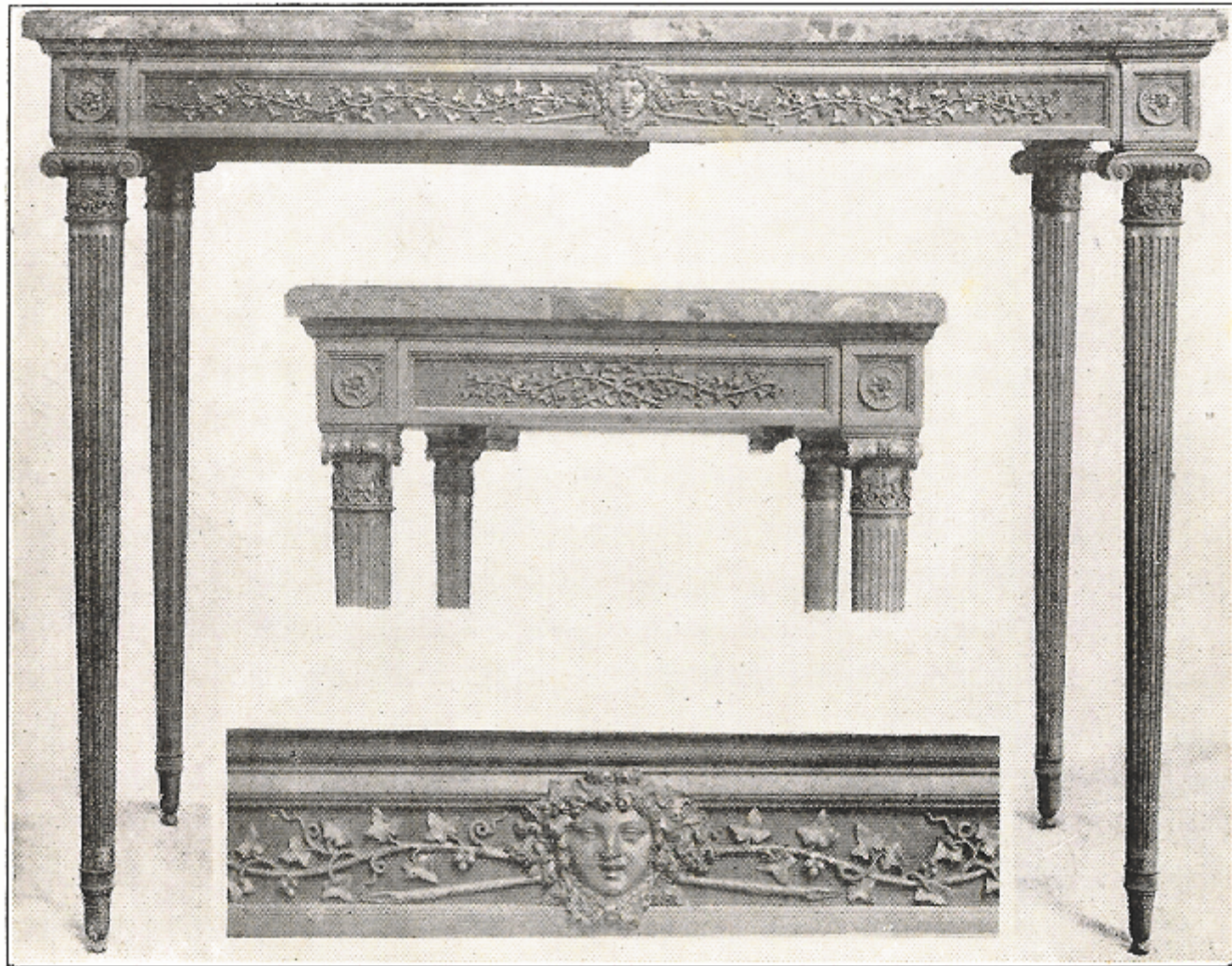


Fig. 17. — Table Directoire.
Palais des Beaux-Arts de la ville de Paris.



Fig. 15. — L'auteuil Directoire.
Musée de Tours

Directoire

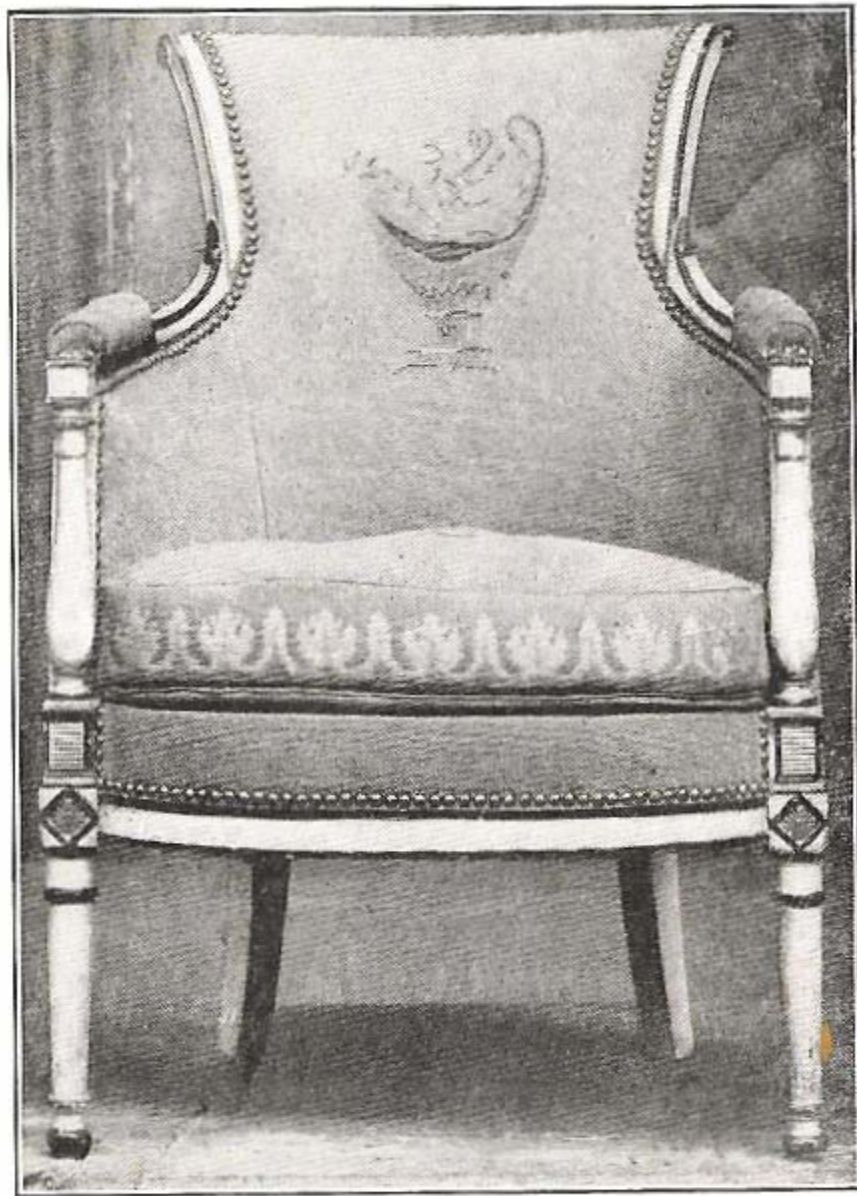
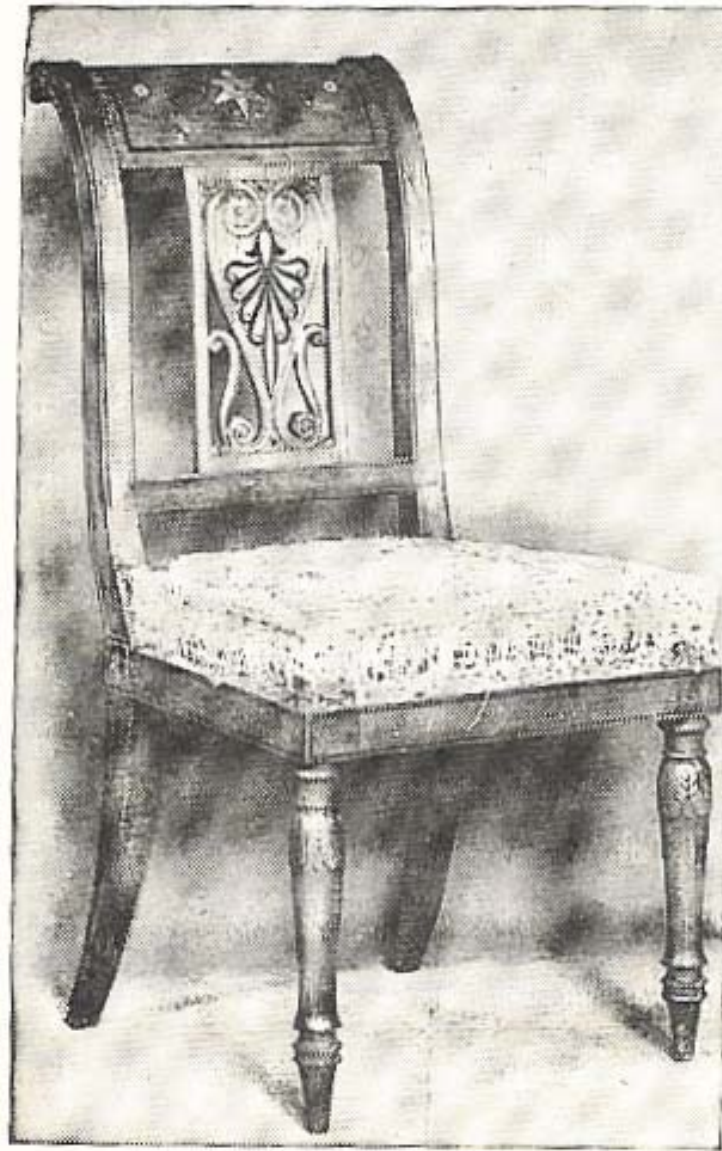


Fig. 16 — Bergère Directoire.

Directoire



*Directoire chair showing star and
Greek motifs in its design.*

Directoire

Empire Style (1799-1814)



Fig. 21. — Porte de l'ancien hôtel Thélusson, à Paris.

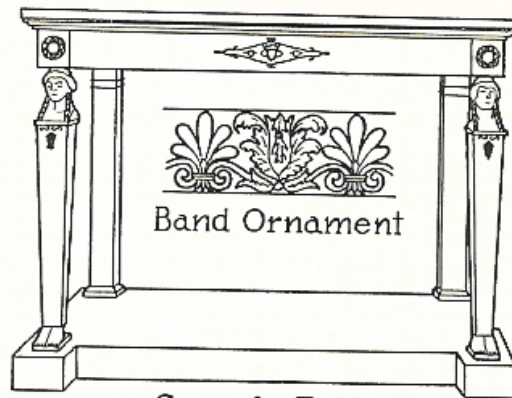
Empire



Military tent bedroom built by Percier and Fontaine for Empress Josephine's use in Malmaison. The panels are draped in red silk. The bed drapery is lined with ermine.

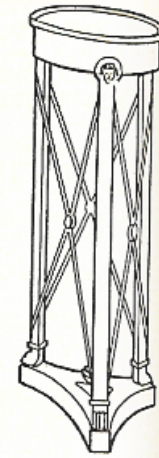


Table Support

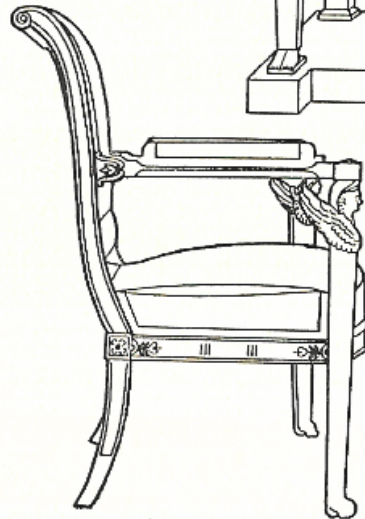


Band Ornament

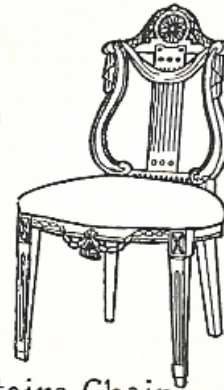
Console Table



Tripod Table



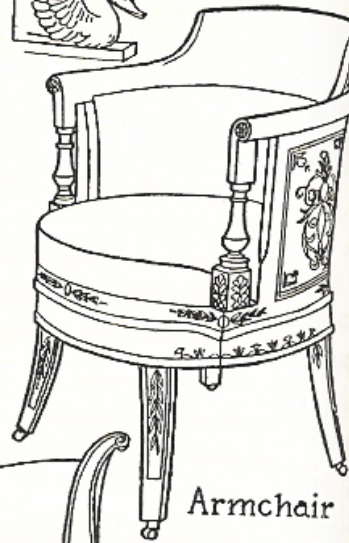
Armchair



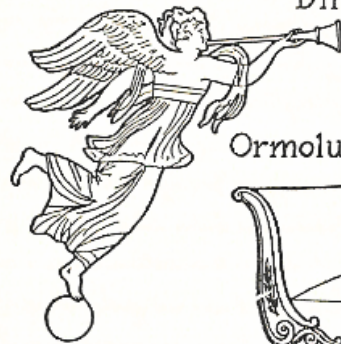
Directoire Chair



Swan Motif



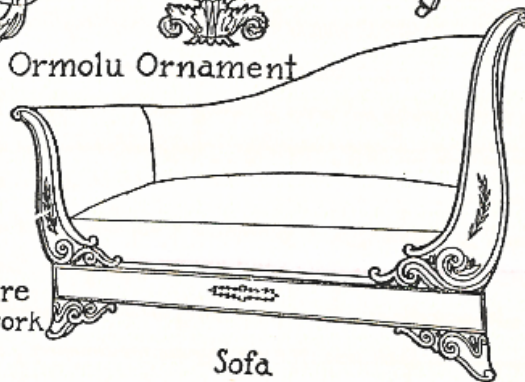
Armchair



Classical Figure used in metalwork and painting



Ormolu Ornament



Sofa



Cornucopia



Saucière, par Claude Odiot.
Musée des Arts décoratifs, à Paris.

Empire

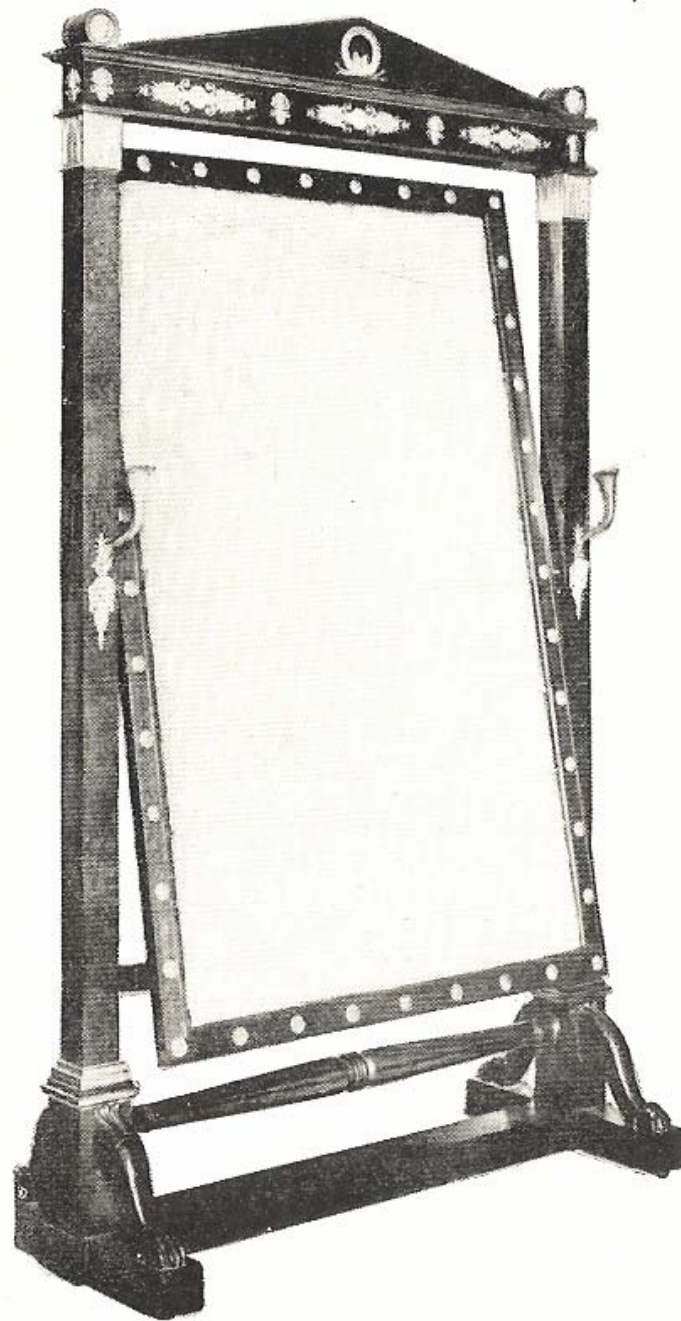


Fig. 28. — Psyché de Lætitia Bonaparte, mère de Napoléon I^{er}
Palais de Fontainebleau.

Empire

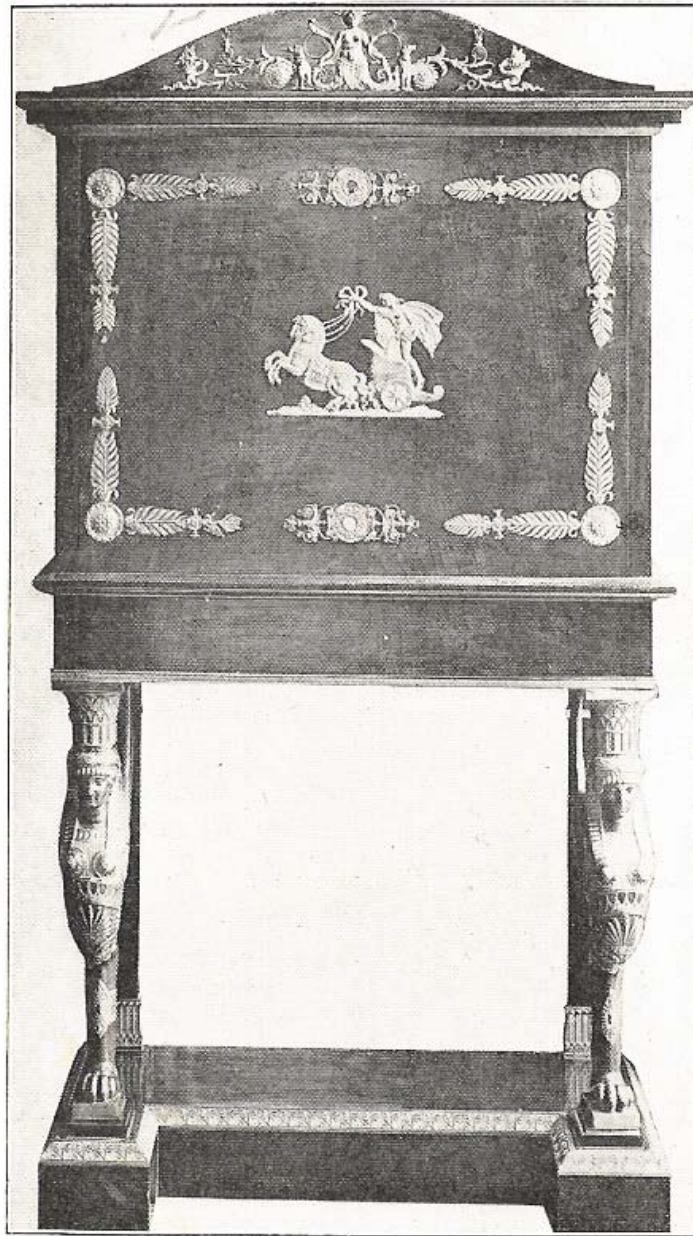


Fig. 26. — Secrétaire à abattant.
Château de la Malmaison.

Empire



Fig. 24. — Fauteuil Empire, par Jacob frères.
Palais de Fontainebleau.

Empire



Salon des Saisons.
Hôtel Eugène de Beauharnais, rue de Lille, n° 78, à Paris.

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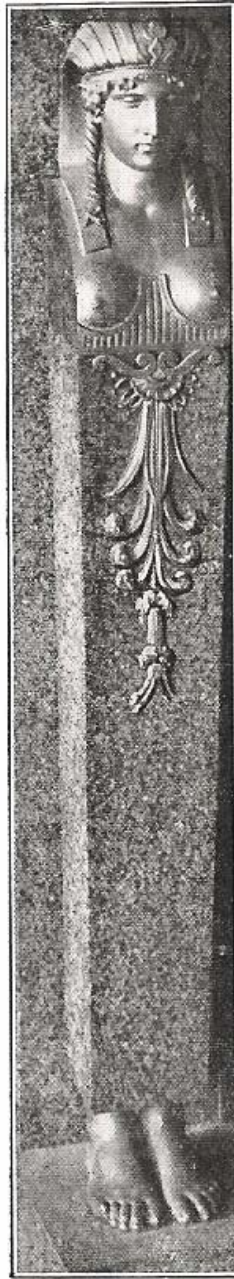
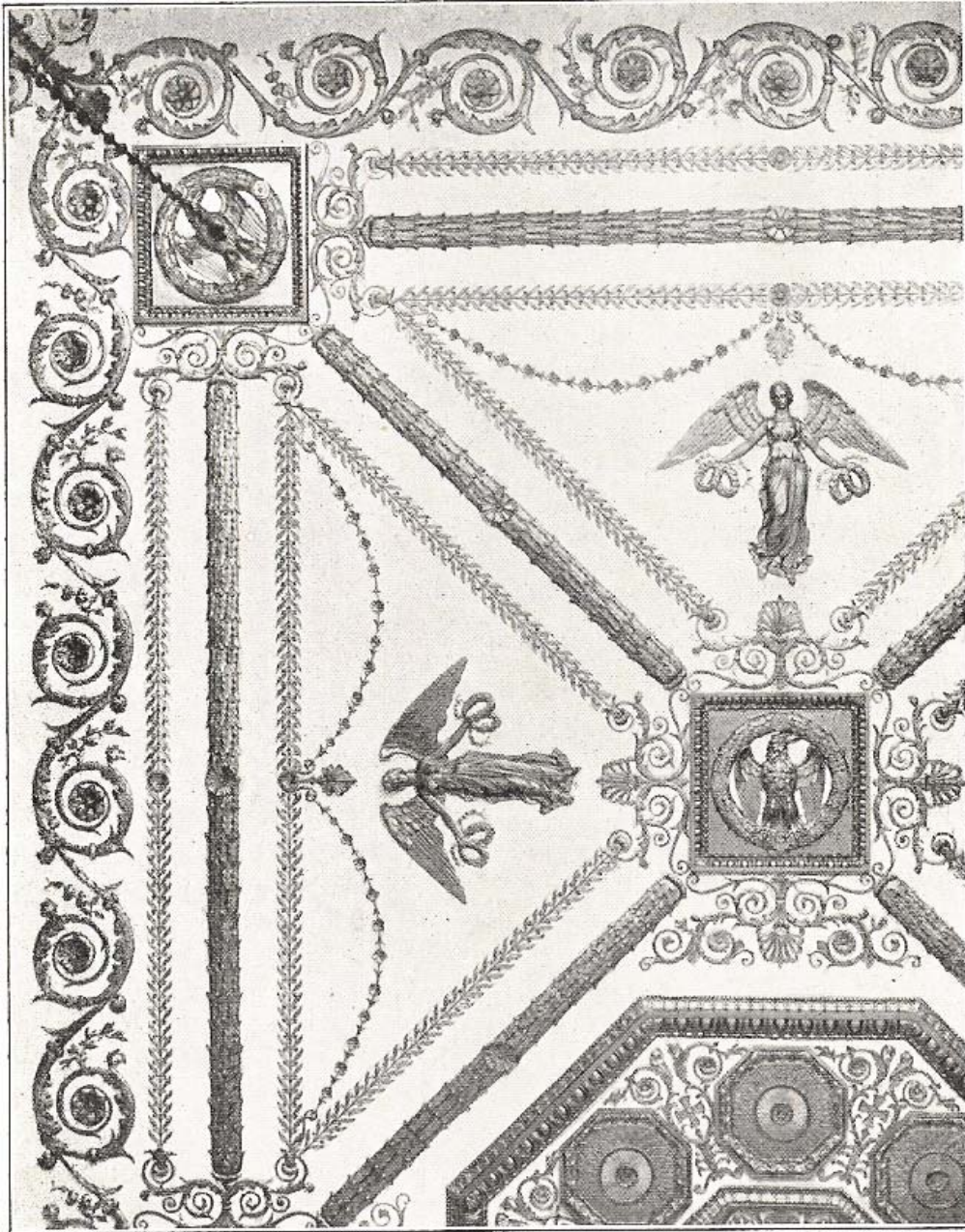


Fig. 23. — Cariatide
d'une cheminée.
Palais de Compiègne.

Empire



Plafond du salon des Saisons.
Hôtel Eugène de Beauharnais, rue de Lille, n° 78, à Paris.

Empire

Circa	WORLD STYLE	ENGLISH	FRENCH	GERMAN	AMERICAN
1550	Gothic	Elizabethan	Renaissance	Renaissance	Pilgrim
1610	Gothic	Jacobean	Renaissance	Renaissance	Pilgrim
1620	Gothic	Jacobean	Louis XIII	Renaissance	Pilgrim
1625	Baroque	Cromwellian	Louis XIII	Renaissance	Pilgrim
1650	Baroque	Commonwealth	Louis XIV	Baroque	Pilgrim
1660	Baroque	Restoration	Louis XIV	Baroque	Early Colonial
1690	Baroque	William & Mary	Louis XIV	Baroque	Early Colonial
1715	Baroque	Queen Anne	Rengence	Baroque	William & Mary
1725	Rococo	Queen Anne	Louis XV	Baroque	William & Mary
1730	Rococo	Queen Anne	Louis XV	Rococo	Queen Anne
1740	Rococo	Chippendale	Louis XV	Rococo	Queen Anne
1750	Rococo	Chippendale	Louis XV	Rococo	Chippendale
1760	Neo Classic	Chippendale	Louis XV	Neo-Classicism	Chippendale
1790	Neo Classic	Hepplewhite	Louis XVI	Neo-Classicism	Federal
1795	Neo Classic	Sheraton	Directoire	Neo-Classicism	Federal/Hepplewhite
1800	Empire	Sheraton	Empire	Empire	Federal/Sheraton
1815	Regency	Regency	Restauration	Biedermeier	Federal/Neo Classic
1830	Eclectic Style	Regency	Louis Philipps	Biedermeier	Late Federal
1840	Eclectic Style	William IV	Louis Philipps	Biedermeier	Empire
1860	Eclectic Style	Victorian	2nd Empire	Revivale	Victorian
1880	Arts & Crafts	Arts & Crafts	3rd Republic	Jugendstil	Vict. / Arts & Crafts
1900	Art Nouveau	Edwardian	Art Nouveau	Jugendstil	Art Nouveau/Mission
1930	Art Moderne	Edwardian	Art Moderne	Art Moderne	Art Deco

French Provincial Style

Copied Louis XV styles

Less costly than the Parisian styles

Biedermeier Style

1815 – 1845

German and Austria reaction to English and French Rococo styles

Copied Empire Style

Comfortable

Beautiful woods with little ornament











