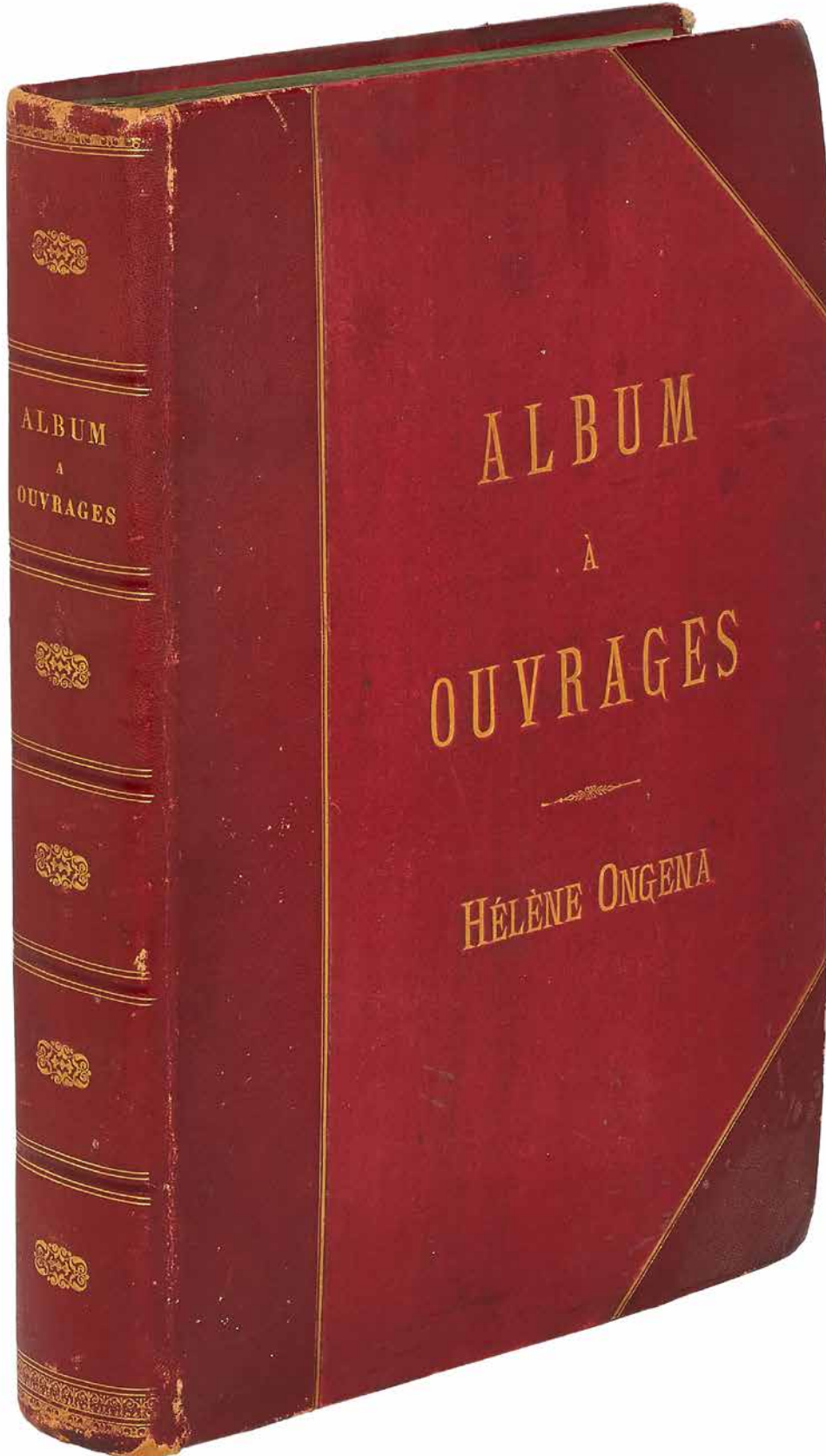


Hélène Ongena

Album à Ouvrages [A Fine Crochet Lace Sample Portfolio, circa 1880]

[France: circa 1880s]

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Large folio (18¾" x 13½"). Three quarter dark red morocco and red cloth over boards, gilt spine with six compartments, titled in gold on the front board and spine, white silk moiré endpapers. A handsome late 19th century French album with 75 mounted crochet lace specimens, from the hand of Hélène Ongena. The examples include dresses, bonnets and bibs designed for a newborn infant, and numerous other examples of intricate lace borders and other designs, including several in multiple colors, and several also with ribbons, tassels, and other elaborate raised woven elements. The samples are neatly and loosely sewn into place on thick blue paper leaves. Some display toning and modest staining, but all appear intact and mostly very good or better, in a very good album with scattered foxing to the paper leaves and light scuffing to the edges and corners. A truly accomplished and pleasing gathering of work.

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