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THE ROYAL MARRIAGE. – It will probably be in the recollection of some of our readers that on the occasion of the marriages of the Princess Louis of Hesse and the Princess of Wales, our townsman, Mr. E. JOYCE of Union-street, was honoured with the Royal commands, and on those occasions supplied some beautiful toilet glasses. We have the pleasure to announce that on the occasion of the marriage of the Princess Helena he has been similarly honoured and has designed and manufactured a very elegant toilet glass, which, under his superintendence, was on Wednesday last safely conveyed to the Royal chamber at Osborne. It was really a very beautiful piece of work, being an oval swing looking-glass of fine French polished Spanish mahogany and gold, elaborately carved in oak and ivy, orange blossoms, and lilies of the valley, with carved centre of oak leaves, and the initial "H." The carving is sunk below the surface and gilt (more like die sinking), which has an exceedingly pleasing effect, this style of carving having been introduced by Mr. JOYCE on the two former occasions of his having been honoured with the Royal commands.

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