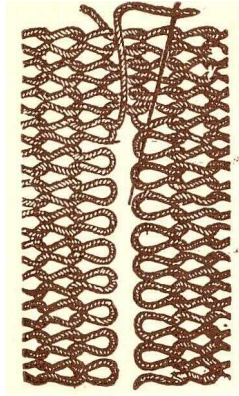



CLOSING-STITCH.

49. *Seaming toe (see Sock, page 19);*

1. Hold work with left hand, toe upward,
2. With open side of toe toward you.
3. Ravel out last round knit ; commence
4. On foot-side : continue ravelling the yarn,
5. Until the end is found, then ravel until
6. The yarn reaches the right-hand corner.
7. Break off yarn leaving three-quarters of a yard,
8. Which thread through a short darning-needle, or
9. Better still, through a wool-needle with blunt point.
10. The needle is passed through each stitch twice.
11. 1st, from outside inward, 2nd, from inside outward :
12. That is, 1st, take left half of old stitch inward,
13. Then take a new stitch from inside outward :
14. Commence at toe-side of right-hand corner.
15. Pass needle through first stitch on toe-side,
16. Then take an extra stitch by lifting a corner loop.
17. To fill up and close corner without a hole.
18. Pass needle through first corner stitch on foot.
19. Which will make three stitches on closing needle.
20. Draw the yarn through the stitches. See figure.
21. Pass the needle again, through the same toe-stitch,
22. From the outside of web, lifting left half of stitch,
23. Then pass it through a new, or the next toe-stitch,
24. From the inside of web, passing needle outward.
25. Draw the yarn through the stitch at the same time,
26. Press all upper or toe-stitches left of lifted stitch,



27. Between the fore-finger and thumb of left hand,
28. To prevent the stitches from ravelling or running down.
29. Pass the needle again through the same foot-stitch,
30. From the outside of web, lifting left-half of stitch.
31. Then pass it through a new or next foot-stitch,
32. From the inside of the web, passing needle outward,
33. Draw the yarn through the stitch at same time.
34. Press all under or foot-stitches left of lifted stitch,
35. Between left fore-finger and thumb, to prevent ravelling.
36. Each time a new stitch is being taken up,
37. Pass the finger and thumb over to the side,
38. From which the new stitch is to be taken, and
39. Hold the stitches on that side from ravelling out.
40. Repeat the operation until all stitches are lifted.

 *The above operation* properly done, will close the toe the same as if every stitch were knit. Should the stitches not come out evenly, take two stitches occasionally on one side and pass the needle backward and forward, through the work after lifting last stitch, to secure the yarn and give a good round finish to the last closing stitches.

50. *Press the toe* under a damp cloth with a hot iron, which will prevent the stitches ravelling, and make the closing very easily and quickly done. Closing can be learned more easily by using a piece of old knit web, in which the stitches have become firmly set.