

ble hook is all that is necessary. The toe is knit on the same side as the heel, and like the heel in every particular. When complete, knit two or three rounds with all the needles down, break the yarn and run the work off the machine.

CLOSING THE TOE

After the sock or stocking is run out of the machine, take a flat or sad iron and damp cloth and press the toe so as the stitches will lay out smooth. The sock will then appear as Fig. 3. Ravel one round or until the yarn is brought to the corner; thread the yarn on a darning needle; pass the needle through the first stitch from the UPPER SIDE, and through the opposite stitch from the UNDER SIDE, as seen in Fig. 4; draw the yarn through the stitches; now pass the needle down through the first stitch and up through the next one to it, as you see in Fig. 4; then on the opposite side take the stitch through which the yarn has already passed and the next in front of it, and so on each alternate side, take the last stitch in which the yarn was drawn, and the next in front until the toe is closed; this can be done very rapidly and neatly, so that it can not be distinguished from the other knitting. The damp cloth and hot iron will prevent the stitches raveling back easily.

CLOSING THE TOE ON THE MACHINE

Set up one half the needles, raise the other half as in knitting a heel; knit an inch or so of web, now break the yarn, and attach a thread of common sewing cotton, and knit five or six rows, break the cotton and attach the yarn intended for the sock, or stocking at the first needle, and knit from six to eight rows; now raise the last needle through and knit back again and raise the last needle through and continue same as in knitting a heel until you are back where you started from, and all the needles you started with are in operation; knit back and forth as often as you did before you began to narrow. Now take off the set-up and weights and push down the other half of the needles and place the first row of stitches after the cotton on the other half of the needles, being sure you get each on its proper needle. Now cut off the cotton and draw out the cotton thread, attach the heel hook to the centre of the web, put on the weights and proceed to knit foot and heel as in the ordinary way. The top of the leg may be finished with a crochet hook so as to prevent raveling. The space left at the side of the toe can be closed as in Fig. 6.