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at the top is to draw the loops the same length as the ends and then knot them

No one can be healthy who wears tight shoes and high heels. The tight shoes impair the circulation, while the high heels strain the muscles of the back and cause nervousness. The sensible shoe has a low, flat heel.

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will save you scrubbing the table.

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Betty Seers, Understudy

By ETHEL BARRINGTON

Copyright, 1905, by Ethel Barringto "Will nothing change you?" Bob Deering's voice was almost tragic, but

it made little impression on Betty, "I've signed a contract!" she cried, waving the document before his bewildered eyes. "I am to report for rehearsal next week. I'm an understudy. That is the technical term. I play when the leading woman doesn't."
"It seems so—so indecent that you should work when I am simply foolish with money. Consider what a cad I

must feel, consider"-"Bobby, you are the dearest of chums, but you are dense at times. A girl could not marry for money!" "It's not unheard of," suggested Deer-

ing.
"I'm thinking of nice girls—myself,

" asked you while you had plenty,"

he affered by way of excuse.

"If course you did. You always de the correct thing. But I refused you, so to would look mercenary to take you now. Bob, you must understand. It is a sort of crisis with me. I want to work, to be self supporting. Father's death and our other losses ought to make a woman of me. I shall not be less desirable then if some day"-

"I hope the time will come before work and disappointment eat the sunshine out of your heart!" And Robert



"I MUST APOLOGIZE UNDER THE CIRCUM

Deering, multimillionaire, went home convinced that at times money is a drawback.

When George Seers, Betty's fathe had died suddenly no one had su pected that he was financially crippled. But such had proved the case. His widow had found berself bereft of everything, but she had cared only as it had affected her daughter. had mered into a tiny flat and prac-ticed rigid economy. Mrs. Seers had believed it only a passing phase for. Betty. Deering's devotion was well known, and she approved of him.

Then suddenly Betty had announced her determination to join the army of independent women and become wage earner. She had kept her plans to herself, fearing that her efforts might prove fruitless. As an amateur actress she had won recognition, so, maturally, it was to the stage that she turned in her need. After anxious days of uncertainty she obtained the coveted contract. She was engaged at a small salary to understudy a prominent actress, then playing a successful engagement in the city. "Fust think, Muzzie, could anything

be easier? Night and matines I re-port, one hour before the play, remain awhile and then come home, earning thereby on Saturdays a fat envelope to meet the bills."

"You are such a featherbrain. You will tire of work and lose Bob with your whims."

Betty made a grimace. "Do you think I could? I'd appreciate him more if I believed it pessible. Bob is

more if I believed it possible. Bob is so hopelessly—mine."

The next week Betty's occupation began. In the morning she attended rehearsal and spent long hours in being drilled and coached by an trascible stage manager. In the afternoon she studied by herself, When she had mastered the lines perfectly she commenced reporting at each performance. At first she felt her importance. But as the weeks passed into months, and the leading woman remained unnaturally healthy, doubts of her own userulness discouraged the girl. The only comfort was the "envelope." She missed her friend and—Bob. She had not seen or heard anything of him in two months.

One afternoon as she brooded over

months.

One afternoon as she broaded over these things Deering entered as though there had been no lapse of time.

"Oh, Bob—Bob"— If Deering had absented himself for a purpose it was answered in Betty's glad cry. He looked supremely happy.

"Now you just must come to dine with he," he declared. The invitation was accepted. Deering, Betty and her mother were soon seated at a cosy table in a fashlonable hotel.

"How good, it tastes," cried Betty. "If's so long since I've really dined." Her spirits ran riot, her eyes grew bright as they had not been for days.

Oeering beamed with satisfaction. They talked sense as though it were aonsense, and nonsense seriously, both ridiculously happy.

"I've a box for Mrs. Fiske. You will both come?"

"After reporting," agreed Betty, re-

"Report what? Where?"

"At the theater. I'm understudy, you know. But it won't take long. I go about 7 or half past."

"Seven or half past," repeated Deering. "Well, it's too late now!"
"What will they say"— Befty hesitated.

"Nothing. Just tip the doorkeeper to say you called."

"Doorkeeper! It's the stage mana-ger, and he is a bear."

What harm could it do to miss one night when she had reported for months?

Months?

After the theater they went to supper. Betty had long forgotten everything but the passing moment. A friend stopped to exchange greetings.

"And where have you been tonight?" incurred Batte.

inquired Betty,
"Nowhere. Had tickets for the—
but the leading woman was taken sud
denly ill, and they closed the theater
Jolly strange they had no understudy!" Then, bowing, he rejoined his friends.

"Oh, oh," gasped Betty when she could get her breath, "the understudy is here!" Then she laughed hysterical "I a business woman! And at the first taste of pleasure I forgot every thing!"
"It's my fault," protested Deering

contritely.
"The manager won't recognize your responsibility, and he never gave you

responsionity, and we never gave you an envelope"—
"A what?"
"They'll discharge me! What shall I do?" There were tears in Betty's eyes.
"Enter into another engagement," suggested Deering promptly, "one where you can't get your notice, where you won't be understudy, but the real

The next day the manager sat at his desk when the office boy brought him a card. "Send her away. I'm busy," commanded the manager angrily. "But it's most important," pleaded Betty, slipping past the boy. "I don't

suppose you will forgive me"—
"It was so unprofessional that I have
nothing to say, Miss Seers."
"Mrs. Deering." interpolated Betty—
"Mrs. Robert Deering." The name was

well known. The manager turned to "You see, my husband"-Betty almost tripped on the word-"feels it was his fault. We were married last night. His lawyer will settle whatever monetary loss you sustained. He thinks I'm cheap at that price. But for my-self I must apologize. Under the cir-

"I wish you every happiness," said the manager gallantly.
"Thanks!" cried Bob, appearing

the doorway. "I want to shake hands too. Her fear of you won me my maiden was put into the gunny sack and, unable to move or scream, felt herself being carried down a flight of stairs, put into a buggy and then driven down the street. Ineffectually she tried to release herself from the gag. Alas; she was bound too securely Finally the conveyance stopped. She

was again carried into a building, fainting and gasping for breath. The sack was taken from her head. The sack was taken from her head. The villain, still masked, took the gag from her mouth, her eyes gleaming like coals of fire through his black mask, released her and hissed through his tightly clinched teeth: "There, my pretty bird, scream and yell as loud as you like; no human ear will ever reach you. You are in my power. Do you hear—to-tally within my power!" "Where am I?" she gasped. "In a store that never advertises," was the cruel response. "Alas, alas!" she moaned. on earth can save me; no one will look for me here." And the poor girl faint-ed.—Red Creek (N. Y.) Herald.

A judge in a certain court has his own quick way of getting into the heart of a case. The following is told

heart of a case. The following is told as a true story:

The lawyer for the plaintiff had just unished presenting his argument, and as he mopped his brow and set down the judge stared at him admiringly with wide eyes and open mouth. Then he turned to the other lawyer, who had risen to his feet.

"Defendant needn't plead. Plaintiff wins," he shouted.

"But, your honer," protested the lawyer, "let me at least present my case."

"The judge looked weary. "Well, go ahead," he grunted. So the lawyer for the defendant went shead, When he had finished the judge anead, when he had missed the judge looked at him, too, with wide eyes and open mouth, "Don't it beat the Dutch," he ex-claimed. "Defendant wins."—New York Post.

Why They Did Not Work.

A university professor, wishing to study the tramp question during a summer tour through England, interviewed 2,000 wandering beggars, whom he questioned as to why they did not support themselves by work. Six hundred and fifty-three said they were willing to work, but could not obtain employment; 445 gave vague, unsatisfactory answers; 301 expressed the orinion that no one ought to be obliged to work, but if some fools did so they (the vagrants) considered they were justified in living on them; 407, according to their own statement, were proceeding to procure work at certain faroff localities, and the remaining 194, having expectations, were living in hope until their relations should die and leave them money. and leave them money.



Champion Sneezer.

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The prize offered was \$5 and a silk

The prize offered was \$5 and a silk handkerchief, and the competitors were permitted to make use of any desired means to bring on the sneezing fit, s pound of the best snuff being provided by the committee,

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The first to fall by the wayside was

to sneeze after sneeze.

The first to fall by the wayside was a rather youngish woman, who was led from the room with streaming eyes and reddened nose some five minutes from the start. There was no other break for ten minutes after that, but at the start that the twenty seventh minute the end of the twenty-seventh minute the fifth staggered out into the fresh air check the convulsive atchoos, and

to check the convuisive attacoos, and the match was won.

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