

ing down with a hot iron. When it is necessary to press cloth on the right side, a piece of some thin material should be laid on it to prevent its being injured by the iron. A patch put on in this way is almost invisible.

DARNING (PLAIN, ETC.)

Before beginning to darn a stocking (or indeed anything else) take a needle and fine cotton and bring the loops or threads as nearly as possible to their proper place, and draw them gently together on the right side. Then on the inside of the stocking begin the darn about half an inch beyond the hole. Stockings can be mended in three different ways: the first and most usual is the plain darn; then they can be grafted; or they can be mended by the stocking-web darn.

After the hole has been drawn together as closely as possible, without giving a puckered appearance, begin the darn on the wrong side about half an inch every way beyond the worn part. Hold the work across the first and second fingers of the left hand, point the needle from you, and take up and leave down a thread alternately; leave a loop at the end of the row, and begin to darn with the needle pointed towards you, taking up the threads