



V.—HER FIRST POSITION

In which Kitty performs her duties as "Number 37" in the handkerchief department of the enormous emporium. Not being used as yet to the manners of the Metropolis, she is at loss to understand the tittering of the other ladies-in-waiting on her highness, Queen Shopper. She waits on an old lady with kindness and courtesy natural to her, and Liz, Mayme and Sadie observe our heroine with open amusement as she goes to the absurd extreme of helping the venerable and stiff-fingered lady to pack away her parcels in her handbag. No doubt if Kitty had been a lady-in-waiting as long as her companions, she, too, might have become hardened in that underpaid employment.