

# Sprechen Zie Espanol, Heh? Or Are Yours Ready-Made?

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Tlaccz sur le pli en longueur du tissu. Sure, then colocar a lo largo del coblez de tela. And after that, just place on lengthwise fold of fabric, cross your fingers and cut.

Get it? Great fun this sewing. Spring's almost here and needleitis is setting in. It's sort of a woman's desire to create and try a new type of shopping . . . yard goods, thread, bias binding, skirt tape, buttons, a zipper.

Next, of course, there's a need for shoes, matching handbag, a hat. Yes, sewing is great fun.

For the experienced seamstress, hemming it up and stitching it down is the smart thing to do. But what about the well-meaning fem who sews and sews and ends up so and soing?

EVER MEET the talented tailor with an expensive foreign sewing machine, a special table, a special lamp, a special chair and yards and yards of ruffles? Seems that's what the salesman taught her how to do and because she can't change the presser foot, it'll be more yards and yards of ruffles . . . until the next lesson.

And, oh, yes, the bobbin bell who completes the tricky lengthwise seam of a drape only to find that little wheel underneath was out of thread several miles back. Does that get you? But oh, the selfcontrol that is accomplished from such an incident.

THEN THERE's the antique lover who is determined to make that old treadle machine do the job of the modern day genius. If

Grandma could do it, so can she. But little does she know that the



Color and Contrast

Color and contrast keynote the spring styles in hats, as reflected here in a dressy model, in which the narrow brim is edged with dark grosgrain to match band. Knox.

dear kiddies have been running it without material.

She can stitch on that treadle just like Gram. After yanking a solid ball of tightly-woven thread from below the needle, that is.

PROGRESSING TO the more developed stage, another young woman sighed relief when she completed the last seam.

Try it on now, dear. My goodness, all lines perfect . . . ah . . . except the rear one . . . ahem . . . stitched on the wrong side? And the kick-pleat's reversed? Titea titch.

And you matched plaids? More fun! Oh well, only three weeks' suit to get bifocals for those blood shot eyes.

ALL THAT GOES amiss is not always a result of needlework. Sometimes pins take a toll. Ever stand in a much too big outfit while a friend pinned the darts? "There, all done," she says as you pull off the garment.

Cool isn't it?

It only takes a few minutes to unpin it from your slip but it's the iodine on your midriff scratches that really hurt.

PERHAPS the most amazing aspect of sewing is watching the deft work of a confident seamstress. It looks so easy.

In fact, saw a pattern the other day. It had the neatest neckline. Wonder if it would be more strik-



Pattern Interest

The Continental suit takes on pattern interest in the new Spring-weight wool fabrics. Checks (as above) and plaids will predominate.

ing in black chiffon . . . or taupe burlap . . . thing I'll check at noon . . .

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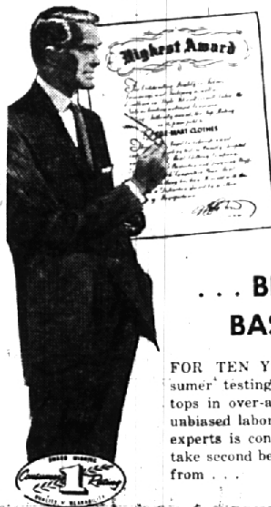


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