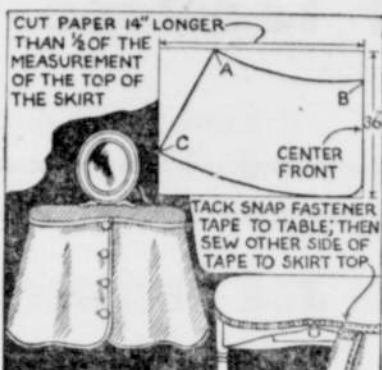


A Flared Skirt for Your Dressing Table

HOW to cut a flared dressing table skirt without fullness at the top, is something worth knowing. You may be making a smartly tailored affair of white pique with pink bindings and buttons, like the one shown here; or an under lining for a full skirt of transparent material.

The diagram shows how to make a pattern for half of the skirt. The center



front may be placed on a fold of the goods in cutting if there is no front opening. Cut the paper by the dimensions in the diagram. Mark point A in 14-inches from the upper left corner. Measure up from the lower right corner a distance equaling the length of the skirt from A to the left edge of the paper and mark point C. Connect these points with line drawn, as shown.

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Distance Dims Reality Of Europe's Need of Aid



Well-Being of U. S. in Contrast to Bleak Ruins of Old World; Trials of Nazis Point Up Evils of Militarism.

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Back in this beautiful country where houses have roofs, furnaces have coal and larders have food in them, and cigarettes are thrown away half-smoked, I find it hard to realize that what I saw in wrecked and aching Europe is other than an ugly nightmare.

For that reason I am less stunned by the American attitude which borders on indifference as to what happens across the Atlantic. Less stunned, yes. Not less alarmed. When you walk among the ruins it never occurs to you that Americans who are the most generous, the most sentimental and kindly people in the world, who will empty their pockets for famine-stricken, flood-drenched, fire-swept folk from Murmansk to Cape Horn, are not willing and anxious to help rebuild what others have torn down. Last winter people died of exposure inside their own homes in the city of Paris. This winter will be worse for vast sections of many European countries. Trees have been cut down and burned for fuel, clothing has been worn out, bedding has been refashioned into crude garments, the flapping sheets of canvas which patched bombholes in the roof have been shredded by the wind and sleet.

But all that is far away. Far away from me and I find that when I lean back and look up from my keyboard at the tip of the Washington monument, hazy as it is in the distance, it appears a real, living and adjacent thing, compared to the scenes of which I was a part such a short time ago. The things I saw with my eyes, the voices I heard, the emotions I felt seem so unreal now that they form only a strange shadow-show in the recesses of my mind.

How, then, can you and I, going about our business, reading a few lines in newspapers and periodicals, listening to a husky voice on the radio, seeing the quick flash of events in the newsreels of these distant folk, realize that we are still, as we were in the days of Cain and Abel, our brothers' keeper?

Seek to Curb Aggressive War

Since I returned, the question asked most often of me concerning the Nuernberg trials is the very same one the Germans asked me before the trials began: "Why don't they shoot those rats and get it over with?" (To the Germans the prisoners are the men who led them to bondage and defeat.) And so I have to repeat, wearily, with the realization that most people have missed the whole point of the trials, that the miserable prisoners in the dock, despite the fact that their names were once blazoned across the world as the arch-infamous of history, are unimportant. That it is far more important to convict in open court, through due process of law with all the voluminous evidence, the ideas for which a Goering, or a Keitel or a Von Papen, or a Schacht, stood, than to convict the men themselves.

That is the purpose of the trials which are dragging their slow, democratic length across the pages of current history: to convict the prisoners as conspirators in the planning and the carrying out of aggressive warfare; to establish in the law we recognize, that such warfare is illegal.

Many lawyers quibble over the technicalities of the process but I think when this case is studied in the perspective of history, it will be clear that the creation of the precedent which it seeks to establish is worth all the time and money and effort which has been expended upon it. The law makes precedents as well as follows them. This precedent, if established, will serve as the foundation stone in a structure of collective security, a structure we cannot build as long as we are blind to the evil of a nation's deeds, which we accept as a crime when they are done by the individual.

I reported in my first article from Nuernberg that there was doubt that certain of the prisoners could be convicted, that the military leaders might escape on the slender excuse that they merely obeyed or-

ders, the minor sub-humans like Streicher because they were too small to be caught in the meshes of an all-enveloping law. Since then the prosecution has shown how all these men were deeply involved in the vicious plot and counterplot of Nazidom whose prime purpose was aggressive, predatory war itself.

Why didn't we shoot the conspirators in the first place and be done with it? Because we wished to show to the world that democratic nations can put behind them the law of the jungle, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. Because we wish to demonstrate that we, the conquerors, do not intend to invoke the law of the conqueror—"victor, volentes per populos, dat dura"—that we believe in the dignity of man and are willing to give that spark of manhood a chance to be judged by his peers, that we do not believe that two wrongs make a right or that that right is implemented by might alone.

Must Reform German Mind

The battle of the democracies is not a fight of body against body, it is a fight of mind against mind. The democratic concept which is based on the teachings of the Christian religion must triumph unless the world be divided forever into a race of fighters and a race of slaves. The long task ahead of us in Germany is the re-forming of the German mind. That will take the patience of the teacher, not the skill of the fighter. If we are unwilling to spend the money and the time and make the sacrifices necessary to re-mould the German mentality, that mentality will be used by others who know only too well how to channel it back into the ways of the warrior.

It is no trick to kill Nazism, that itself is unpalatable to those who have borne its yoke. The Germans are sick of it for it brought them only defeat. But Nazism was only a local affliction of the German people. Their chronic ailment is militarism. It will take a long and patient schooling to remove that poison from their blood and to transmute its power, its sacrifice, its stubborn energy into the constructive forces without which Europe cannot survive nor live at peace with its neighbors.

As I look back on the efforts which were made by the United States military government to exploit the trials as a means of developing an understanding of democracy in Germany, I feel that they have missed a remarkable opportunity. As far as I know at this writing, the speech of Justice Jackson, which explained the purpose of the trials and convicted Nazidom out of its own mouth, is yet to reach the Germans in full text. It is exceedingly difficult for the Information Control division (former OWI) to take any positive steps over and beyond the established institutions which they created before the lid was clamped down (the few established American published magazines, the one newspaper, the news service and the radio). However, the speech will eventually be translated and appear as a brochure which will be sold at a low price and will be greedily absorbed like every other piece of reading matter in the book-hungry Reich.

Nor was the trial properly covered by the German newspaper men. After a long argument an arrangement was finally permitted whereby a certain number of seats—eight at first—were assigned to German newspaper men. They were never all filled while I was there. The explanation was that transportation was difficult for Germans. News men were furnished with permits to travel but they weren't furnished with jeeps, or space in a bouncing truck, or seats on the overcrowded trains. They were left to fight it out for themselves. And believe me, there is no room for a "kraut" on a vehicle if anyone else wants the space and if he does get a seat, what will he eat? There is no food available for the itinerant ex-enemy. The authorities should have seen to it that every German newsman for whom space at the trials was available was occupying that space. And he wouldn't have needed a second invitation.

BARBS... by Baukhage

Careful checking by American authorities have revealed that most anti-Nazis come from homes where the father is either dead, an invalid or dominated by his wife.

Fatal home accidents have been decreasing for more than a decade, which when we think of crossing the street, makes us believe there is no place like home.

The Twentieth Century fund says that in 1942 half our farmers received only 12 per cent of all farm money income.

The Dean of Canterbury, England, after visiting America, said we were 100 years behind Europe—and from what I have seen of Europe recently I hope we'll stay that far behind.

Veterans' SERVICE BUREAU

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Speed of Discharge

Apropos of the confusion existing in the minds of both members of the armed services and civilians, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower testified before a joint meeting of the house and senate January 15 that all men in the army with two years' service would be on their way out by July 1, 1946. He further said that veterans and civilians who are now complaining have no reason to expect discharge for another three or four months under the original demobilization program set up by Gen. George C. Marshall as chief of staff.

Although further cut in number of points eligible for discharge may come within the next few weeks, as of January 15, discharge points necessary for the army remains at 50 for enlisted men and 70 for officers.

General MacArthur has announced that the point score for men under his command is 48 for enlisted men and 68 for officers. These figures apply to all who had earned that number of points as of September 2, 1945. It is pointed out at the war department that each theater commander has the authority to reduce the point score for discharge.

War department heads agree that discharge of veterans is proceeding at a rate that is too fast for the efficiency and safety of the army and replacements are not coming fast enough although training of replacements has been cut from 17 to 13 weeks.

Questions and Answers

Q. I was discharged from the regular army in January, 1944, and now I would like to put in another hitch, but because of a paragraph in my discharge papers am unable to. It reads: "Is not recommended for re-enlistment, induction or re-induction. Sec. 8, AR 615-360." How can I have this fixed and reenlist?—Reader, Albertville, Ala.

A. Section 8 of army regulations to which you refer means that you are unfit for military service and will not be accepted, according to the war department.

Q. What does a man in the army get discharge points for? If married, but no children, is the wife considered a dependent? Are any discharge points allowed for her?—Mrs. B. J. D., Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

A. Discharge points in the army are allowed for service in this country and overseas, for minor children (not more than three) and for decorations or battle stars. A wife is considered a dependent in so far as family allowance is concerned, but not for discharge points.

Q. I heard any one in service under 20 years of age can get a discharge to attend school even if he hasn't enough points. Is this true?—Mrs. O. S., Lewistown, Ill.

A. No discharge is granted to permit a man under age to attend school. He may go to school at the army institute in this country or to any one of the courses which have been instituted overseas.

Q. We are the parents of two boys who served their country, one three years in the army, the other almost four years in the navy. The father is 53 and mother, 49. We do not own any property and live in one of the boy's home. The father worked at a saw mill and made 50 cents an hour. When the boys went into service, we thought if we could get by without starving we would not draw from the government on them. We had one single girl in school and one 13-year-old boy in school. We did get by and did not starve, but it took every cent to do so and keep the two in school. Would it have been dishonest to have drawn on one of the boys? If not, could we get it yet? They are both honorably discharged.—Mr. and Mrs. P. H., Valley Head, Ala.

A. It certainly would not have been dishonest for you to take an allotment from one or both of your boys for the allotment would have been entirely voluntary on their part out of their pay and the amount they voluntarily set aside for you would have been matched by the government. You cannot get it now, since they are discharged.

Q. My husband had war bond allotments taken from his pay which he received when he was discharged at Indiantown Gap, Pa. Would like to know where to write, since he has not received his bonds.—Mrs. W. W. R., Millmont, Pa.

A. Write to the war bond division, U. S. army, 4300 Goodfellow blvd., St. Louis 20, Mo.

Q. If a man has enough points for discharge is there any way a regular navy man can be released if he hasn't served his full six-year enlistment?—Wife, Duluth, Minn.

A. The navy says, "No."

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A General Quiz

1. A shark has no bones. Of what is its skeleton composed?
2. What does the word esoteric mean?
3. What is the unit of lumber measurement called a board foot?
4. Greyhounds were first used by whom?
5. What sea has no shore?
6. What instrument is called the clown of the orchestra?

The Answers

1. A shark's skeleton is composed of cartilage.
2. Abstruse, marked by secrecy, confidential.
3. One foot by one foot by one inch.
4. The Pharaohs of Egypt, for hunting.
5. Sargasso sea (entirely surrounded by the Atlantic ocean).
6. The bassoon.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Washing rubber overshoes and galoshes in warm water in the washing machine cleans both the outside and the inside. This proves quite a protection to shoes.

When intending to leave unused a ball of crochet thread for any length of time, fasten the thread and to the ball with a bobby pin. Secured this way, it can't slip loose and ravel from the ball.

Here's a clever trick for lining the sleeves of your child's play coat. Cut the foot off an old cotton stocking, insert the part that's left into the sleeve, and whipstitch it in place at the wrist and shoulder. You'll be surprised how much warmth and comfort it gives.

If tumblers stick together, stand them in warm water and fill the inside one with cold water.

If the oven browns unevenly, perhaps the range is not level. Check on that by placing a full pan of water on the bottom rack, and fix it temporarily by placing strips of cardboard under the base on the low side.

Long Distance Swimmer Has Gone 15,000 Miles

The greatest distance swimmer of all time is Pedro Candiotti of Santa Fe, Argentina, who has been staging marathon swims since 1922, the most important being his annual attempt, never yet successful, to swim the 205 miles of the Parana river between Rosario and Buenos Aires, says Collier's.

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