



Ladies,  
Have  
You  
Heard?



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By Doris Thomas,  
Extension Home Economist

**Cost Of Sewing Own Clothes  
Is On The Increase**

The price of sewing supplies seems to be going up, and some of the prices seem unreasonably high.

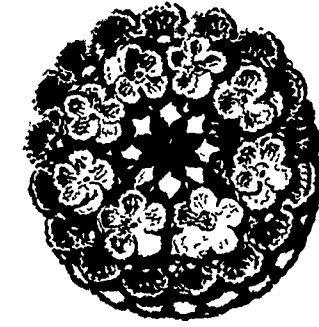
If the homemaker sews to save money she has to look for ways to economize. Why pay a dollar or more for a zipper when you can buy a similar one for twenty-five cents? She doesn't care if it's in a fancy package, and she surely doesn't need directions every time she buys a zipper.

Pattern prices keep going up all the time, too. Many women are using their favorite styles over and over again. It saves time, too, for once the pattern fits you can whip it up in a hurry without taking time to fit the dress.

There are lots of bargains in fabrics, but check them

carefully. You can usually cut around minor flaws with good planning. Check fabric widths, too. Some stores cut the wide knits in half, so when knits are advertised at low prices, you think it's a bargain until you realize you are getting only half as much for your money. The narrower widths may not cut to as good advantage either.

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But you'll find that buttons can cost more than the rest of the garment put together. That's why many women don't use them any more. Thread, too, costs more, but you can't do without it.

To make home sewing more economical, you have to be a careful shopper. Check so-called bargains carefully and watch for special sales on fabrics and notions at reliable fabric shops.

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You can find hundreds of cleaning products available — something for every object in your home — window and glass cleaners, tile cleaners, cleansers, detergents and waxes — to name just a few. There are so many that choice becomes confusing.

The technology that has made possible all these products has yet to discover a way to be sure homemakers use and store these products safely.

Most household cleaning products have directions for use

**Happy Homemaking**

By BARBARA BAKER

Washing a few undergarments along with some white cotton clothes helps to keep the yellow tint out.

Some authorities advise housewives to never put bleach on a garment containing an elasticized material.

An easy way to clean stainless steel flatware is to use a soap-filled scouring pad.

The problem of non-stick material flaking off a pan is due to heating and cooling the utensil suddenly.

An ordinary clothesline can be used for weatherstripping, but must be painted after being pressed into place

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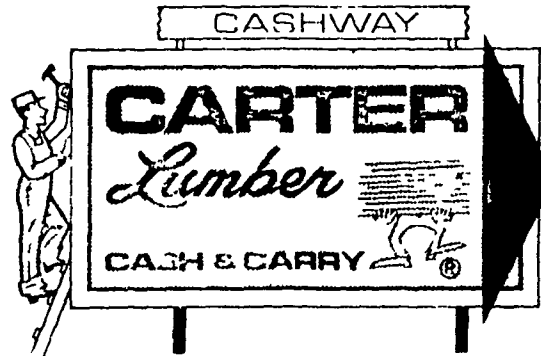
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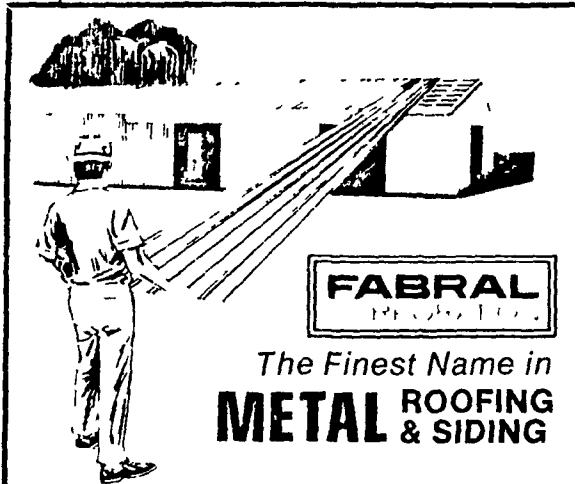
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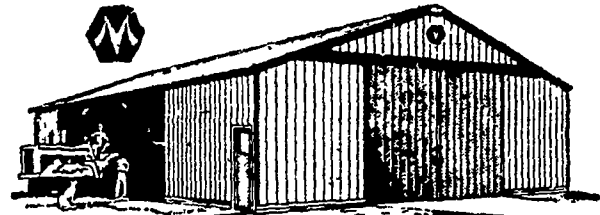
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