Woman's World Men's Discarded Suits Provide Material for Jackets, Skirts

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EVERY home has a clothes closet with a down-and-out suit that not quite worn enough to throw it or a dress that has passed out of fashion. Every "rag bag" has a piece of material in it which, properly treated, would solve the problem of trimming a dress or making a smart hat or bag.

On the other side of the picture, there is no such thing as the woman or her daughter who has a large enough clothes budget to buy all the wearables which their hearts desire. However, armed with a pin and needle, sewing machine perhaps, a dyeing dish, and a little ingenuity, every woman can make rapid strides toward creating the wardrobe she wants.

In many homes right now, there are a number of men's suits which are not suitable for wear just as they are. Big brother, who has been in the service, finds he has put on both inches and pounds and his old clothes do not fit. Or, dad wants something new and snappy in a suit, and decides the old blue serge suit will not do for another season, This suit, then, is fair game for remodeling.

Clean It First. Before any actual cutting and sewing can be started, the garment should be washed or cleaned depending on the fabric. Woolens may be washed in warm soapy suds and then dried in a warm place. If you fear shrinkage, dry cleaning is always safe. Then the seams should be carefully ripped, either with a small scissors or a razor. They may also be unravelled, but in any case, care should be taken to prevent pulling threads in the fabric or small holes which might make it unusable. Careful pressing is also important. If the suit is cleaned at home, it should be laid on the ironing board as smoothly as possible, then covered with a damp cloth-cheese cloth or muslin will do-and pressed with a fair-



ly warm iron.

If You Have a Worn-Out Man's Suit . . .

This preparation might seem like serve the lines of the material and will simplify recutting. The material will also be in long pieces and will be easier to piece together. A boy's or man's suit can be

clearly fashioned into a blazer jacket for daughter, and the pants may be used for a wrap-around skirt for mother or daughter. The jacket will probably need few alterations. In some cases it will be necessary to rip it apart to cut down for size, but this is easily

Contrasting Trimming. Now, here's how the jacket is fin-ished into a blazer. A tape of contrasting color is selected for trimming. This is piped around the collar and down the front. If there are pockets, these may also be trimmed

with the tape. What about the color? If the suit is navy, brown or black, don't fuss; just use a bright colored trim. If it is any other color, take it out with color remover, and dye it navy, brown, dark or kelly green, or bright red.

The trousers, when ripped, can be pleced together for a nice, trim skirt. This may be gored or plain in the back, and it will have an opening in the front to the side. The end of the skirt that will be wrapped on top is fringed by the



Cuff Bonnet

Homes This Way, Please

more staggering results using his

wonderful lamp than a shopper can

Even a man who thinks he has

thing yells for an aspirin when he

floor for bungalows, villas, du-

We joined the shopping rush at

one of the big stores selling homes

the other day. It was terrific. We

lost a rib in the hall of a cottage

for two, got a dislocated shoulder

between the bath and the kitchenette

of a country home and had our

shins barked in the patio of a demi

tasse residence marked down to

\$4,998 from \$5,000 (only one to a

You may think the women folks

are tough when in search of nylons

but you haven't seen unnecessary

roughness until you see them with

their boy friends determined to find

out which department store is of-

fering the hottest sale of bargain

An embattled shopper in the

Christmas rush trying to grab the

last bottle of perfume is a mildly

aggressive foe compared to a wife,

mother or sister out to find the best

buys in kitchenettes, guest rooms,

Some of the hardest looks we ever

saw exchanged between human be-

ings we saw exchanged between two

recent brides claiming an inspection

priority on the threshhold of a 10,

Artificial trees, rocks, rills and

grass gave such an effect of reality

to the homes, that we sat on one

porch and complained to the floor-

walker that there was no sea breeze!

In the patio of the house in the

next alley, we heard a woman ask a salesman. "Haven't you some-

Be it ever so humble there is no

place like home, wrapped to be

Next elevator, please, for garages,

"I never lose a thing of mine,"

That is, she ought to add, unless

Those Old Buggies

a surrey top and was steered by a

lever which came out at right

Prior to that one, I rode as a kid

in a one-cylinder Selden. This had

wheels like a bicycle and the seats

were back to back and it was

steered with a tiller in the center.

inder) was driven with planetary

drive, which had a low and high speed, of course, and this was con-

pushed forward, was supposed to be

an emergency brake, but had no

ratchet to hold it and if you relied

Jack L. Desbecker.

And it makes a man a drunkard

"NOTICE. I wish the two snakes who paid me, a visit last Friday wouldn't pay me another. The rest of the turkeys are all promised. It takes two cheap guys to rob their own friend. Bill Exware, 62 Cedar street."—Tupper Lake Free Press.

That's telling the pesky var-

inside stuff

and I'm convinced I'll never note miles with his hands outside

kets of his coat.

idd great lines of the theater: Chief tion Holmes in "The Magnificent

I've looked both far and near

ertach ...

And is steppe.

The old model K-Winton (four-cyl-

angles from the side?

A woman oft will brag-

She puts it in her bag.

taken out or sent parcels post.

GOOD LOSER

thing with a better view?"

by 12 living room.

sun porches and picket fences.

customer).

domiciles.

get using the elevators.

basement.



This black off-the-face cuff bonnet s worn by Martha Vickers who is featured in "The Big Sleep." The hat has gold lace across the cuff and colored jewels are set in the lace. The black veil, laced with felt cords, ties in bows at the back.

simple process of unraveling an inch of the material. The skirt, of course, is set on a waistband which is an inch to an inch and a half in width. The wrapping may be secured with inside fasteners, or a giant safety, if daughter is going to use the skirt.

Dark Skirts Versatile. The dark color of men's suits will be particularly adaptable to skirts. for a dark skirt can be worn with almost any colored blouse. If you want to dye it, remove the color first, and concentrate on dark colors such as dark red, green or navy when re-dyeing. The deep colors such as those you find in clan plaids are favorites for a skirt of this type.

Vests are very popular for women this year. They may be worn with dresses, skirts or slacks. If the suit has a vest, it can be made smaller by ripping it apart, and then cutting down to fit. The vests from tweed suits need no re-dyeing as they will go beautifully with both skirts and slacks.

Darning the Garment. In patching, cut on the straight of the goods. Sew the patch on so crosswise yarns meet the crosswise yarns in the garment, and its lengthwise yarns meet lengthwise yarns. Patch a faded garment with a faded piece from a hem or a pocket so that it will match the

material. Yarns are well adapted to mending woolen material, especially small holes, tears and worn spots. If possible, use yarn unraveled from the same cloth the garment was made from, or raveled from the inside of a straight-cut seam or hem.

> Patching Pointers Shrink new fabrics before using

them to patch old garments. If this is not done, the patch may shrink and pucker later. Careful steam pressing makes

patches seem less noticeable. If ironing on woolen patches, cover with a damp cloth before ironing to prevent shine.

When you are buying material for a dress buy a half yard extraand make a wrap-around turban for yourself. This will give you

a hat to match the dress. Keep a small whisk broom handy for brushing clothes thoroughly before and after wearing. A small stiff brush is excellent for suede bags and shoes, felt

hats or suede gloves. The legs from an old pair of pajamas are excellent for an ironing board cover. Cut off the pajama leg and slip it over the board. Cover with the second leg and sew them at the ends.

Jumpers can be made from any simple dress and are an excellent wardrobe pepper-upper. To convert them, just rip out the sleeves, reshape the armseye and neck and finish the seams. Jumpers may be tailored or dressy, depending upon the blouse you wear most becom-ingly, and they are worn summer and winter.

Split seams in gloves are mended in the way they were originally stitched-whip or running stitch. On lapped seams, sewed close by machine, if there is not enough room for a seam, make blanket stitches along the edges of the ripped seam to strengthen it. Draw the edges together by over-handing through the blanket stitches. Conceal all thread ends

Fashion Notes

ed slim look in a soft gray plaid

Wide, round collars of pink or white pique make nice frost a simple, dark basic dress.

Pink print jackets are smart with solid black skirts for dress-up wear. This makes a nice ensemble for

In These United States

Girls, Here's a Husband— If You Can Milk 14 Cows

GRANTSBURG, WIS. - Arthur Birnstengel, a farmer, made a New Year's resolution to get married in 1946, but he's going to be careful which woman he picks. He insists that she This is la dizzy age. You can now be willing to help milk 14 cows, among the other small chores buy a home in a department store! a woman will find to do on a farm,

The mating matter began last And get the landscaping one flight up and the poultry house in the year when Birnstengel, a husky 44year-old farmer, found he was too busy operating his 610-acre farm to Alladin was a small time magiciar go courting. So he wrote his conby comparison. He couldn't get any gressman.

Rep. Alvin E. O'Konski was short on wives but long on advice. "Be sure she's honest," he replied. Artful Arthur advertised, "You must be honest," he said in his ad.

been everywhere and seen every-It was a relief, he said, to discover that there are 1,600 honest hears the elevator girl chirp "Sixth women in the world. They answered from New York to Chicago, from plexes, country estates and small

Georgia to Alaska. He isn't fussy. All he asks of a wife is that she must:

1. Be between 30 and 42 years old. 2. Not weigh more than his 195 pounds.

3. Be between five feet and five feet, eight inches tall. 4. Be truthful. (His congressman

said so.) 5. Not smoke or drink.

6. Be healthy.

7. Be friendly. 8. Not be a gold-digger.

9. Have a sense of humor.

10. Be willing to take good care of Arnie, his six-year-old son by former marriage.

11. Be willing to help milk 14 cows.



KEN'S IN BUSINESS

While he was soldiering in Iceland Kenneth Wickman of Pittsburgh decabanas, extra circular stairways, cided he'd go into business for himspare cellars and hanging gardens! self when he got out of the army. He bought an old school bus and turned it into a store, which he takes directly to his customers.

Filling Station Robbed 26 Times; Do you recall the one-cylinder Do you recall the one-cylinder Pierce-Arrow Motorette which had A World Record

BELAIR, MD.-The most burglarized service station in the world -26 times since Pearl Harbor-may get out of the rut after all. That's the hope, at least, of Wil-

liam H. Holmes who operates it at Stepney, two miles south of Aberdeen, reports the Harford Gazette. All of the robberies have occurred between the hours of midnight and trolled on a side lever. There was nine o'clock in the morning when a second side lever, which, when the station was closed. Now that the war is over, Holmes has hired Floyd Pitts, a returned serviceman, to operate the station during those fate-

The Thomas Flyer, which was built in my home town in Buffalo, was a very good car and most expensive. I remember the most expensive. I remember the most expensive to Holmes, about \$3,500 in money and goods has been taken. Some 14 arrests have been made by that time, with 10 convictions and pensive. I remember that one of them won a race around the world about \$1,000 in property restored.

in competition with two or three others, one of which was a Fiat. Holmes says people stop by to put air in a tire or fill a radiator late at night, and see the untended station. It has been a relatively easy place Vedka drinking in New York is to pilfer-almost an invitation to increasing. We never touch the stuff. Makes us see "Pinsk" eleburglary.

The worst headache of all has been that Holmes couldn't get burglary insurance after the first robbery. Since that time he has to stand all the loss himself.

One Language for All Declaring "the language barrier is severe one to international peace,' Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has proposed one internationally understood language to be taught in the schools of the world.

deer last fall with only a pocket knife as a weapon, tops the list of hunters this season, according to L. Benshoof, editor of the Detroit Lakes Record.

Grandpa Bags Deer

With Pocketknife

Grandpa Pretts' feat happened this way:

He was working inside his house one afternoon when he glanced out and saw three deer strolling leisurely between the house and the barn. Pretts grabbed his shotgun and went after them, but in the meantime the dog had started out after the animals and they broke into a gallop. He fired four shots, but failed to halt them.

A neighbor boy, who had been hunting, got on his bicycle and aided by the dog chased the deer onto the glare ice of the lake. The animals fell down and the ice was so slick they could not get up. Seeing their predicament, Grandpa went after them with his trusty jackknife, artistically cut their throats right there on the ice.

Pan Gold from Mud on Helena's Main Street

HELENA, MONT .- "Gold!" The magic word which gave Helena a 16-million dollar boom in the last century rang through the streets again when contractors were excavating for a building. Hopeful spectators lined up three and four deep but a boom was averted. Henry Kasman, a placer miner

poked out some of the dirt with his pick and panned it in icy water while Mayor John J. Haytin and others looked on silently. Pretty soon Kasman straightened

up, holding in his hand a tiny bit of black sand. "By gosh! It's gold all right,"

exclaimed the mayor. And everybody agreed-a dozen

small pieces of the precious stuff. A dredgemaster estimated the gold would run \$1.75 per square yard. But even for that much you don't

rip up the main street of a state capital. Everybody soon went home except for contractors who went back to work pouring cement over Helena's new gold strike.

More War Casualties: Oil-Soaked Sea Birds Perished by Millions

Oil and waterfowl don't mix, either. The department of the interior reports that "thousands of auks, murres, puffins, sea gulls and ducks" perished during the war.

The auks, murres and others were victims of oil on the sea "which penetrates the feathers and ruins them as waterproof coverings."



STILL JOHN BULL . . . Still look ing like an animated picture of the cartoonist's "John Bull," former Prime Minister Winston Churchill posed for photographers while he was vacationing in Florida. He smoked cigars, painted, rested and otherwise enjoyed himself.

'POCKET POOCH' Walter Ward, Philadelphia, who calls himself the vagabond poet, makes a hobby of picking up stray animals and gives them a home until such time as he can find the owner. The deg shown is Pec-Wee, one of the seven owned by Ward, who often travels in the overcont pocket of the vagabond poet. Once a joint owner of a boiler factory in New Orleans, Ward says he prefers the life of a peddler to that of a

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Chauncey Believed There Was a Time for All Things

The late Chauncey Mitchell Depew, who was a U.S. senator from New York, had a genius for afterdinner speaking which was universally acknowledged and admired, and as a result he was called upon to eat everywhere and with every manner of organization.

"Chauncey," remarked a friend, "I don't see how you can stand it. I should think it would give you dyspepsia. I suppose you can eat everything?"

"No," replied Depew, "there are two things I always positively refuse to eat for dinner." "And what are they?"

"Breakfast and supper," he re-



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druggist. Put this into a pint botile
and fill up with your syrup. This
makes a pint—a family supply. Tasks
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