

9. Twisting of thread may be removed by smoothing the whole length of thread between thumb and forefinger.

10. Never use bent, rusty or blunt needles. An emery bag may be used for sharpening and polishing needles.

11. Never leave a needle fastened in work. It may leave rust spots.

12. Baste all work carefully, having work flat on table or lapboard. Never pull edges; pat them into position, being very careful not to stretch the cut edges. Much poor work is due to lack of basting.

13. When removing basting, cut thread at intervals so that in pulling out the threads no injury to the garment will result.

14. Own a good pair of shears. It is a profitable investment, for good cutting is a large factor in the making of a perfect garment.

15. Have the wrong side of work neat and carefully finished. It is the wrong side of the garment that denotes the workmanship.

16. Always wear a sewing apron or spread a clean cloth over lap when sewing.

17. Wash hands just before beginning to sew and during the sewing if necessary.

18. "Fit the thimble you wear and wear the thimble you fit."

19. If hands perspire dust them lightly with cornstarch or talcum powder.

20. Have only those materials in the sewing box which are going to be used.

21. Before starting any piece of work, be sure to read thru all directions given.

USE AND CARE OF THE SEWING MACHINE

Study the instruction book which comes with the sewing machine as the operating, oiling and use of the attachments are all described in it. After learning how to properly thread the machine, practise stitching first on paper and then on cloth without threading the needle. Practise turning a corner. Stop