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The Tailor of a Battleship



Tailoring Shop of a Battleship

Every battleship in the U. S. navy has at least one sailor who is sufficiently proficient in the art of tailoring to be detailed for this work and have \$20 a month added to his regular pay. He is also allowed a helper, who is paid \$10 a month extra. The duty for which the government pays him this extra compensation is the changing of uniforms to make them fit the owners. He also has many opportunities for making still more money, some of which are the cleaning and pressing of the officer's clothes, repairing uniforms, and making new clothes.

The illustration shows a battleship tailor seated cross-legged behind his hand-operated sewing machine, which rests upon a low bench.