LATE spring finds Sally shopping madly to find something that has the zip of a spandy new style, an exciting color and will do double duty to slide from this season into the next. For beruffled cheering at the sidelines she is wearing red, white and blue to show patriotism. From the navy she has borrowed marine corps blue, naval insignia, anchors and middy blouses.

From the army she has stripes on her sleeve, eagles on her lapel, khaki tan and even a feminine replica of a Sam Brown belt, minus the gun. There's credit due the pilots too, for some of her novelty jewelry has taken to wings, and she has a helmet and goggles for sailboating or just for fun.

She needn't be caught short in play clothes this spring, for the new shorts are knee length. Denim pants roll up to the knee, and any kind of plaid skirt goes. Borrowed from the football season are the knee length trousers, complete with knee pads, for rough sports. Wear them with crew sweaters in bright or dark silk.

The new "bull fighter" shorts, designed at a New York art school by a former Iowa State student, Lynn Kimmel, Ex. '43, fit tightly to the knee, as the gladiators wore their's in the arena.

Bold colors run rampant in sport clothes, with two or three vivid hues in one costume. Slacks can be as wide as a skirt or pencil slim. One piece slacks are favored. Dashing short play skirts are coupled with undershorts of matching material.

Play shoes are going up in the world, with high platform soles, open-toes and open-heeled clogs. Sandals will be made from ducklike cotton, and can go in the Monday washing.

Tailored white will be popular for sports wear, with multicolored accessories to dress it up. Huge bags of hopsacking, or cotton knapsacks will do double duty for daytime and sports. Pouches come into their own...just clip the bag to your belt.

Kerchiefs are achieving as much popularity as going-away soldiers. Tie one around your waist, knotted in front, and match it with one tied around your neck. You can bare your midriff if you want to suntan in patches, but squared lines are the newest in necklines, straps, shoulders or hem.

Swimming suits look like short short dresses, but you can go near the water. The new panty-skirts are flattering to the figure. Gay rubber flowers may be worn on the bodice of the bathing suit but are detachable and can also be worn as a bracelet.

If you're concentrating on improving your stroke wear one of the new wool swim suits that has a hand knit look. The ribbed ones are smart on slim figures. Polka dots, of all sizes and colors, are adorning rubber and cotton swim suits, or shorts of any material.

Broomstick skirts are destined to dot college campuses, village streets, country clubs and beaches, for
they are the peasant fashion of the year. Their crinkled pleating is an Apache and Navajo Indian trick, achieved by tying them around a broomstick to dry after washing.

Cardigans fit snugly, and have short sleeves for summer. Unpressed pleats give full skirt lines. For rough and tumble wear there are new narrow peg-leg slacks. Longer length suede jerkins make the ensembles more tailored. Underneath your great-coat, you may wear a vest that matches your suit skirt.

Bundles for Britain aren't the only spring cast-ons. You'll cheer for the red, white and blue stripes blazing away on a long wool buttonless cardigan with short sleeves. You can slip it on over a plain-colored shirt-waist dress. On cool spring evenings you can slide into the new low-necked, double-breasted, nipped-in-at-the-waist knitted jackets. Classic pullovers are still tops for over the new shorts, especially boxy ones.

Softly tailored are all the smooth daytime ensembles for late spring and early summer. You can choose your own silhouette. Most of the shoulders are still squared, due to the military emphasis, but they are definitely narrower. Hip lines are gently swathed—the smartest dresses will be ninety-nine percent drapery. The soft fullness comes at the front, slim over the hips and at the back.

Printed tops and plain skirts make fetching combinations, especially when they are one-piece. Fabrics are pebbly, or smooth and dull. Skirts should have a wide band with low shirring.

Hip-length capes are catching up with the coats, especially when worn with poke bonnets. For spectator sports wear a derby hat tied on with a veil. It's back to the "duster" days for some of milady's headgear. You can keep a lot under your new hat. Some of them even feature collapsible brims, a boon to weekenders.

Huge brims sweep the field. There are brims irregular, brims triangular, and some of near shoulder-width proportions. If you don't want a sunshade, there are intricately draped turbans and pint-sized models available. Gay little hats that are mostly flowers and bits of ribbon held together by the huge enveloping veil can be bought for a song and will brighten life's dull moments.

Sailors are in the picture of course, but go back as far as the tam-sailors with four stars and a navy blue ribbon down the back that you wore when you were ten.

The snood strives to be neat looking this spring, shaping the head snugly. Natural rough straws vie with soft tailored fabrics but almost all the hats have yards and yards of colorful, luxurious veiling.

One box coat features a suede pocket shaped like a baseball mitt. Tailored costumes favor low waistlines, sleek fit. Link the jacket to your skirt with a gold chain, even if you do wear a wrist watch. Leather arrows, metallic members of the animal and bird families, and buttons, buttons, buttons make the pockets unusual. Take a look at the military, navy and air style buttons. They're up to the minute.

Choose between yoke, pocket, hip or torso interest. The accent may be lace, embroidery, ribbon, insignia or beads. Your best dress may have dolman sleeves to make it different.

When dressing formally you can be sleekly sophisticated or Elizabethan, as your heart and head dictate. Doll-like waists are flattering, and easily achieved by the nipped-in styles. Long torsos are slimming as well as stylish, especially when they have a huge flowery skirt fastened on with a lace ruffle. Speaking of ruffles, you may have rows and rows of them.

According to fashion flashes lace is the most popular of all materials this spring. Black is bewitching, white is demure. Lace panels accent gowns of soft chiffon, both in the skirt and bodice. Lace inserts are revealed when least expected . . . midriff, middle of the back, shoulders. A feminine lace scarf should be worn as a mantilla.

Some dinner dresses have amusing bolster sleeves. If you are wearing last summer's formal, dress it up with a red cummerbund. Or accent a white blouse and dark skirt with a cummerbund at the waist. Pert bolero jackets will see the most formal gown through dinner.