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## About the Cover

The sewing machine is a technology that has had a major impact on the manufacture of clothing and the practice of costuming. Our cover shows a patent drawing for the “Wheeler and Wilson Perfected Sewing Machine” of 1852, one of the first successful commercial models. The image is [reproduced](#) from the July 4, 1853 *Scientific American* magazine, which reported on the machine and the first-of-its-kind four-motion feed mechanism that is still found on every sewing machine today.

Read more about this and other remarkable sewing machine innovations in the article, “Vintage Sewing Machines” starting on page 22.

