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Retrieving the thousands of articles published in American newspapers now available online about quilts and quiltmaking activities before and after 1900 is, in and of itself, a full time occupation but the results create a valuable archive of regional activities that cannot be created by any other means. This separate category specific to formal Quilting Clubs isolates their activities from a companion page for Quilts in Newspapers that includes activities by individuals and other types of organizations.

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*Bath (ME) Independent*, February 23, 1884  
**Breezes From the Blue Kennebec.**

The old maids have organized a quilting club which meets weekly. [Further details not available.]

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Edwardsville (IL) Intelligencer, May 27, 1898

J. A. Farley entertained the Dewey Quilting Club this afternoon in honor of Miss Annetta Reuter. A dainty supper was served. The following members were present: Misses Annetta Reuter, Fannie Keller, Jessie Taylor, Flora Schutz, Irene Leverett and Minnie Vollrath.

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*Delphos (OH) Daily Herald*, March 13, 1900

**Quilting Club.**

On last Saturday afternoon Misses Flora, Edna and Leona Wulfhorst, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wulfhorst, of west Second street, entertained the West Side Quilting Club. After utilizing some time to considerable advantage with needle and thread, the little Misses repaired to a miniature banquet which had been arranged in the play rooms. Wine, cake, fruit and pop corn was served, after which the guests departed, voting the afternoon a success. The next meeting will be held at the home of John Best, on Bredrick street, on Saturday, March 17, St. Patrick's day.

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Hamilton (OH) Daily Democrat, June 19, 1901, Mixerville, Indiana, community

Mrs. Mary Jane Wardwell entertained the quilting club Thursday. Those present were: Jennie Killough, Mollie Hannah, Maude Smith, Sally Woodruff, Mary Woodruff, Rosa Moore, Lizzie Woodruff, Mary Flint, Sarah Bess, Mrs. Welliver, Lizzie Hansel, Lizzie Wilson, Aggie Hansel, Cynthia Smith, Mr. and Mrs. James McGee, Cora Wardwell, Elsie Bess, Florence, Hazel and Ruth Woodruff, Easie and Bruce Killough, Nina and Everett Moore, Clifford and Annie Smith, Clyde Dallas, Bessie Wardwell, David Hansel and Kenneth Flint.

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*Des Moines (IA) Daily News*, January 22, 1908

Mrs. A. T. Rhodes will entertain the Capitol Hill Quilting club at her home on East Walnut, Thursday afternoon.

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Eau Claire (WI) Leader, May 23, 1908

Mrs. John Fleming of Galloway street entertained "The Quilting Club" Thursday afternoon.

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*Eau Claire (WI) Leader*, July 9, 1908

The Eau Claire quilting club had a very pleasant meeting at Mrs. Fish's cottage.

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Emporia (KS) Weekly Gazette, March 18, 1909

(from a column on the front page, "Sense vs. Silliness")

Mrs. Taft has a reputation as a woman of excellent sense, judgment and tact, and she is thoroughly qualified to set the table and get the hash ready for company, without a lot of silly advice from the members of the Punk Corners Quilting Club.

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*Eau Claire (WI) Leader*, March 2, 1913

**Quilting Club.**

Mrs. T. A. Hobbs entertained the Quilting club at her home on Jefferson street last Saturday afternoon.

**Entertained Club.**

Mrs. E. M. Fish entertained the Quilting club at her home [on] Hudson street yesterday afternoon.

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Charleston (WV) Gazette, January 2, 1930, St. Albans community

To Entertain Club

Mrs. Frances Blount will entertain the members of her quilting club on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at her home in B street.

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*Joplin (MO) Globe*, June 2, 1935, Galena community

The Sunflower Quilting Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Shoopman, 301 Lincoln avenue, with Miss Lucille Vader as joint hostess. Refreshments were served following an afternoon spent in quilting. Present were Mrs. Maizie Copenbarger and daughter, Shirley Colleen, and Elizabeth Mumper, guests; Mrs. Sadie Bennett, Mrs. Laura Bash, Mrs. Rose Davidson, Mrs. Edna Mae Hartley and daughter, Peggy Lee; Mrs. Toots Richie and son, George Arlen; Mrs. Laura Vader, Mrs. Laura Ward, Mrs. Gladys Squires, Mrs. Bessie Shoopman, Mrs. Ethel Draw and son, Billy, and the hostess. The club will meet June 6 with Mrs. Sadie Bennett, 308 East avenue, for an all-day meeting.

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