HOOPS ARE CRAZE ON THE CONTINENT.

It needs a lot to take a German's mind off his work, but hula-hoep comes first, last and all the time in Hamburg at the moment. Time and place don't matter a bit. He need for the South Seas or grass skirts, to master the hula-hula; just practice, or if you can manage it, begin young.

Business is almost at a standstill. Urgent secretarial duties are being put through the heep. But the crase has merciful aspects, like relling the paintery in the dentist's waiting room.

The corps de ballet find it just the thing to keep them supple.

Summoned to rehearsal the girls are so fit they could dance the Dying Swan on a hot tin roof.

Much water has flowed over the kitchen chores since the housewives' choice was given the treatment, but even so, some women aren't in good shape for it. After all, if you want a thing done really well, even in business hours, face up to it - it's a man's job. Take care of the hoops and the surplus pounds'll take care of themselves.