NEW IDEAS IN TOILETTES

New York City.—The blouse, or bodice, that closes at the back appears to grow in favor week by week. This tasteful and stylish May Manton

FANCY BLOUSE.

model is eminently simple at the same time that it makes an admirable effect. The original is made of white peau de soie banded with black velvet ribbon, the yoke being of cream lace over white and the under-sleeves white Liberty silk; but all delicate colors are in vogue for afternoon and evening wear, and all soft finished silks and wool materials are appropriate. As shown the blouse matches the skirt, but the design suits the separate waist, worn with odd skirts, and the entire costume equally well.

The simple lining is smoothly fitted and closes with the waist at the centre back. On it are arranged the prettily curved yoke, the full front and backs and the becoming bertha. The sleeves are novel and attractive. The upper portions are shaped in curves and points, to harmonize with the yoke and bertha, and the soft full under sleeves droop gracefully between the curved edges.

To cut this blouse for a woman of medium size three and three-quarter yards of material twenty-one inches wide, three yards twenty-seven inches wide or one and three-quarter yards forty-four inches wide will be required, with three-quarter yard

YOKE SHIRT WAIST.

twenty-two inches wide for under-sleeves and half a yard of all-over lace for yoke and collar.

Woman's Yoke Shirt Waist.

Yoke shirt waists have taken a firm hold on the popular taste and, by many wearers are preferred to every other sort. The smart May Manton model shown in the large drawing is one of the latest and has many admirable characteristics. The deep point of the front portion of the yoke is becoming, and the groups of tucks below provide graceful fulness at the lower portion of the waist. The back is smooth, with a desirable tapering effect produced by the line of the tucks. As shown the material is doeskin flannel in submarine green, with gold buttons; but all flannels and waists cloths, plain, striped and figured, taffeta and other simple silks, velveteen and corduroy are appropriate.

The fitted lining is smooth and extends to the waist line only. The fronts of the waist are tucked in groups, of three each; they are stitched a short distance below the yoke, and include the full length centre box pleats. The back is tucked in groups to the waist line, that give a graceful tapering effect which is universally becoming. The sleeves are in bishop style, with narrow pointed cuffs; and at the neck is a collar with turn-over portions, under which a ribbon stock is worn.

To cut this waist for a woman of medium size three and three-quarter yards of material twenty inches wide, three yards twenty-seven inches wide, two and three-quarter yards thirty-two inches wide or one and three-quarter yards forty-four inches wide will be required.

Fur Sleeves.

A winter fashion of some importance. A cloth or velvet costume has the outer jacket fitted with a pair of furred sleeves, not used as trimming but as entire arm coverings. The sleeves are by no means tight fitting, and instead of a coat finish or straight edge on the wrist, they are drawn like a gathered bag with a ribbon bow at the wrist, and flare again over the hand. This makes a warm sleeve, which will be appreciated in stormy weather. A fur "storm" or Medici collar should be worn, with a fur sleeved jacket. It is optional whether or not you care for fur revers. They are expensive because they use up a great deal of fur, without adding much to the warmth of the garment.

Cylindrical Gewgaw.

In the train of the popular eyelet was bound to come some sort of a change, for fashion's followers are as fickle as the important dame herself. This novelty is of the thin sheet metal of tubular shape. It is about two inches in length and three-fourths of an inch in diameter. Through it are pulled ribbons, Chiffons, silks or whatever. On a hat it may support a pompom effect, or even a double-ender in the shape of a bow. While it is highest class in gun metal, it is to be had in every finish, and with or without ornament.

The Drum Muff.

As yet there are no symptoms of return to the small ornamental muffs, which always suggested having come from a milliner's shop rather than from the furrier. Lace and bunches of violets are out of place on a winter muff, and the fanciful affairs are not so much liked as the conventional fur cylinders. The shape of a muff adds much to its style. The fashionable model for the season of 1901-02 is without doubt the "drum" of goodly proportions. A handsome drum muff of chinchilla is lined with pale gray satin and has an inside pocket, deep enough to hold a purse. It is decorated with a cluster of three tails.

The Mode of Red.

So many shades of red are to be worn this season that many women seem to be laboring under the impression that plum shades are back again, too. But that is hardly the case, as the new reds range from the bright red wine shades to the tints of crimson purple, the red with plenty of yellow in it being the prevailing tint.

Fancy Effect in Collars.

One of the fancy effects in collars and lapels is seen in a smart little sealskin jacket, which has the inside of the collar and lapels faced with a heavy cream lace over tucked pale-blue chiffon. The regular sleeve of the sealskin is finished with a little turn-back cuff of the same several inches above the wrist, and below is a fancy sleeve of the lace above, made up over the tucked blue chiffon.

Double-Breasted Coat.

Severely plain, double-breasted coats are much worn by young girls, and have the merit of being eminently serviceable as well as stylish. The May Manton model shown combines the box front with the half-fitted back and regulation coat collar and is, by far, the smartest design of the sort that the season has produced. The original is made of tan colored kersey cloth with smoked pearl buttons; but cheviot and plain cloth are equally appropriate and blue, brown, black and Oxford are all correct colors.

The fronts of the coat are loose, but are curved at the under-arm seams to follow the outline of the figure. At each side a pocket is inserted, the opening being finished with a stitched overlap. The back includes a curved centre seam and under-arm gores that render it shapely and give a smart effect. The neck is finished with a collar, faced with velvet, that rolls over with the fronts to form lapels. The sleeves are in regulation coat style stitched to simulate cuffs.

To cut this coat for a miss of four-

MISSES' DOUBLE-BREASTED COAT.

teen years of age one and a half yards of material fifty-four inches wide will be required with a quarter of a yard of velvet for collar facing.

MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

President Roosevelt received Dr. Munoz, a special envoy from Gautemala, bearing condolences on the death of President McKinley.

It is expected in official circles that the new Hay-Pauncefore treaty will be acceptable to the Senate.

Secretary Long will take steps to develop efficiency in the engineering department of the navy.

The Industrial Commission ceases to exist on December 15 by operation of law.

The insular decisions by the United States Supreme Court will be delayed, as the Alaska license suits must be considered in connection with the Porto Rico cases.

The resignation of Thomas W. Cridler, Third Assistant Secretary of State, was accepted by President Roosevelt.

Ellis H. Roberts, Treasurer of the United States, in his annual report shows the Government's finances to be in a gratifying condition.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

Cigarmakers in Havana, Cuba, asked the Government to expel agents seeking men to take strikers' places in Tampa, Fla.

Acting Governor Cooper voiced Hawaii's demand for Chinese labor for the sugar fields.

The capture of Lukban's commissary proved a great blow to the Philippine insurrection, as it rendered future supplies very precarious.

In spite of the fact that all ports of Samar, P. I., are closed, supplies still reach the insurgents.

The Municipal Council of Havana rejected bids for sewering and paving contracts on account of no funds.

General Bartolomeo Maso announced his candidacy for the Presidency of the Cuban republic.

DOMESTIC.

Judge E. W. McKinstry, for fifteen years on the California supreme bench, died at San Jose.

Roland A. Swan, assistant treasurer of Arlington, Mass., pleaded guilty to 280 counts charging him with embezzlement.

J. W. McDonald and his wife were shot from ambush from the bank of the Brazos River near Waco, Texas, and killed.

After a two years' search for him, in several cities, George Fisher was captured in New York City, where he is charged with embezzlement.

Several of the largest sardine factories in Maine will close because of the low prices prevailing for their product.

Lisbon, N. H., suffered a loss of $100,000 by a fire that almost wiped out the business portion of the town.

Roswell, N. M., was flooded by a cloudburst.

Commissioner General Powderly entered into a new and more favorable agreement with the principal Canadian transportation lines for the regulation of immigration into the United States.

One hundred stowaways were on the steamer Queen at Port Townsend, Wash., from Alaska. Five hundred men are penniless at Nome.

Yaqui Indians raided Joe Ramado's ranch at Guaymas, Ariz., and killed the owner.

An extensive blockade of freight exists in many sections of the country, the railroads not having cars enough to move the tremendous business pressing on them.

The State Board of Tax Equalization of Illinois proposed to levy upon $235,000,000 worth of corporation property.

Miss Jane Toppan, accused of poisoning Mrs. Mary D. Gibbs, and suspected of causing the death of several other persons, pleaded not guilty in Barnstable, Mass.

Methodist bishops in session in Cincinnati, Ohio, were asked to appoint thirty new bishops for foreign fields.

Ten persons were hurt in a street car collision at Indianapolis, Ind.

Fifty persons in New York City were poisoned by ptomaines after eating doughnuts.

Dr. S. T. Lowther, owner of the Lowther oil fields, was mortally wounded, his wife was shot and his opponent killed in a shooting affray in West Martinsville, W. Va.

By their scaffolding falling, J. A. McDonald and Joseph Kolb, carpenters, at Elyria, Ohio, were killed.

The Ninth and Hanover National banks of New York City will combine.

FOREIGN.

Nothing can stop a coming industrial crisis in Germany as a result of recent declines, according to the Vice-Director of the Berlin Bank.

French poachers and burglars make use of automobiles to carry off their loot.

The Norwegian steamer Hong Haakon went ashore at Isle Madame, near Halifax, N. S.

Lord Roberts was hooted in the streets of London because of the dismissal of General Buller from command of the First Army Corps.

Sardinia was connected with the Italian mainland by 100 miles of wireless telegraph.

The Duke and Duchess of York and the King and Queen arrived in London from Portsmouth and received a formal and popular welcome from the metropolis.

Military critics in London declared that guns were an encumbrance to mobile columns in a guerilla warfare.

Herbert Gladstone was married to Dorothy Paget, a daughter of Sir Richard Horner Paget, Bart., in London.

General Kitchener reported three additional officers killed in the Boer attack on Colonel Benson's rear guard at Brakenlagagte, Transvaal, making twelve officers killed in all.

Prince Hu was appointed China's representative at the coronation of King Edward.

Merchants in Jamaica decided to ask England to permit Boers to settle permanently on the island.

Liverpool was officially reported to be infected with bubonic plague.

All the effective troops in the United Kingdom except one regiment were ordered to South Africa.

The police of Leipzig seized an edition of Count Tolstoi's brochure, "The Meaning of Life," at a Leipzig publishing house.

Joseph Herrings, a well-known war correspondent, was expelled from Germany for evading military service.

Eleven lives were lost in Messina, Sicily, by flooded mountain streams.

Senor Horta Machado was appointed Portuguese Minister at Washington.