

CLOAKS FOR 1893-94.

THE cloak trade is a rapidly growing one, and these readymade garments are here to stay. Large quantities of these goods are now annually imported into Canada, and they find great favor with the general trade. For the better class of trade, of course, the ordered cloak will still be a necessity, but some very high-priced ready-mades are nevertheless imported.

For fall many orders are already placed. A favorite in the market is one similar to that shown in Fig. 1. Such capes as these are made from fine velvet, with a fur trimming. The cut is much liked because the large sleeves of the fashionable dress require either a jacket with balloon-like sleeves or a cloak of this description. This style looks very rich, indeed, in black velvet, with chinchilla edging on both itself and the plain umbrella skirt. Combinations of cloth and velvet will be fashionable; that is, the upper and smaller cape will be of cloth and the lower part or body of velvet. A garment exactly like Fig. 1 will be shown at the Columbian Exposition by a leading New York cloak house. The leading lengths will be from 32 to 34 inches.

Figure 2 is a design by the Cloak Review, and Figure 3 is a fashionable jacket. Both these designs show variations of the Empire style with the fashionable butterfly capes. Figure 2 shows a single-breasted jacket with fur trimming, and Figure 3 a double-breasted jacket without fur edging. Some of these jackets have simple round backed capes, others are shown with derby backed capes which are somewhat more showy. Some very fast selling lines have capes similar to the Butterfly, except that the fluting is lacking, and a plainer appearance is secured. The latter style with fur edgings are very neat and promise exceedingly well. Cavalry capes promise well, both in

cloth and fur. The short Butterfly shoulder cape gives a natty finish to these goods. They look well in beaver or lamb.

In colors there is an immense variety. Navy and cinnamon are two leaders, but nearly every color will have its representative. Every importer seems to have favorite shades of his own, until Fashion decides what shall be worn.

WOMEN'S WEAR.

The German correspondent of the Cloak Review speaks of the coming season's trade as follows: "The goods which will be mostly used are the plain beavers or satens in black, navy, Russian green, and in new colors, such as medium, tobacco a new light green medium grey, and tan, with colored or checked backs. Cheviots, diagonal cheviots, and corkscrews are also demanded again. All these goods are made to perfection on your side, and we have very little chance to export them to your country.

"Colored silk velvet will be a prominent article next season. Jackets and capes, partly of cloth and partly of velvet, trimmed with fur, shall, in my opinion, be good sellers. Embroidery on cloth, as well as on velvet, is sought. Beaded embroidery, in combination with tinsel and narrow braid, in arabesque or with leaves and flowers, on velvet garments, are shown as a novelty.

"Mohair braids will continue to be a favored trimming next season. In buttons the pearl buttons, large size, will be preferred for the double-breasted jackets. As linings, the black or colored satin is applied. The changeable silks as well as the fancy silk are also used, but not so much as last

year. The principal trimming is undoubtedly the fur, for which there is a great demand for all kinds, although the prices are very high.

"It is no doubt of a sound state of trade that all materials are very high at present. Cotton goods as well as woollens and



FIG. 1.