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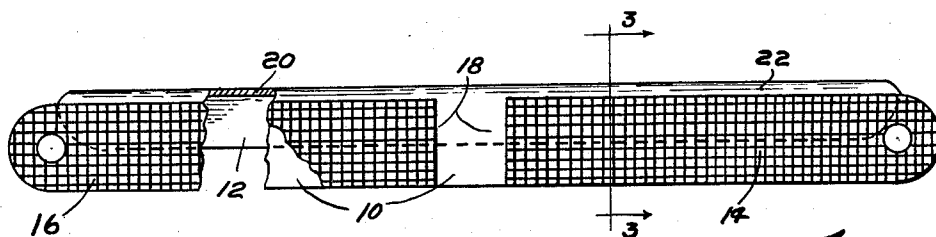


FIG. 1

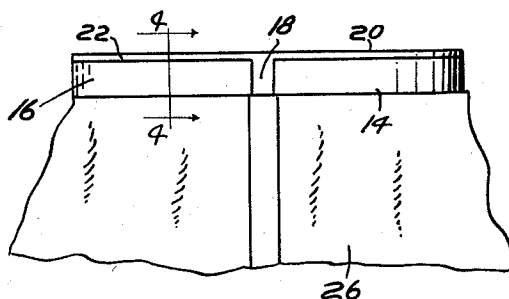


FIG. 2

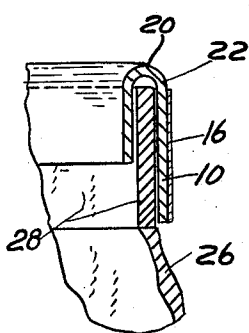


FIG. 4

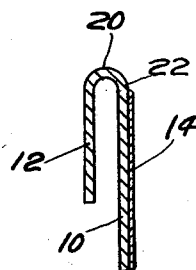


FIG. 3

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This invention relates to a new and improved clerical collar and is particularly adapted for use as the so-called "military" clerical collar. The ordinary clerical collar is merely a white collar which is attached in the usual way to the neck-band of the cleric vest so that the outer part of the collar is wholly visible. For the military collar, however, the vest provides a neckband which is double, so that the outer part of the collar is placed between the two parts of the double neckband, and the outer part of the vest neckband extends in front of the collar obscuring the latter in part and providing a black border or band, separated in the center, this being much more attractive and more wide spread in use than the conventional clerical collar.

It is an important object of this invention to provide a new and improved military collar which may be utilized with the ordinary vest neckband and does not rely upon the double neckband above described; the provision of a military collar which is similar to an ordinary collar but is provided at the front face thereof with black portions, separated in the center, so that the collar is applied as usual to the usual neckband and at the same time provides the appearance of the military collar and is indistinguishable therefrom but, on the other hand, is much simpler both to manipulate and to manufacture, whereby this invention provides a military collar for the clergy at less expense than the usual military collar.

Further objects of the invention include the provision of a military clerical collar in which the black portion above described may be merely colored portions, i.e. painted or inked thereon; or the black portions may be actual pieces of fabric which are adhesively secured in proper position on the front face of the collar, as will appear more fully hereinafter.

Fig. 1 is a view in elevation of the new collar, parts being broken away, and parts being inked to show black;

Fig. 2 is a view in front elevation on a reduced scale illustrating the invention as applied to a vest;

Fig. 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a section on line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

In carrying out the present invention, attention is first directed to Fig. 1 in which there is shown a conventional collar having the invention herein applied thereto. This collar is provided with the usual longitudinal front face portion 10 and the shorter and narrower rear portion 12, the rear portion being folded down behind the front portion as is usual and as is plainly shown.

Attached to the front portion 10, there are provided a pair of black cover members 14 and 16, these members being alike but reversed with respect to each other and spaced at the center of the collar as is indicated by the reference numeral 18. The black portions 14 and 16 leave a clear white border on the front portion 10 adjacent the fold 20 between front portion 10 and rear portion 12, and this clear white edge portion is indicated at 22.

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In Fig. 1 the black portions 14 and 16 are illustrated with color indication for black but this has not been done in Fig. 2 for purposes of clarity of invention. The vest 26 of course is also black as is the neckband 28. The black elements 14 and 16 may be black fabric to correspond to the vest or they may be any other black material which may be adhesively applied to the front portion 10 of the collar in general conformance therewith except for the strip 22 and the central spacing at 18.

Furthermore, the black areas are also contemplated as being merely painted on or inked on rather than utilizing the more expensive fabric portions described above. Thus the collar will be seen to be applied to the usual neckband of the vest in the usual manner without any attention on the part of the user as to the placing of the collar within the double neckband of the usual military type. Thus it is clear that the present invention provides a collar which appears to be of the military type but which is much easier to apply to the neckband, and which is removable with the collar rather than being a part of the vest. Furthermore, this invention provides such a military type of collar which is less expensive and may be worn with any vest that the user may have. Nevertheless, the appearance of the military collar is preserved and the invention will be seen to carry out all the objects thereof appearing here-in-before.

The collar is shown in position on the single neckband 26 in Fig. 4, and it will be seen that the usual double neckband required for the military neckband of the prior art is not necessary, although the military appearance is preserved. Also, of course, the usual military neckband type of vest may be worn, as the present invention does not interfere with it.

We claim:

1. A detachable collar comprising a neckband portion and a folded outer portion extending below the lower edge of the neckband portion, in which the lower edge of the outer collar portion is substantially parallel throughout its length with the fold between the neckband and outer collar portion, a black strip adhesively secured to the outer collar portion, the said strip having substantially parallel upper and lower edges, the upper edge of the strip being spaced below the fold to define a narrow white band, and the lower edge of the strip being in alignment with the lower edge of the folded outer portion of the collar.

2. A detachable collar comprising a longitudinal white member having upper and lower edges, said edges being substantially parallel, and a black strip adhesively secured to the white member, said black strip having substantially parallel upper and lower edges, the upper edge of the black strip being spaced from the upper edge of the white member to define and expose a narrow white band at the upper edge thereof, the lower edges of the white member and black strip being substantially in alignment.

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