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CLERICAL VEST

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FIG. 1

FIG. 3

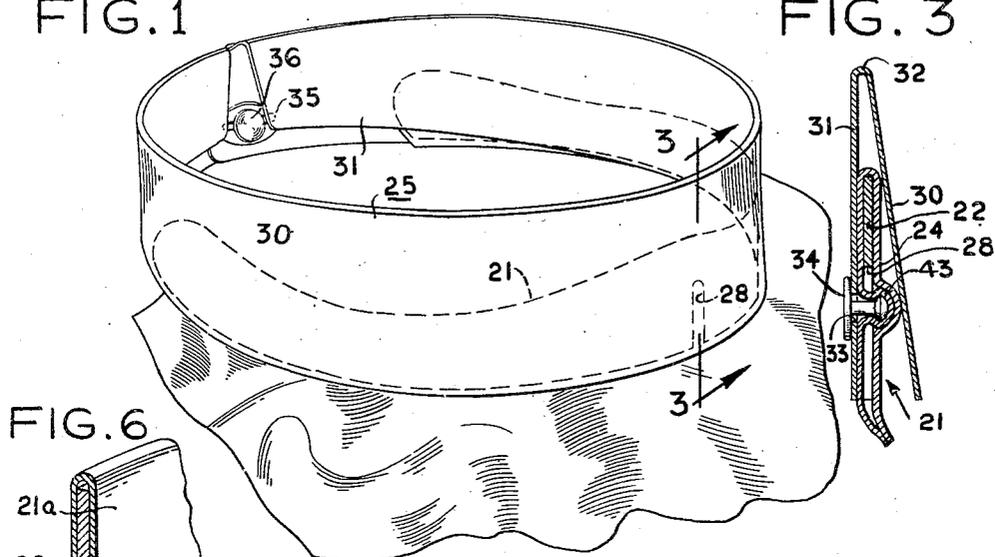


FIG. 6

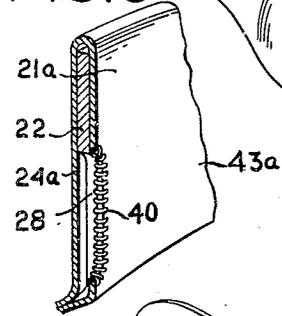


FIG. 4

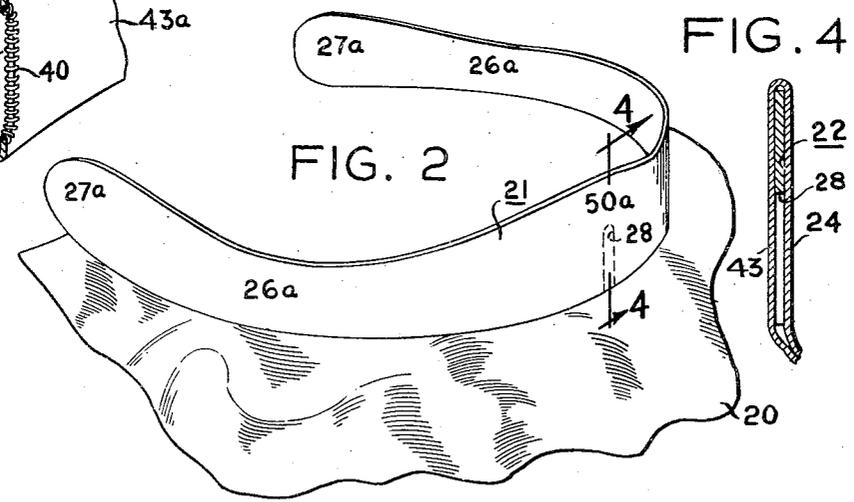


FIG. 5

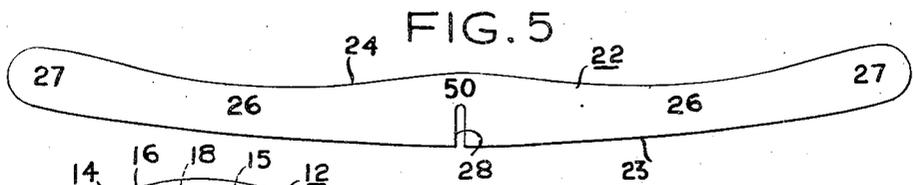
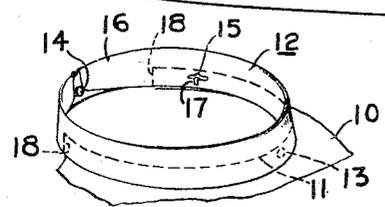


FIG. 7



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This invention relates to a clerical vest or rabat, and particularly to means for preventing separation of the vest from a collar worn with the same.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved form of neckband on a clerical vest or rabat, which will avoid separation of the neckband from a collar positioned over the same.

Still another object of the invention is to provide an improved form of neckband for a clerical vest or rabat wherein the neckband is frictionally retained between opposite walls of a stiff collar, and is formed to provide a frictional retention of the neckband in the walls, particularly around the sides thereof, to avoid the necessity of using auxiliary retaining devices to hold the free ends of the neckband within the collar.

Further objects and advantages will become apparent from the following description and the drawings.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective elevational view illustrating a clerical vest or rabat having the improved form of neckband thereon and the manner in which it is positioned within a collar.

Figure 2 is a perspective elevational view of a clerical vest showing the improved form of neckband thereon.

Figure 3 is a vertical cross-sectional view taken along line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a vertical cross-sectional view taken along line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Figure 5 is an elevational view of the stiffener member provided for the neckband to illustrate the specific contour thereof.

Figure 6 is a vertical cross-sectional view similar to Figure 4 but illustrating a modified arrangement in which a button hole is provided for entry of a collar button into the neckband.

Figure 7 is a perspective elevational view of a conventional form of clerical vest or rabat.

In Figure 7 there is illustrated a conventional form of a clerical vest or rabat that consists of a vest 10 having a neckband 11 extending upwardly therefrom. The neckband 11 is of a uniform width throughout the length thereof as illustrated in Figure 7. A collar 12 of the generally accepted stiff variety, is adapted to have the neckband 11 inserted between the two walls of the collar. The neckband 11 is retained between the walls of the collar in the front portion thereof by means of a collar button 13 and a collar button 14 secures the free ends of the collar together at the rear side thereof. On diametrically opposite sides of the collar 12 there is provided

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openings 15 in the inner wall 16 of the collar which receive hooks 17 that are attached to the neckband 11, these hooks being provided for the purpose of preventing the free ends 18 of the neckband from being pulled from beneath the collar 12 by normal exertions of the wearer.

In the conventional form of clerical vests having a neckband of uniform width around the same as illustrated in Figure 7, the neckband 11 will not stay between the walls of the collar 12 unless the hooks 17 are placed in the slots 15. These hooks 17 are a decided discomfort to the wearer, and it is the purpose of this invention to provide an improved form of neckband which will be frictionally retained between the walls of the collar so that the hooks 17 can be eliminated.

The clerical vest or rabat of this invention consists of the vest 20 which may be of any conventional form. The vest 20 has a neckband 21 thereon which extends upwardly from the vest 20.

The neckband 21 has a stiffening member 22 positioned between the inner wall 23 and the outer wall 24 of the neckband, the cloth of the neckband thus covering both sides of the stiffening member 22.

The stiffening member 22 is shown in detail in Figure 5 to illustrate the contour thereof. This member 22 has a lower edge 23 that is generally arcuate in contour in the form of a segment of a circle and is adapted to conform to the general contour of the juncture between the neck and shoulder of a person and follows the arcuate contour of the lower edge of a collar 25, as illustrated in Figure 1. The upper edge 24 of the stiffening member 22 is provided with a high portion 50 in the front center portion of the neckband. The high portion 50 recedes to narrow portions 26 on each side of the center front portion 50, and the free ends of the stiffening member 22 increase in width at the end portions 27, the end portions 27 being of a greater width than the narrow portions 26.

A slot 28 is provided in the front center portion of the member 22 to receive a collar button.

The stiffener member 22 is positioned between the walls 43 and 24 of the neckband 21, these walls enclosing the stiffener member 22, and covering the slot 28.

In Figures 1 and 3 the improved form of neckband 21 is illustrated in use as positioned between the inner and outer walls of a collar of the stiff variety.

The collar 25 has an outer wall 30 joined with an inner wall 31 along the fold 32 in conventional manner. A button hole 33 is provided at

the front center in the inner wall 31 of the collar 25 to receive a collar button 34. The free ends of the collar 25 at the rear portion thereof are provided with cooperating button holes 35 to receive the collar button 36.

The neckband 21 of the clerical vest, or rabat, is placed between the walls 30 and 31 of the collar 25. The collar button 34 is then placed in the slot 28 of the stiffening member 22 carrying the inner wall 43 of the neckband 21 through the slot 28; as illustrated in Figure 3, to thus hold the front portion of the neckband 21 and prevent its downward movement from between the walls 30 and 31 of the collar 25.

The free ends 27a of the neckband 21 are frictionally held between the walls 30 and 31 of the collar 25. When the collar 25 and the clerical vest 20 is in position on the wearer, the walls 30 and 31 of the collar 25 are pressed together with sufficient force by the neck of the wearer to retain the neckband 21 between the walls 30 and 31 of the collar and prevent the neckband from downward movement from between the walls of the collar. The narrow intermediate portions 26a of the neckband 21 allow for normal curvature of the neck without producing wrinkling of the neckband between the walls of the collar 25 and the free end portions 27a of the neckband 21 provide for sufficient surface engagement between the walls of the collar 25 that they are frictionally held against movement outwardly from between the walls of the collar.

It has been found by experience that a clerical vest or rabat with the improved form of neckband illustrated herein can be worn even during energetic movements of the person wearing the same without any relative movement between the collar 25 and the neckband 21. Thus, the vest 20 is retained neatly in position at all times around the lower edge of the collar 25.

In Figure 6 there is shown a slightly modified arrangement of the neckband 21 wherein the neckband 21a is provided with the same stiffening member 22 illustrated in Figure 5. However, the inner wall 43a of the neckband 21a is provided with a button hole 40 to receive a collar button, thus providing for somewhat more facile insertion of the collar button into the slot provided in the member 22. The outer wall 24a of the neckband 21a conceals the end of the collar button when it is in position in the slot 28.

As an alternate method of attachment of the neckband 21 to the collar 25, a button could be provided on the inner wall 43 to extend through the opening 33 in the collar. In this instance the slot 28 need not be used.

While the specific form of the device disclosed and described herein constitutes a preferred form of the invention, yet it will be understood that the device is capable of alteration without departing from the spirit of the invention, and that all modifications that fall within the scope of the appended claims are intended to be included herein.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A clerical vest comprising, a vest, and a neckband thereon having free ends adapted to extend

partially around the neck of a person wearing the same from the front to the back of the neck and between adjacent walls of a stiff collar, said neckband when disposed in a plane having a generally arcuate shape sweeping upwardly from the center portion toward the ends thereof with the lower edge of the neckband having the form of a segment of a circle, said neckband further having portions thereof intermediate the end portions and the center portion of lesser width than said end portions and center portion, said neckband further having a portion thereof cut away at the front center of said neckband whereby to provide means for positioning the neckband relative to a collar worn therewith.

2. A clerical vest comprising, a vest, and a neckband thereon having free ends adapted to extend partially around the neck of a person wearing the same from the front to the back of the neck and between adjacent walls of a stiff collar, said neckband comprising a stiffening member which when disposed in a plane has a generally arcuate shape sweeping upwardly from the center portion toward the ends thereof with the lower edge of said stiffening member having the form of a segment of a circle, said stiffening member further having portions thereof intermediate the end portions and the center portion of lesser width than said end portions and center portion, a fabric covering for said stiffening member, said neckband further having a portion thereof cut away only at the front center of said neckband whereby to provide means for direct attachment of the neckband to a collar adapted to be worn therewith.

3. A clerical vest comprising, a vest, and a neckband thereon having free ends adapted to extend partially around the neck of a person wearing the same from the front to the back of the neck and between adjacent walls of a stiff collar, said neckband comprising a stiffening member which when disposed in a plane has a generally arcuate shape sweeping upwardly from the center portion toward the ends thereof with the lower edge of said stiffening member having the form of a segment of a circle, said stiffening member further having portions thereof intermediate the end portions and the center portion of lesser width than said end portions and center portion, said neckband having a portion thereof cut away whereby to form an opening at the front center of said stiffening member to receive a collar button for attachment thereof to a collar, and a cloth covering for said stiffening member having a button hole in alignment with said opening to receive a collar button.

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