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COMBINATION NECKTIE AND POCKET HANDKERCHIEF

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FIG 1

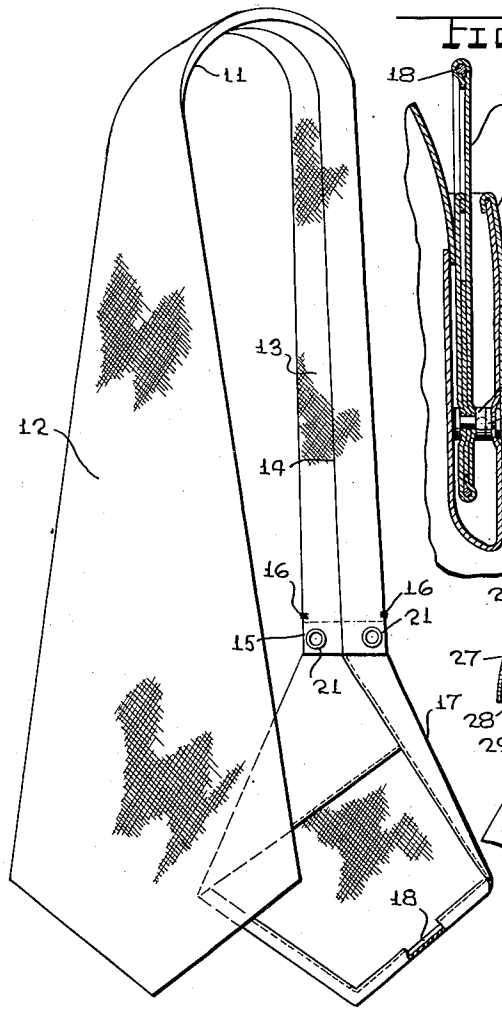


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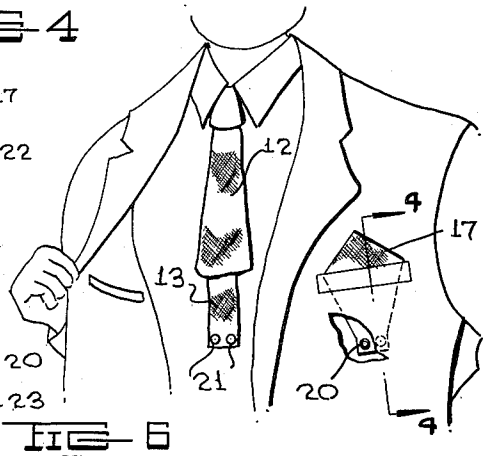


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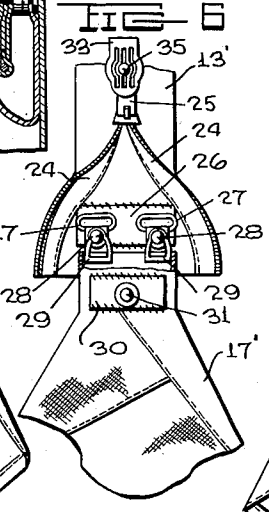


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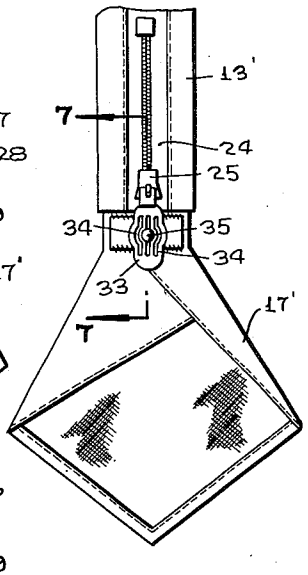
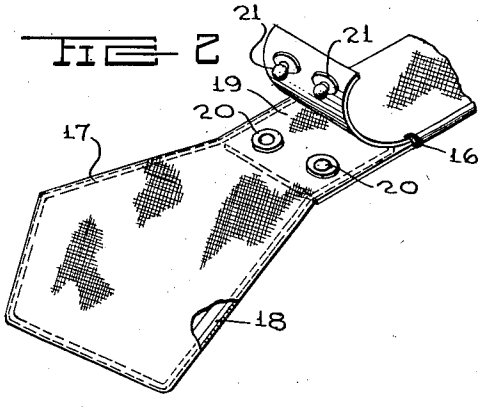


FIG 2



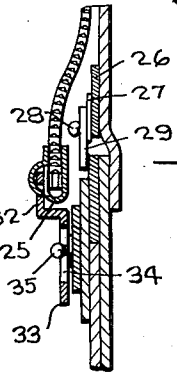


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This invention relates to wearing apparel, and more particularly to a combination necktie and matching pocket handkerchief.

A main object of the invention is to provide a novel and improved article of wearing apparel which may be used as a necktie and which is arranged to provide a matching pocket handkerchief which the wearer may detach from the necktie and insert into his breast pocket to simulate a pocket handkerchief matching the necktie.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved article of wearing apparel which provides the effect of a matching pocket handkerchief and necktie, said article being simple in construction, being inexpensive to manufacture, being easy to manipulate, and being attractive in appearance.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an improved novelty necktie which may be employed to provide a matching simulated pocket handkerchief, the pocket handkerchief element being detachably secured to the necktie and being easy to disengage therefrom when required for use to simulate the pocket handkerchief matching the necktie.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following description and claims, and from the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is an elevational view illustrating one form of improved combination necktie and simulated pocket handkerchief constructed in accordance with the present invention, the pocket handkerchief element being shown attached to the end of the neckband of the necktie element;

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing the manner of securement of the pocket handkerchief element to the end of the neckband of the necktie in another form of the present invention;

Figure 3 is a view showing the manner in which the necktie of Figure 1 or 2 may be worn along with the use of the pocket handkerchief element which matches the necktie element;

Figure 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Figure 3, showing the manner of attachment of the pocket handkerchief element in the vest pocket of the wearer;

Figure 5 is a front elevational view of the end of the neckband and the pocket handkerchief element attached thereto in still another form of the present invention;

Figure 6 is a fragmentary view of the structure of Figure 5, showing the separable edges of the neckband spread apart to reveal the interengaging fastening elements of the neckband and the pocket handkerchief element;

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Figure 7 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken on line 7—7 of Figure 5.

Referring to the drawings, and more particularly to Figure 1, the combination necktie and pocket handkerchief elements may comprise a main body 11 having the front necktie drape portion 12 and the neckband portion 13, said neckband portion being sewn to define a flat sleeve having the inside seam 14. The end portions of the neckband, shown at 15, may be slit at their sides to define separable flaps, suitable reinforcement stitches 16 being provided. Designated at 17 is an end piece which is generally pentagonal in shape, as shown in Figure 1, and which is stitched around a stiffening frame 18, whereby the piece 17 will maintain its shape. The top end of the member 17 is designated at 19 and is receivable between the end flaps 15 of neckband 13. The top end 19 is provided with female snap fastener elements 20, and one of the flaps 15 is provided with male snap fastener elements 21 which are lockingly engageable in the female elements 20 to secure the end piece to the neckband in the manner shown in Figure 1. When it is desired to use the end piece 17 to simulate a pocket handkerchief, said end piece is detached by disengaging the snap fastener elements 20 and 21 and the end piece is inverted and inserted into the breast pocket of the user, as shown in Figure 3, whereby the tapered ends of the piece 17 will project above the edge of the pocket and will have the appearance of a pocket handkerchief which matches the tie drape portion 12. As shown in Figure 4, the inside lining of the pocket, designated at 22, may be provided with male snap fastener elements 23 lockingly engageable with the female snap fastener elements 20 of the end piece 17 to releasably secure said end piece in the wearer's breast pocket.

The stiffening frame 18 may be of any suitable material, such as stiff wire around which the fabric of the end piece 17 may be sewn in any suitable manner.

In the form of the invention shown in Figure 2, the tie is shown with the neckband seam 14 of Figure 1 absent, as where the seam occurs at the side edges of the necktie rather than at the inner surface thereof, the other special details being identical with those described in connection with Figures 1 and 3.

Referring now to Figures 5, 6 and 7, in a modified form of the invention, the neckband shown at 13' may be provided at its free end portion with

a slide fastener element 24, whereby the end portion of the neckband may be opened by elevating the slidable locking member 25 of the slide fastener element. Figure 6 shows the slide fastener element 25 in elevated position, whereby the edges of the neckband segments may be separated to expose the interior of the neckband. Secured to the inside surface of the neckband is a plate member of suitable rigid material, shown at 26, said plate member being provided with spaced brackets 27, 27 having headed projections 28, 28, as shown in Figures 6 and 7. The top end of the pocket handkerchief piece, shown at 17', has secured thereto the respective eye members 29, 29 adapted to lockingly engage over the headed projections 28, 28. The eye members 29 have apertures which are of keyhole shape, the shanks of the headed projections 28, 28 being received in the narrow portions of the apertures of eye members 29, 29 in the manner shown in Figure 6. Secured on the top portion of the member 17' is a plate element 30 provided with a male snap fastener member 31 which is located midway between and below the eye members 29, 29. As shown in Figure 7, the slidable locking member 25 has pivotally connected thereto a tab element 32 having an inwardly offset, finger-gripping portion 33. The finger-gripping portion 33 is formed with a plurality of slots 34, as shown in Figures 5 and 6, which are arranged to define a central aperture having flexible side marginal elements 35, 35. The slots 34 are therefore arranged to define a female snap fastener element which is lockingly engageable with the male snap fastener element 31 when the slide fastener element 24 is closed and the finger-gripping portion 33 is brought down over the male snap fastener element 31 in the manner shown in Figures 5 and 7. It will therefore be readily apparent that the end piece 17' may be normally secured to the end of the neckband 13 and the connection of the end piece 17' to the neckband may be normally concealed by the closure of the slide fastener element 24 and the locking engagement of the hand-gripping member 33 with the male snap fastener element 31. When it is desired to employ the end piece 17' to simulate a pocket handkerchief, it is merely necessary to unfasten the hand-gripping member 33 from the male snap fastener element 31 and elevate the slidable locking member 25 to open up the slide fastener. The top end of the member 17' is then detached from the headed pin elements 28, 28, whereby the piece 17' may be inverted and inserted in the wearer's breast pocket.

While certain specific embodiments of an improved combination necktie and pocket handkerchief have been disclosed in the foregoing description, it will be understood that various modifications within the spirit of the invention may occur to those skilled in the art. Therefore, it is intended that no limitations be placed on the invention except as defined by the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A necktie comprising a main drape portion of flexible material, a neckband portion integral with said main drape portion, said neckband including separable flap elements at its free end, an end piece arranged to be received between said separable flap elements, and means detachably securing said end piece to the neckband between said flap elements, said end piece matching the main drape portion and being adapted to simulate a handkerchief matching the necktie when detached from said neckband and placed in the wearer's breast pocket.

2. A necktie comprising a main drape portion of flexible material, a neckband portion integral with said main drape portion, said neckband comprising a body of flexible sheet material folded to define a sleeve-like member having longitudinal marginal edges arranged in side-by-side relation, a slide fastener at said edges arranged to detachably connect the edges, an end piece receivable in said sleeve-like member, and means detachably securing said end piece to the neckband in said sleeve-like member and arranged to be covered by said edges when the slide fastener is closed.

3. A necktie comprising a main drape portion of flexible material, a neckband portion integral with said main drape portion, said neckband comprising a body of flexible sheet material folded to define a sleeve-like member having longitudinal marginal edges arranged in side-by-side relation, a slide fastener at said edges arranged to detachably connect the edges, an end piece receivable in said sleeve-like member, means detachably securing said end piece to the neckband in said sleeve-like member and arranged to be covered by said edges when the slide fastener is closed, said slide fastener being provided with a slidable locking member, a tab element connected to said locking member, and interengageable fastening means on said tab element and said end piece arranged to releasably secure said tab element to said end piece.

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