HOW TO TELL the RANK of SOLDIERS and SAILORS

Collar Devices.

Numbers on the collar devices indicate the number of the regiment to which the wearer is attached. Members of the militia are distinguished from members of the regular army in that the former wear bronze insignia of their state as collar devices in addition to the devices shown above, which are indicative of the branch of the service they are in, while the regulars wear the initials "U.S." For instance, numbered with the number "1" and the initials "R.C." mean that the wearer is a sergeant of the Regular Corps. Members of volunteer regiments wear the initials U.S. V. The number "41" on the collar device above means the wearers are members of the Marine Corps. The separate initials would indicate which.

Shoulder Straps.

Except for the hectored sizes of dress uniforms, the wearer insignia for each officer is to be found whether he is wearing service or dress uniforms. All the shoulder straps are made with solid silver or gold and black braided cord, and a gold and black braided hat cord.

Sleeve and Collar Devices.

Here and collar devices of non-commissioned of- ficers in cloth are shown. The addition of serge- rance to the chevron, denoting more corporals, and sergeant, gives the grade and branch of the insignia. A sergeant of the signal corps is the chevron of a sergeant and immediately above will be the device of crossed flags each, denoting the signal corps.

Hat Caps.

The color of the hat cord indicates the branch of the service in which the soldier is in. Yellow for cavalry, light blue for infantry, dark blue for artillery, white for engineers, and red for ordnance. Black for all staff departments. Red with white stripe for engineers; black cord with red for ordnance department. Buff for quarters ant corps, with white stripe for signal corps. Non-commissioned officers were gold and black braided cloth when wearing service hats. The color of the United States is worn by all commissioned officers, husbs, and clerks.

The Navy.

Other branches than executive have their cutaway collars between sleeves. These colors are: Medical—dark blue, blue, and green—engineer—Civil engineering—professors of mathematics—blue green.