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Cuff-Holder.

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Fig:1.

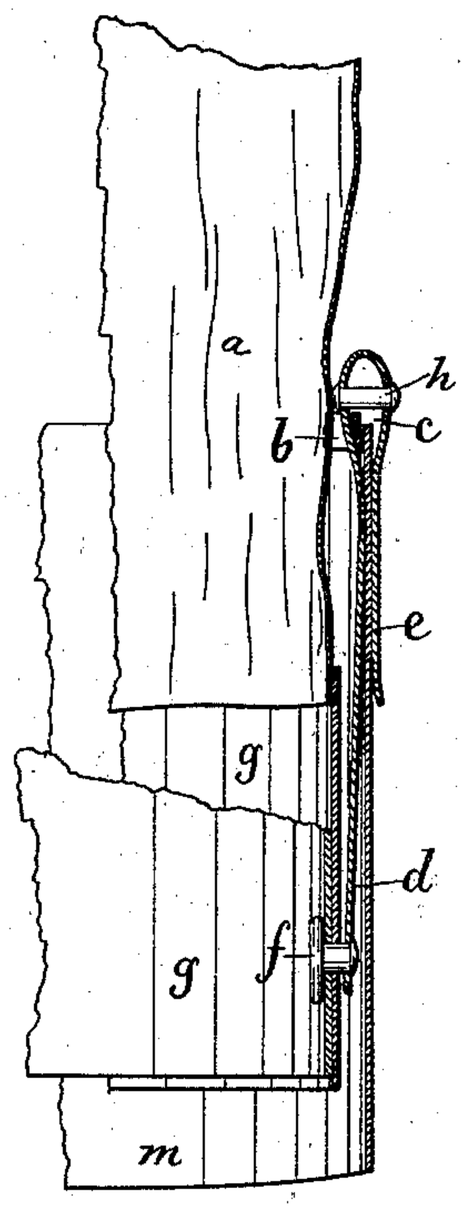
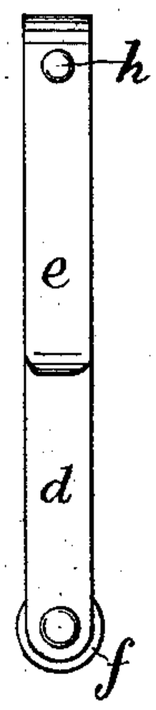


Fig:2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CUFF-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL ALLEY JOHNSON, of Boston, county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Cuff-Holders, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

My invention relates to a device for holding a cuff in position without the necessity of buttoning it upon the usual button or stud of the shirt-sleeve.

This device also enables the cuff to be adjusted so as to extend a greater or less distance down upon the hand of the wearer.

My invention consists in a cuff-holder composed of a button or stud and a connected spring-clamp, (shown as a strip of metal or other suitable material,) made preferably by bending a portion of the strip around and back upon itself, forming a spring-arm, the said spring-arm being adapted, by reason of its pressure against a cuff between it and the main part of the strip, to act upon and hold the cuff in any position in which it may be placed between the said strip and spring-arm. Space is left near the junction of the main strip and spring-arm to receive a loop, preferably of tape, secured to the shirt-sleeve. At the other end of the main strip, and on the opposite side of the spring-arm, a stud is provided to enter the usual button-holes in the wristband of the shirt.

The spring-clamp is preferably provided with a pressure-regulating device, herein shown as a rivet, to regulate by its length the pressure of the spring-arm, enabling it to always hold the cuff firmly in place.

Figure 1 is a sectional view, showing my improved cuff-holder in position on a shirt-sleeve, and holding a cuff in position; and Fig. 2, a face view of the cuff-holder.

The shirt-sleeve *a* is provided with a loop, *b*, which is slipped into the space *c*, between the main strip *d* and spring-arm *e* of the cuff-holder, thereby holding the same in place, the free end of the clamp-spring terminating nearly midway between the headed stud and end of the main strip.

The main strip *d* is provided at the end opposite the space *c* with a suitable headed stud, *f*, which passes into the usual button-holes of the wristband *g* of the shirt, holding the wristband together and further securing the cuff-holder in place.

The spring-clamp is provided, at the junction of the main strip *d* and spring-arm *e*, with a regulating device, herein shown as a rivet, *h*, to adjust the pressure of the spring-arm *e*. This is done by shortening the rivet when the pressure is not sufficient to hold the cuff securely at whatever distance it may be inserted into the spring-clamp. This rivet may be made in two parts and connected by screw-threads.

It is obvious that this plan of regulating the pressure of one arm or part of a bent spring upon the other is applicable to other things than cuff-holders.

I claim—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a cuff-holder composed of the main part *d*, spring clamping-arm *e*, and headed stud, the end of the spring-clamp terminating between the end of the said main part and the stud, a space being left between the said main part and clamp to receive a loop on the shirt-sleeve and the upper end of the cuff to be held, all substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the main part *d* and the spring-arm *e*, of a regulating device located near the junction of the parts *d e*, to control the pressure of the spring-arm, substantially as described.

3. In a cuff-holder, a main strip and connected spring-arm and stud, combined with a pressure-regulating device, to increase the pressure between the main strip and spring-arm, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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