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## L. H. THOMAS. Sleeve and Cuff Button.

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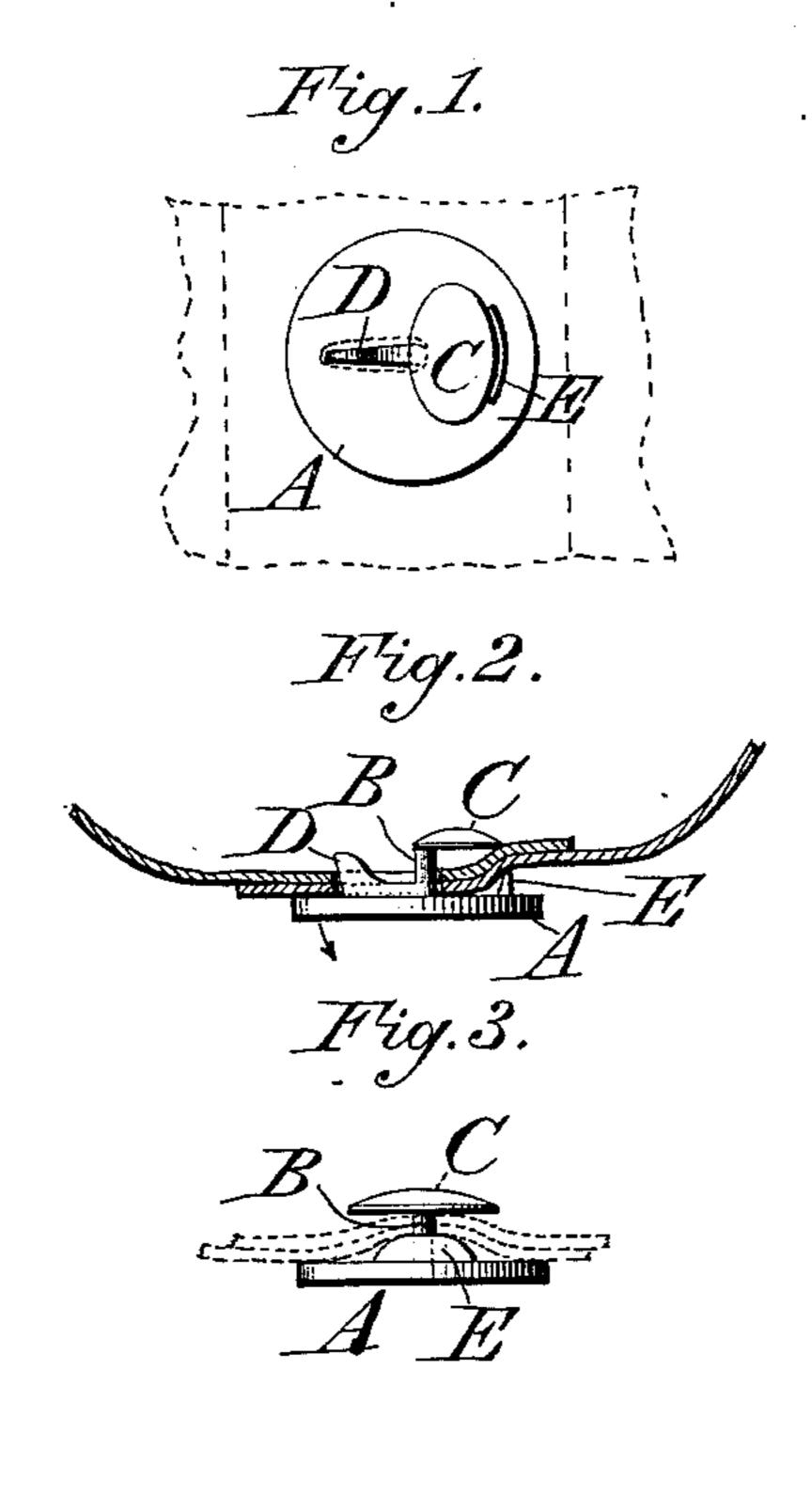


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## SLEEVE AND CUFF BUTTON.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Levi H. Thomas, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sleeve and Cuff Buttons; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in cuff and sleeve buttons whereby the button is securely held or locked in the cuff or sleeve by a locking-lug, as will be hereinafter set forth and described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an inverted plan view of my sleeve-button, the cuff being indicated in dotted lines; Fig. 2, an elevation of the button applied to a cuff or sleeve, the same being in section; Fig. 3, an elevation at right angles to Fig. 2; Fig. 4, an elevation of a modification of the button; Fig. 5, a plan of Fig. 4.

A represents the head of the button, which may be made of metal, ivory, or other suitable material. B is the shank, made in one piece with the head and terminating in a shoe, C, bent at right angles, or nearly so, to the shank. This shoe I make preferably of the oval shape shown in Fig. 1; but it may be a flat straight bar, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5.

A continuation of the shank B forms a lug, D, or a locking-projection on the head A. It is made in the shape shown in Fig. 2, higher

at its outer end than where it meets the shank, and tapering or wedge-shaped from the shank 40 to its outer extremity, as seen in Fig. 1. A lug, E, slightly curved, is made with or attached to the head of the button at a proper distance from the shank to bring it over the outer end of the shoe C. (See Figs. 1 and 2.) 45 The shoe C is passed through the button-holes of the cuff or sleeve, and the button turned so as to bring the locking-lug D in line with the button-holes. Said lug is now pressed into the button-holes, when its higher portion, project- 50 ing entirely through the cuff, as shown, securely locks or prevents rotation of the button in the cuff. The cuff or lap of the cuff or sleeve passes over the lug E and between it and the shoe C, and is pinched together, thereby se- 55 curing the button and cuff more firmly together, as shown.

To release the button from the cuff it is only necessary to draw the lug D out of the button-holes by moving the head, as indicated by the 60 arrow, Fig. 2, when the shoe easily slips out of the cuff or sleeve.

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

A sleeve or cuff button composed of a head, A, shank B, provided with a shoe, C, bent at or nearly to a right angle thereto, locking-lug D, and lug E, substantially as shown, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

LEVI H. THOMAS.

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