

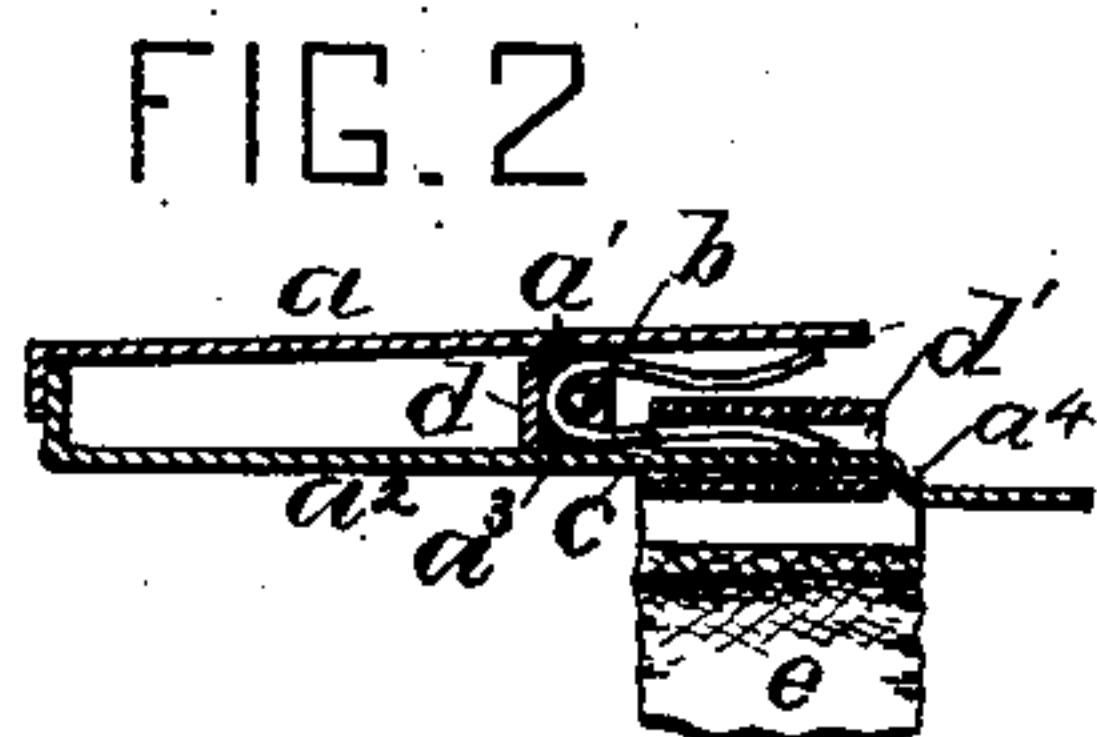
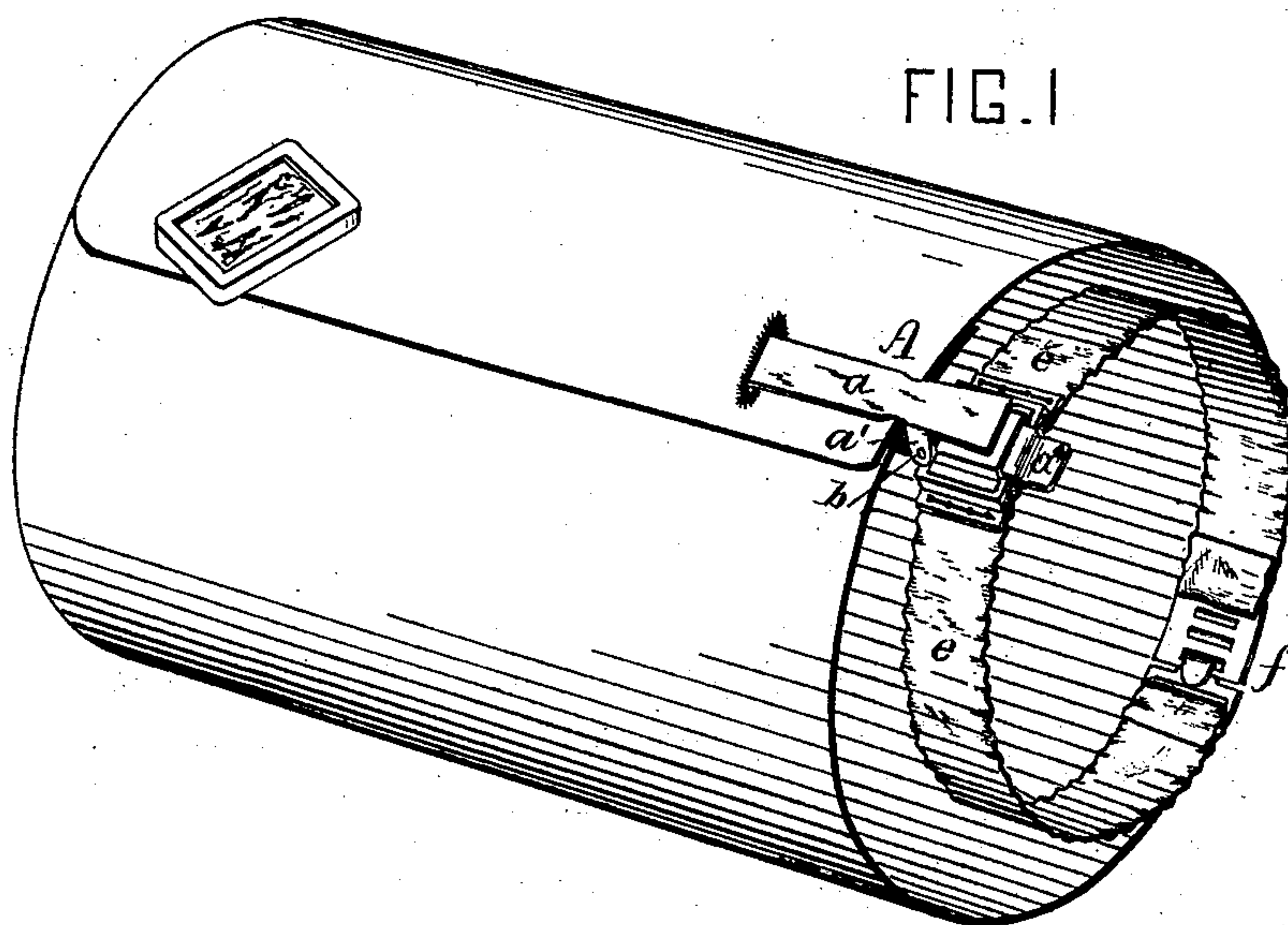
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY E. DEACON, of Scranton, Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and Improved Device for Holding and Adjusting Cuffs; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the application of my improved device. Fig. 2 is a sectional view.

Similar letters of reference in the several figures denote the same parts.

My invention has for its object to provide improved means for holding and adjusting the stiff detachable cuffs now generally worn by ladies and gentlemen, whereby the inconvenience and labor of buttoning and unbuttoning the cuffs are avoided, and the latter are enabled to be worn a much longer time because of the preservation intact of their button-holes.

To this end my invention consists in the improved device which I will now proceed to describe.

In the drawings, A represents a clasp, consisting of a jaw, a , having ears or lugs a' , and a co-operating jaw, a^2 , having ears a^3 , the two being pivoted together by means of a pivot, b , passing through their said ears and upset at its ends, as shown. The outer ends of the jaws are bent inward at right angles and overlap each other, and they are kept normally closed or overlapped by means of a spring, c , consisting of a thin flat plate of springy metal bent back on itself, so as to embrace the pivot b and bear with its opposite ends on the rear portions of the two jaws, as shown. In order to prevent the spring from working out from between the jaws, the jaw a^2 is provided with a guard, d , in

front of the pivot, and between which and the pivot the bend of the spring is confined.

The clasp is applied by springing its jaws apart so that they may embrace the overlapped ends of the cuff, and then allowing the jaws to spring back into normal position with their bent ends closed past each other in the registered button-holes of the cuff, as shown in Fig. 1. I somewhat extend the under jaw, a^2 , and form a shoulder or bend, a^4 , upon it, and then insert it through a socket, d' , secured to a flexible band, e , passed about the arm of the wearer. One part of the clasp-spring passes into the socket and is slightly compressed, and when the bend or shoulder a^4 engages with the edge of the socket on the opposite side it is held so engaged by the expansion of the spring. By disengaging the shoulder a^4 from the edge of the socket the clasp can be removed. The elastic band is secured by an adjustable fastening, f , of the form shown or of any other approved form.

By my improved device the cuffs are securely held in proper position when used, and are enabled to be readily put on and taken off without injury to their button-holes.

I claim as my invention—

The clasp A, having one of its jaws extended rearward and provided with the bend or shoulder a^4 , and having also the spring c , in combination with the socket and the band on which the socket is secured, said band being adapted to pass around the arm of the wearer, and the whole arranged to operate substantially as described.

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