

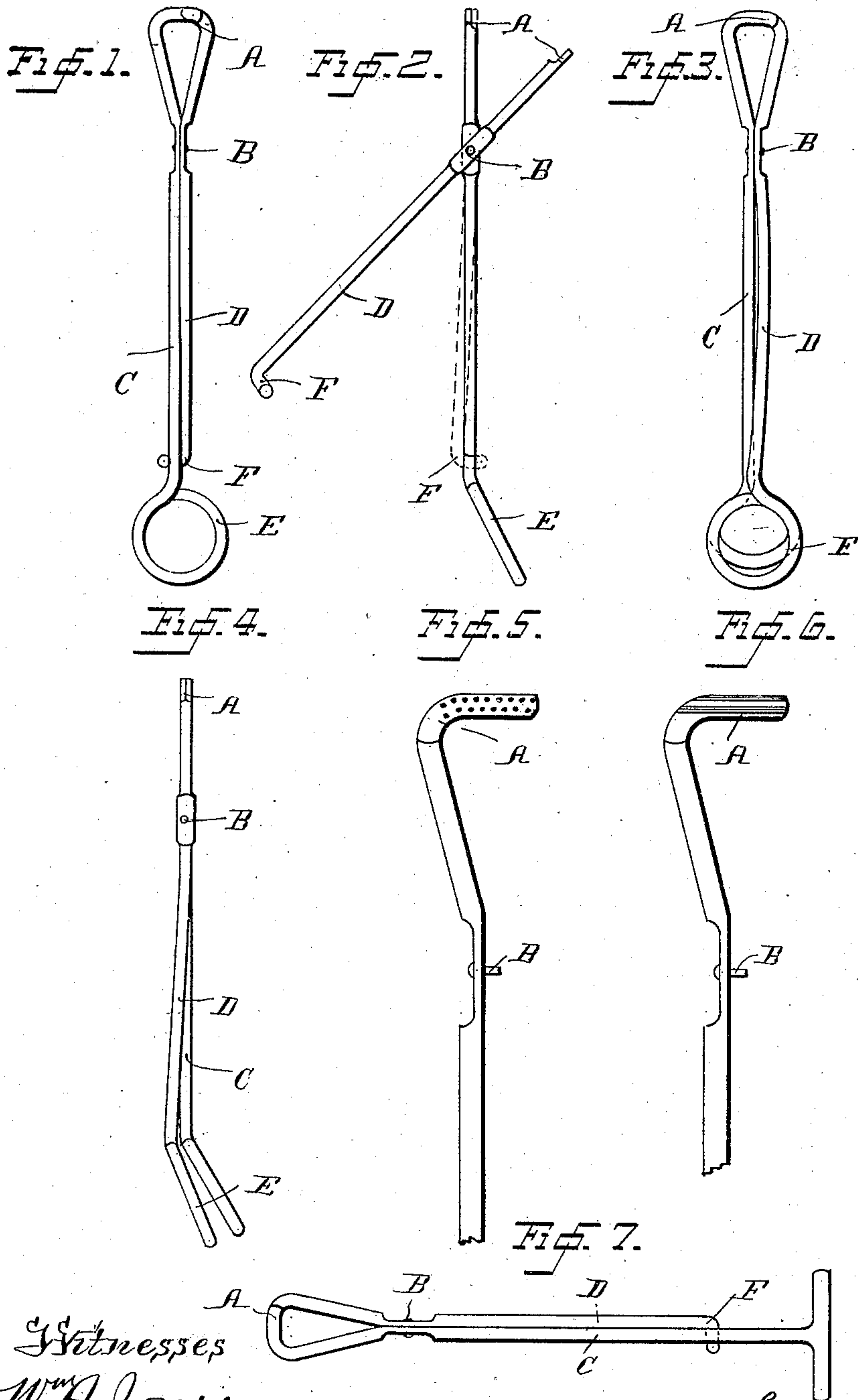
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STILES H. WHITING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Holding Sleeves of Garments; 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.

My invention has for its object to provide a simple and handy device for holding sleeves while putting on an outer garment. It is, of course, essential in a device of this kind that it shall be simple in construction, economical in cost, easy to manage, and impossible to get out of repair. In order to produce a device which will meet these requirements, which will, in short, be cheap, always ready for use, and which at the same time will not injure fine light material, I have devised the simple and novel implement which I will now describe, referring by letters to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation with the jaws closed; Fig. 2, an edge view with the jaws open; Fig. 3, an elevation, and Fig. 4 an edge view, showing a modified form of handle. Figs. 5 and 6 are views upon an enlarged scale, showing two styles of holding-jaws; and Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 1, but showing a slightly-modified style of handle.

It is of course well understood that whether the fashions tend toward tight sleeves or loose ones the sleeves of outer and inner garments are made as nearly the same size as possible, which leads to the under sleeve being drawn up when the outer garment is put on. If the undersleeves are short, it is impossible to hold them down with the fingers, and unless both sleeves are very loose it is impossible to work an under sleeve down when it has once been drawn up. Moreover, if the sleeve be made of fine light material, and particularly if trimmed with fine lace, it is liable to be seriously damaged in attempting either to hold it down with the fingers or to pull it down when it has been pushed up by an outer garment. This device is perfectly well adapted for use in connection with ladies', gentlemen's, or children's

clothing. It will, however, be found particularly valuable by ladies for their own and for children's clothing.

Referring now to the drawings, A represents the jaws, pivoted as at B, and C and D the handles, which may be made of any suitable length. In my preferred form, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, I provide one of the handles, C in the present instance, with a ring, E, which is preferably bent at an obtuse angle to the handle, as shown in Fig. 2. The other handle, D in this instance, is provided with a hook, F, bent at a right angle to the handle and adapted to spring over the other handle, thereby holding the jaws firmly together.

The jaws may be of any suitable shape or size. As regards shape, I preferably make them substantially of the form illustrated—that is, each jaw is curved outward, then sharply inward again. The inner or grasping faces of the jaws may be left perfectly smooth, or may be corrugated or roughened in any suitable manner. Fig. 5 shows the inner face of a jaw made rough upon its surface by pricking with a die, and Fig. 6 illustrates a corrugated jaw.

The operation is as follows: The sleeve is caught by the jaws, one being slipped up inside the sleeve, the other being on the outside. Having caught the sleeve, hook F upon handle D is sprung over handle C, thus locking the jaws together, and ring E is slipped over the thumb of the user, by which it is held from being drawn up when an outer garment is put on. One holder may be used for both sleeves; but it is preferable to have a holder for each sleeve, much time being saved thereby. Having drawn on the outer or other garment, hook F is released from handle C, which allows the jaws to fly open, thus releasing the sleeve and permitting the removal of the holder. The operation of catching or releasing the sleeve requires but an instant, and the sleeve may be held while drawing on a close over garment beyond the possibility of its getting away and without the slightest damage to the sleeve.

In the modification illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4 I do away with hook F and provide a ring, E, at the end of each handle, preferably bending them as shown in Fig. 4. In practice the thumb of the user is passed through both rings, and the material of the garment is prevented

from slipping from the jaws by holding the two rings closely together with the thumb.

In the modification illustrated in Fig. 7, instead of a ring, or rings I provide a cross-bar
5 at the end of one of the handles, which lies in the palm of the hand of the user and is held by the fingers.

It will be understood that I do not limit myself to the exact construction shown, as it is
10 obvious that the shape of the parts may be very much changed without departing in the slightest from the spirit of my invention.

I claim—

1. A sleeve-holder having a pair of jaws
15 pivoted together, each of which is provided with a handle, one of said handles having a ring or cross-bar whereby the device may be grasped when in use, substantially as described.

2. In a sleeve-holder, the jaws pivoted to- 20
gether and having handles C D, the former having a ring which is adapted to engage the thumb of the user, and the latter a hook which is adapted to engage handle C, whereby the jaws are held to their closed position. 25

3. The pivoted jaws having roughened or corrugated faces and handles, one of which is provided with a hook to engage the other handle to hold the jaws closed, the other handle having a ring adapted to engage the thumb 30
of the user.

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

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