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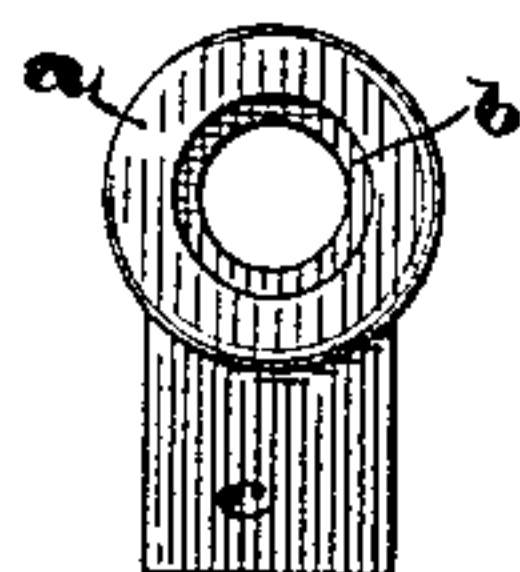


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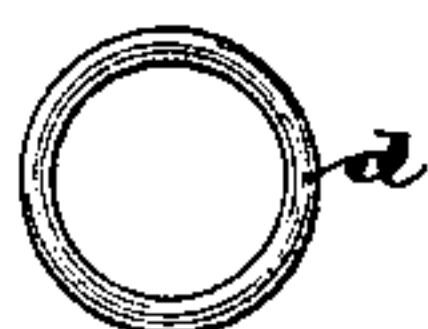


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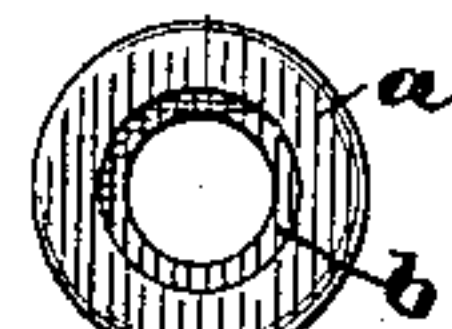


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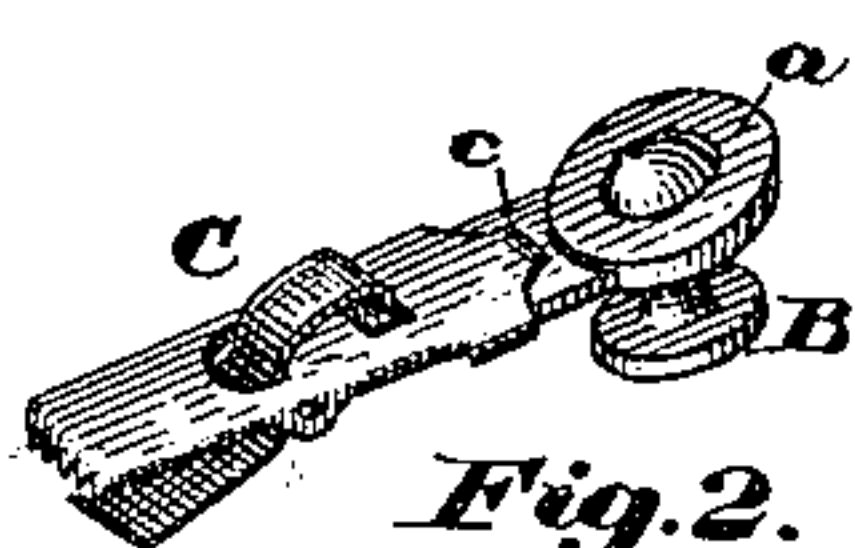


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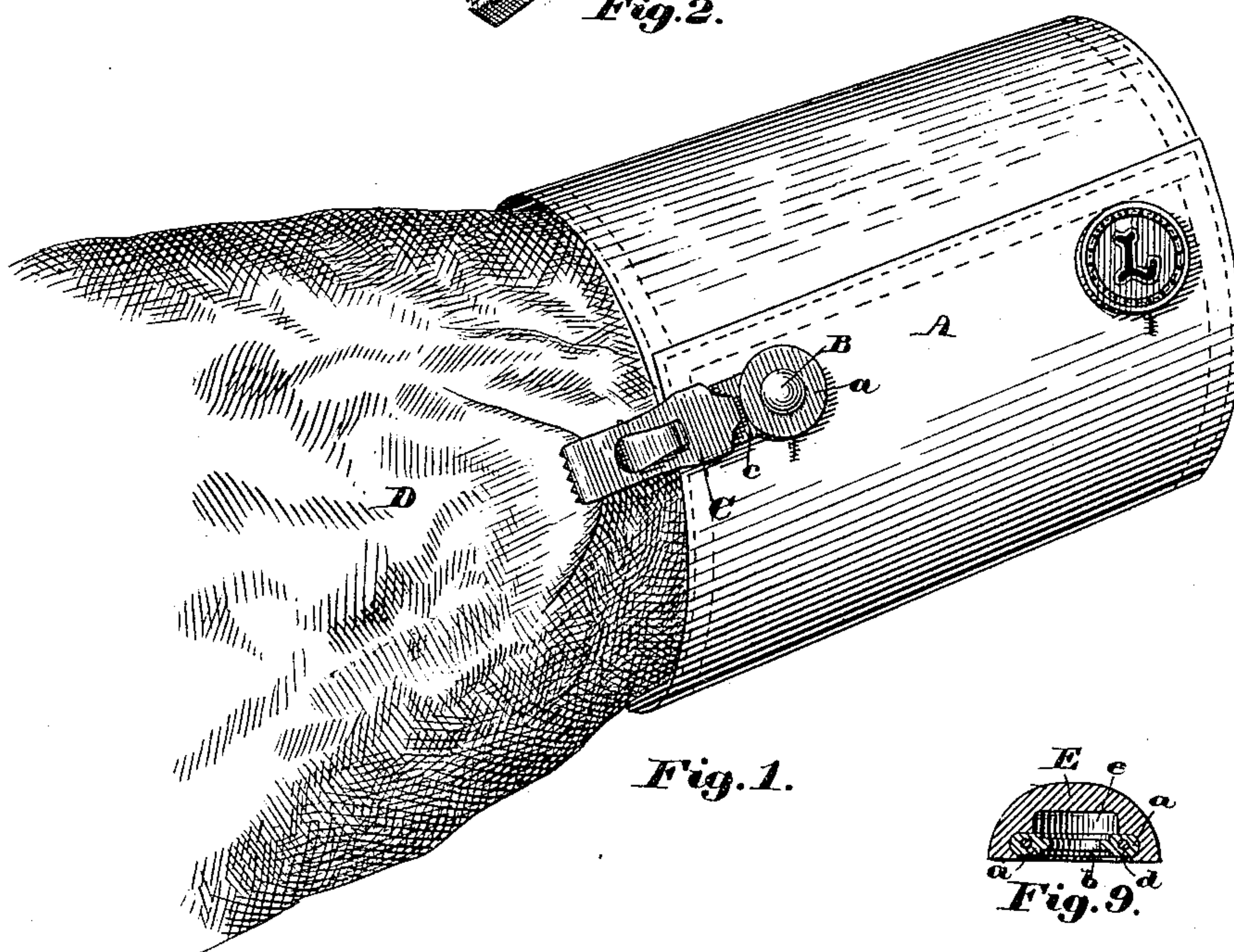


Fig. 1.

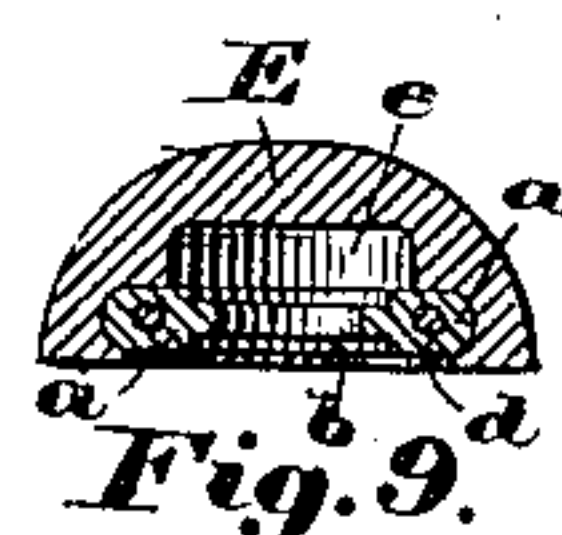


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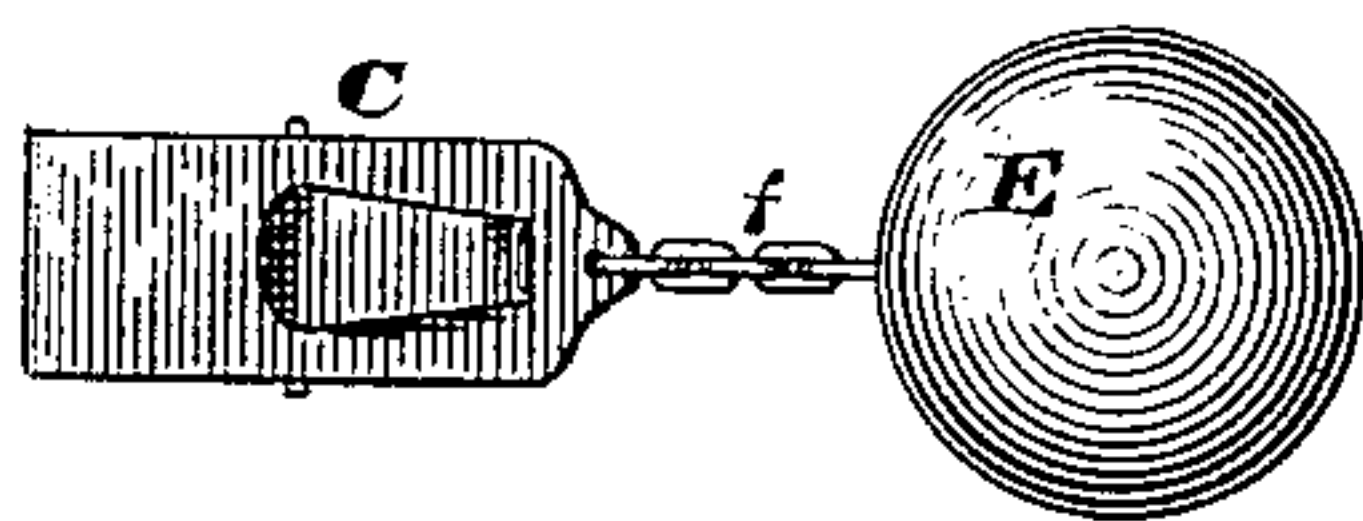


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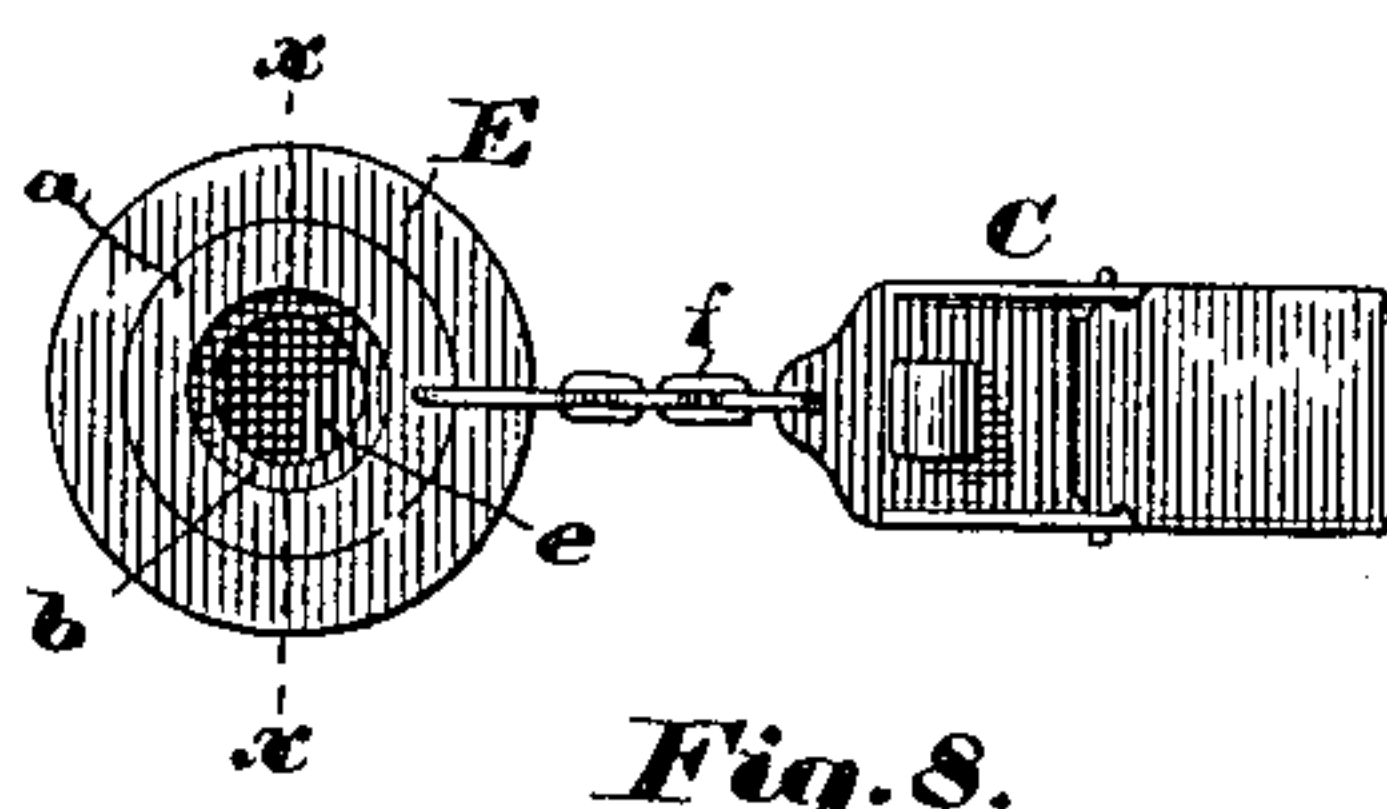


Fig. 8.

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## CUFF-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDMUND B. TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at College Hill, in the town of Medford, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Device for Fastening a Cuff to the Sleeve of a Garment, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a device which is used to hold the cuff in any desired position by fastening it to either the lining of the sleeve of the coat or the sleeve of the shirt; and the object of my invention is to produce a device which may be fastened to the sleeve and worn at all times without inconvenience, and to which the cuff may be easily attached and removed, and which will never release its hold on the cuff while it is in use.

My invention consists more particularly of a small circular piece of elastic material, as shown at Fig. 4, preferably india-rubber, furnished with means by which it may be fastened to the sleeve of a garment, Figs. 2 and 3, and perforated, so as to receive a stud, to which a cuff may be attached.

My device may be manufactured in an iron mold, such as is generally employed in the manufacture of molded rubber goods. The perforation is smaller than the head of the stud which it is designed to receive; but the edges of the perforation are elastic, and will yield to the pressure of the stud as it is inserted, and instantly after the passage of the head will spring back into their original shape beneath and prevent its escape, as shown in Fig. 2, while at the same time the body of the holder is of such strength and firmness that no ordinary pull of the cuff will alter the shape of the holder while in use.

If it should be desirable for any reason to make the holder of softer rubber, its body must be strengthened, so that no pull of the cuff will stretch the holder out of its normal shape, and for that purpose a metal ring, (shown at Fig. 6,) of such diameter as not to interfere with the elasticity of the edges of the perforation, may be inserted out of sight in the body of the holder, as shown at Fig. 9 at *d*, while the rubber is soft, during the process of molding.

My device may be set in an ornamental shell made of metal, celluloid, or any other suitable

material, and in any one of the many forms in which the ordinary ornamental cuff-buttons are made; but I do not limit myself to any particular form or size, for the essential feature of my invention is the perforated holder of suitable strength and elasticity, and of such form of construction that it may be fastened to the sleeve of a garment.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is the perforated elastic holder, attached to both the cuff and the sleeve. Fig. 2 is the perforated elastic holder with the stud and clasp. Fig. 3 is the perforated elastic holder with a projection or lip for convenience in attachment. Fig. 4 is the perforated elastic holder as described. Fig. 5 is a section of Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is a metal ring, which may be inserted in the body of the perforated elastic holder for the purpose described. Fig. 7 is a top view of the ornamental shell with a chain in place of the projection *c* of Fig. 3. Fig. 8 is an elevation of Fig. 7, showing the perforated elastic holder inserted in the shell. Fig. 9 is a section of Fig. 8 on line *x x*, showing the metal ring inserted in the holder and the cavity for the head of the stud.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

*a* is the body of the perforated elastic holder.

*b* is the countersunk portion or thin edge of the body next to the perforation.

*c* is the projection for attachment.

*e* is a cavity in the ornamental shell, to receive the head of a stud when it is pressed through the perforation in the elastic holder. *f* is the chain for attachment.

A is a cuff; B, a stud; C, a clasp; D, a shirt-sleeve.

E is the ornamental shell.

My device may be made either with or without the countersunk edge next to the perforation of the elastic holder, as shown in the drawings.

I am aware that many devices have been made for accomplishing the same purpose that I propose to effect; but all these devices, so far as I know, are composed of metal, and I believe it is broadly new to use a perforated elastic material for this purpose, for in no previous example have I found such a device composed either wholly or in part of india-rubber, and the use of this material involves a radical

change in the form of construction and principle of operation of devices used for this purpose.

5 My device is simple, it is cheap, it is durable, it can be easily fastened to the sleeve, where it may remain without inconvenience and be always ready for immediate use, and it holds the cuff securely, while permitting great freedom of necessary movement.

10 My device may be sewed to the sleeve or fastened with a clasp, as shown in Fig. 1, or any other suitable means may be used.

15 In use my device may be fastened either to the lining of the coat-sleeve or to the shirt, so that when the head of the stud is pressed through the perforation in the elastic holder the cuff will hang in the position desired.

To remove the cuff, turn the elastic holder at a right angle to it, leaving the elastic holder attached to the sleeve.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

20 As an improved article of manufacture, a cuff-holder consisting of the piece C, having an eye at one end re-enforced by a metallic ring 25 to receive a cuff-button, and provided with a snap to engage a sleeve, substantially as specified.

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