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Fig. 1.

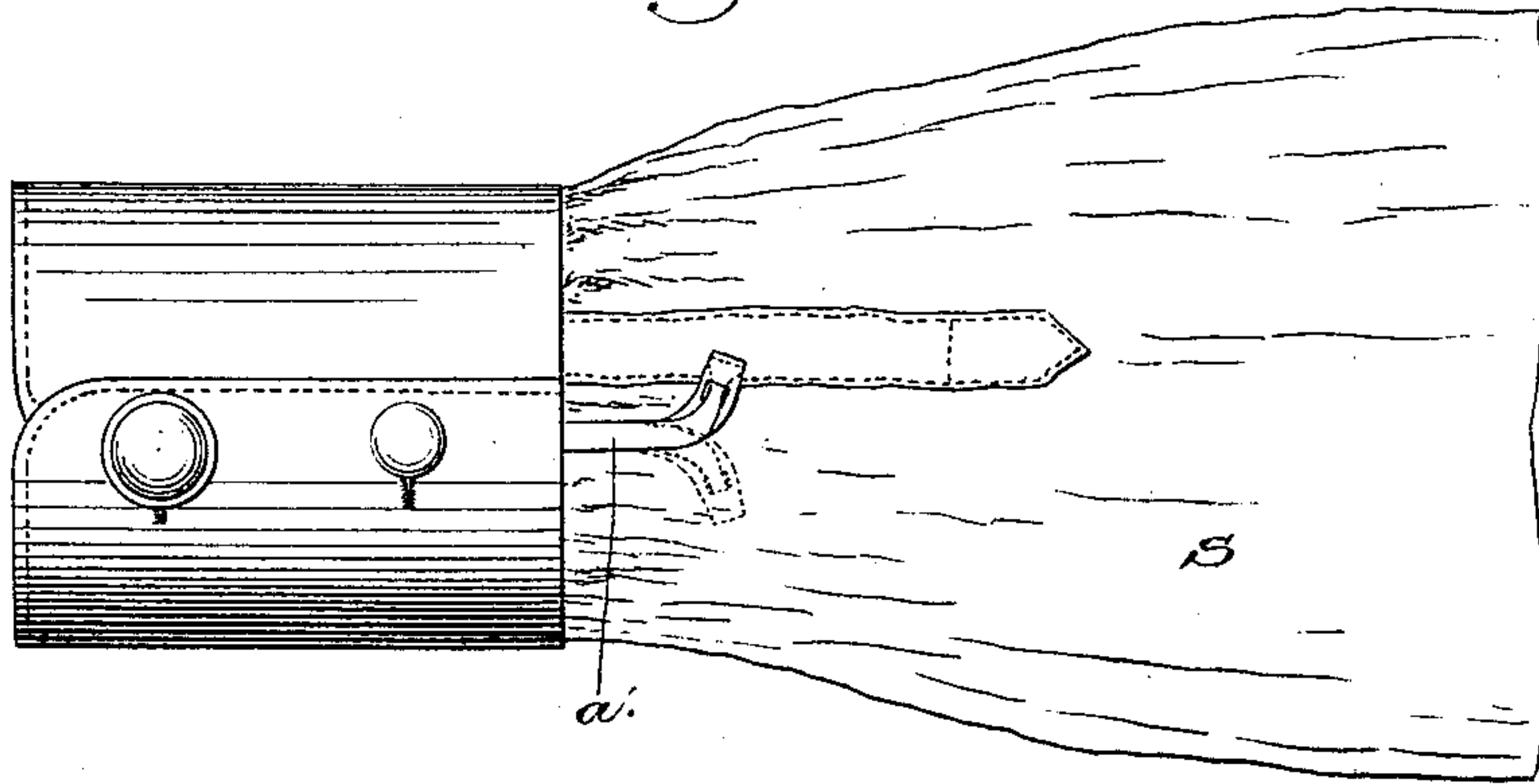


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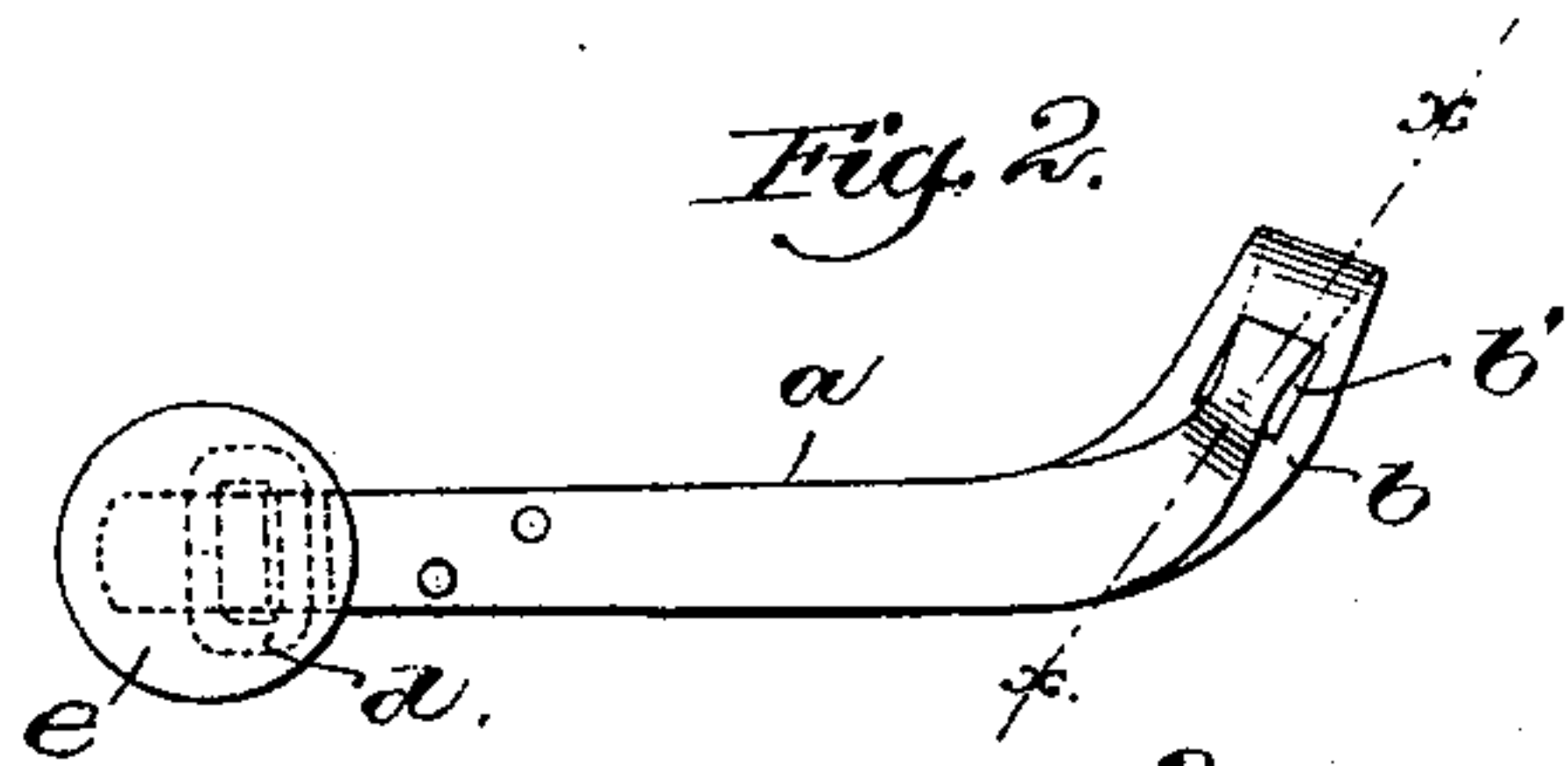


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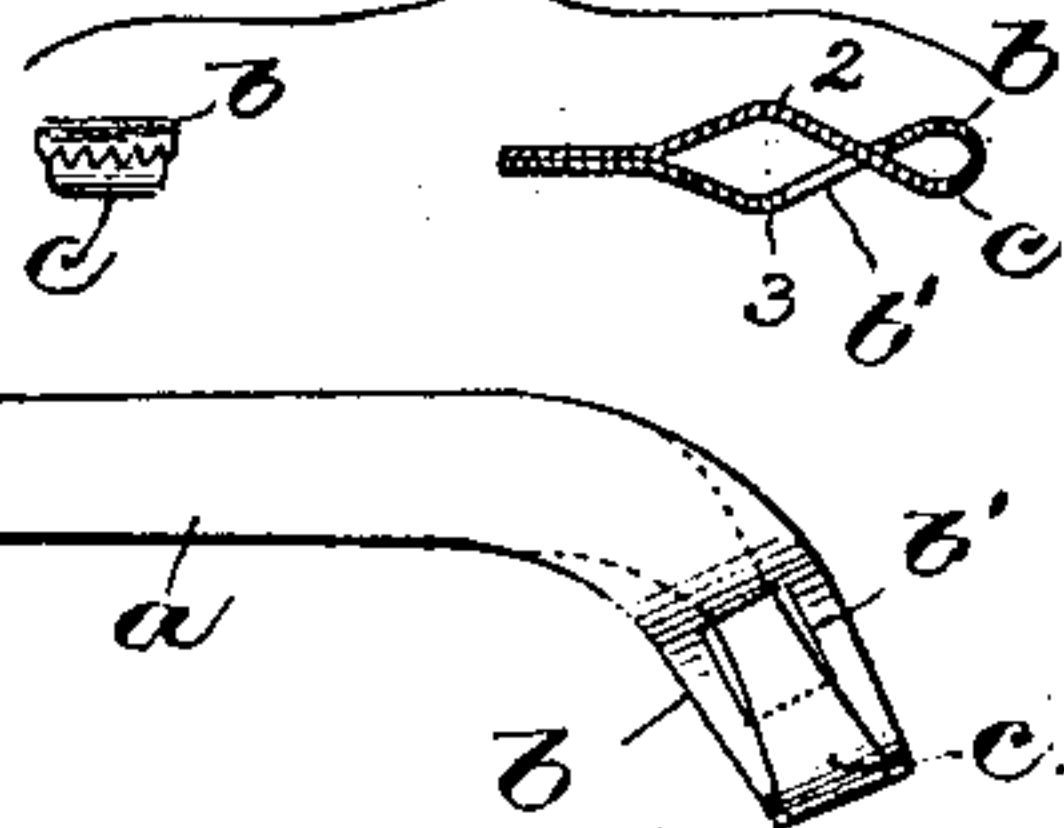


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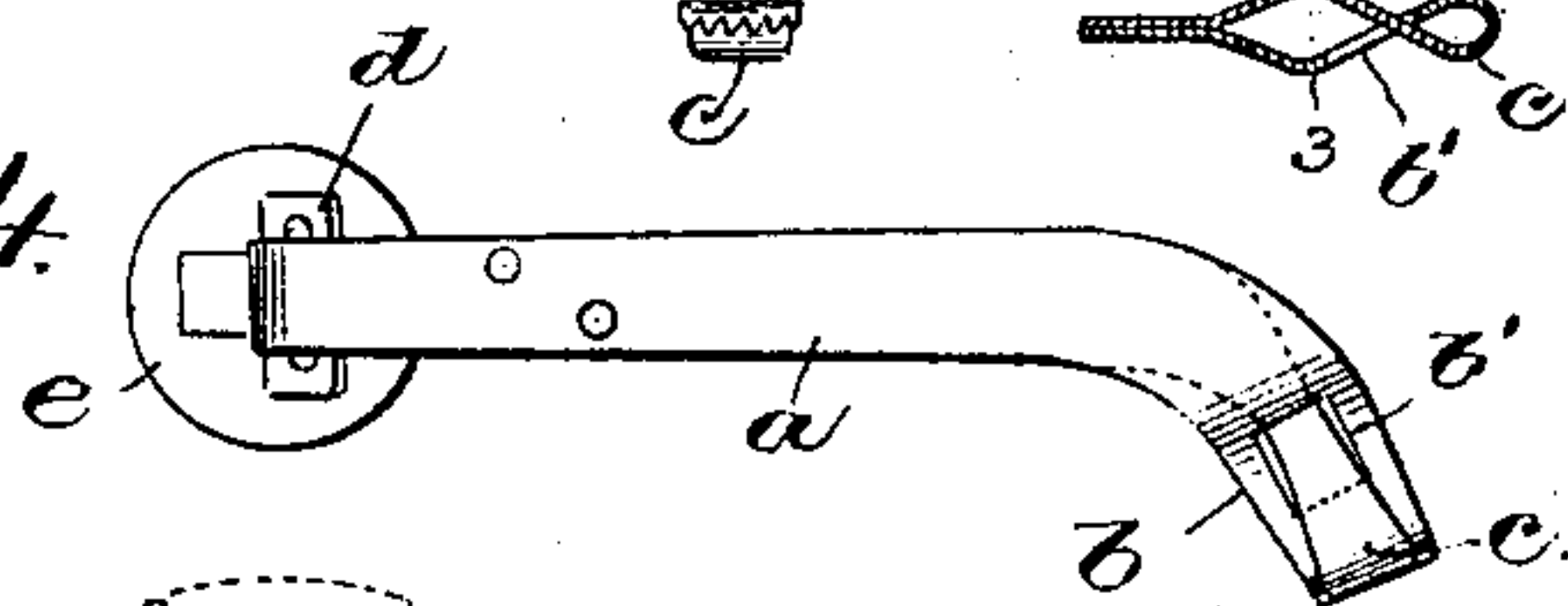


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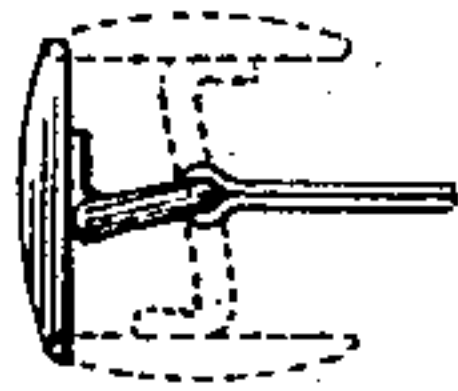


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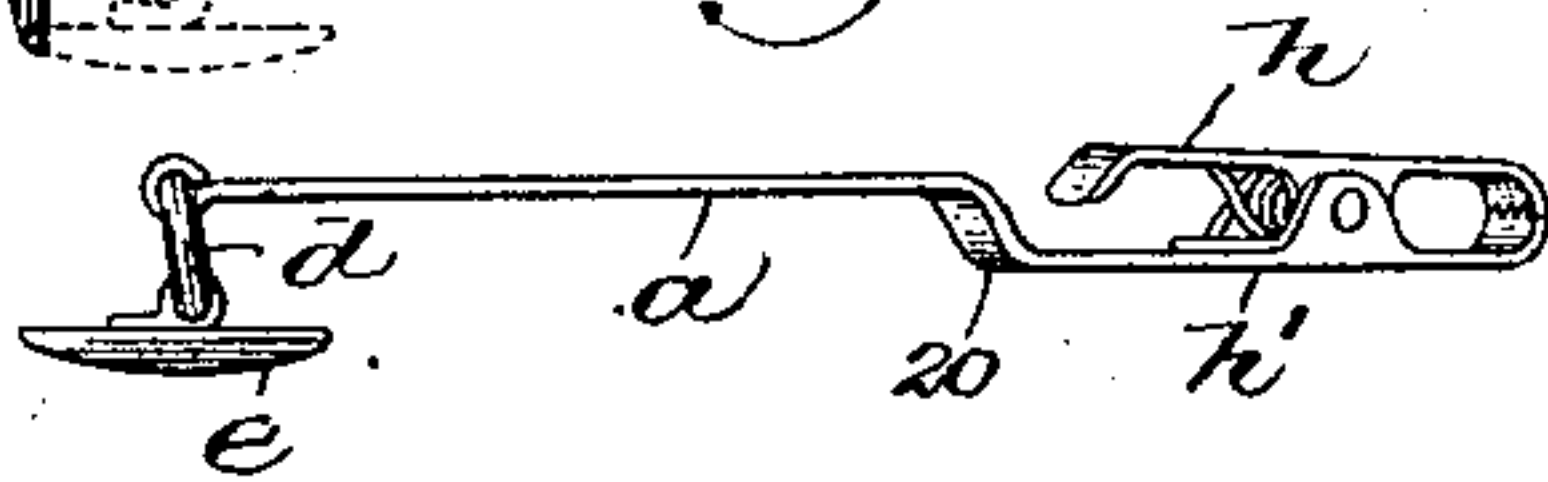
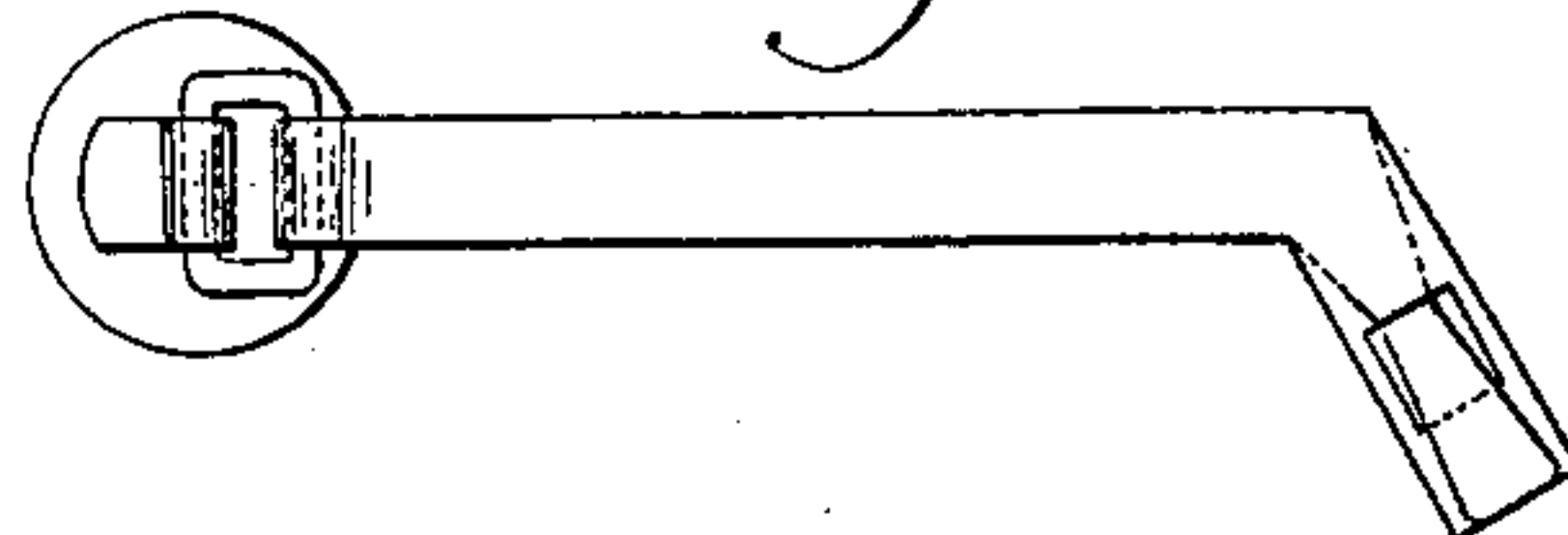


Fig. 7.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. PHELPS, of Newton, county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Cuff-Holders, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention has for its object to construct a cuff-holder for attaching a cuff to a sleeve at a point preferably just above the wristband, which shall be reversible, easily inserted through the button-hole of the cuff by either end, and be so smooth and free from angular projections as not to cause annoyance by catching in the lining of the coat-sleeves.

Another form of this invention is shown in my application for patent, Serial No. 234,483, filed April 12, 1887.

My improved holder consists, essentially, of a shank of suitable length provided at one end with a clamp or pair of jaws, at least one member of which clamp or pair of jaws is integral with the shank, to engage the material of the sleeve, the opposite end of the shank having attached to it a button or disk, the said button or disk being joined loosely to the shank by a bail or link, so that the face of the button or disk may be made to occupy a position at right angles to the shank, as when the button is to be passed through the button-holes in the cuff, or by means of the link may be made to occupy a position approximately in line with the shank, to facilitate passing through a button-hole, and to then lie with its face substantially parallel to the shank, as after the button has been passed through the cuff, the button resting outside the cuff and the shank being inside the cuff.

The clamps or jaws, extended from the shank at an angle or on a gradual curve, are shown as of such construction that they are equally efficient whether the shank is placed with one or its other face upward, and so, also, I have so connected the button or disk with the shank that the said button may be turned to occupy a position at either side the shank to enable the same cuff-holder to be used either with a right or a left sleeve.

Figure 1 shows in top view a cuff-holder embodying this invention, together with a cuff

and a portion of a sleeve, to illustrate the manner in which the same is employed; Fig. 2, a top view of the cuff-holder enlarged; Fig. 3, a front end view and sectional detail of the pair of jaws in the line *x*, Fig. 2; Fig. 4, an under side view of the cuff-holder shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of Fig. 4, the button being shown by dotted lines in its different positions. Fig. 6 is an edge view of a cuff-holder having a modified form of clasp, the connection between the button and shank being also modified in construction; and Fig. 7, a top view of the cuff-holder, the jaws being extended from the shank at an angle.

The cuff-holder in Figs. 1 to 5, as shown, has a shank, *a*, composed of a flat piece or pieces of spring metal bent or shaped to present at one end of the shank two jaws, *b c*, which, being suitably serrated at their ends, serve as a clamp to engage the sleeve *s*. One of the jaws, as *b*, has a slot or opening, *b'*, through which is passed the other jaw, *c*, which for such purpose is reduced in width, as shown, at a point near its end. These two jaws *b c* may be separated readily by pressing them at the points 2 3 just back of the point where the two jaws cross each other. The jaws *b c* extend laterally from the end of the shank *a*, preferably on a gradual curve (see Fig. 2) or at an obtuse angle, (see Fig. 7,) the jaws being constructed, as above described and shown, so that the said shank may be placed with either of its flat faces outward and said jaws be made to grasp a right or left sleeve. The opposite end of the shank *a* has loosely jointed to it a bail or link, *d*, and in Figs. 1 to 5, inclusive, a bail is shown which has secured to it a button or disk, *e*, while in Figs. 6 and 7 a link is shown which turns freely upon the shank *a*, and which has loosely pivoted to it the button or disk *e*. The bail or link *d* is also of sufficient length to extend through the button-holes of the cuff, and thereafter the button or disk will lie flush against the outside of the cuff and the shank *a* will lie flush against the rear side thereof.

Instead of employing the two jaws *b c* above described, an ordinary spring-clasp such as shown in Fig. 6 may be employed with good results, the shank *a* being bent or offset, as at 20, to form the stationary portion or jaw *h'* of

the said clasp, in order that the said offset may act to protect the rear end of the movable jaw *h* when in contact with the stationary jaw *h'* and lie substantially flush with the shank *a*.

5 When the button loosely connected to the link *d* is being inserted through the holes in the cuff, the said button stands with its face approximately in line with the shank *a*, and when the button is rigidly attached to the bail
10 *d* the button will stand with the face at an angle to the shank *a*, and as the bail or link is loosely connected to the shank *a* the button may be placed either side thereof to adapt the holder for either a right or left hand sleeve,
15 the jaws extending, as shown, at an angle or gradual curve from the shank *a*. The shank may be employed with either of the faces outward for this purpose.

20 If desired, the holder may be applied to the cuff by entering the jaws *b c* through the several button-holes, necessarily the button in such case bearing with its back against the face of the cuff.

I claim—

1. A cuff-holder consisting of a shank, a 25 clamp or pair of jaws extending laterally from the shank, and at least one member of said clamp or pair of jaws being integral with the shank, a button, and a hinged or pivoted bail interposed between the button and shank and 30 connecting them so as to permit the button to be moved from one side of the shank to the other to adapt the holder for use on a right-hand or left-hand sleeve, substantially as described. 35

2. A cuff-holder consisting of the shank *a*, having the offset 20, the spring clamp or pair of jaws *h h'*, button *e*, and bail or link *d*, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name 40 to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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