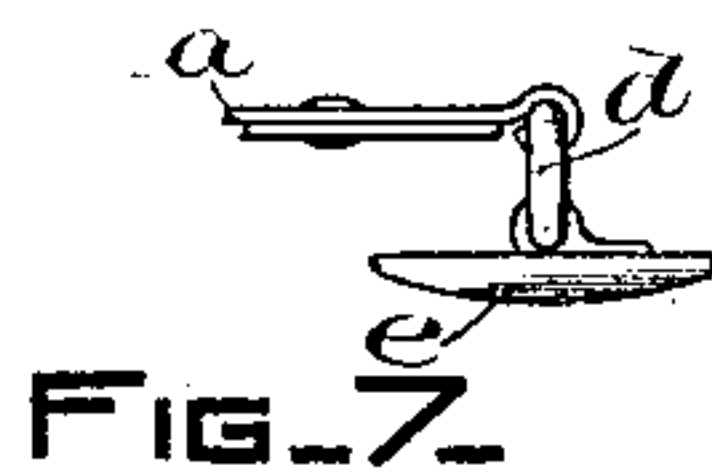
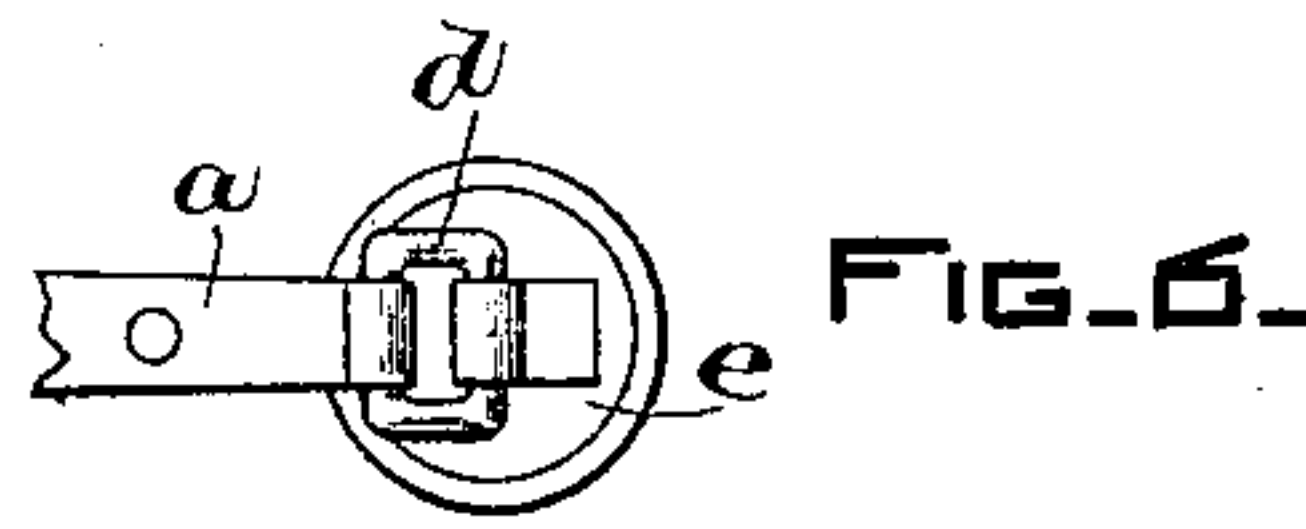
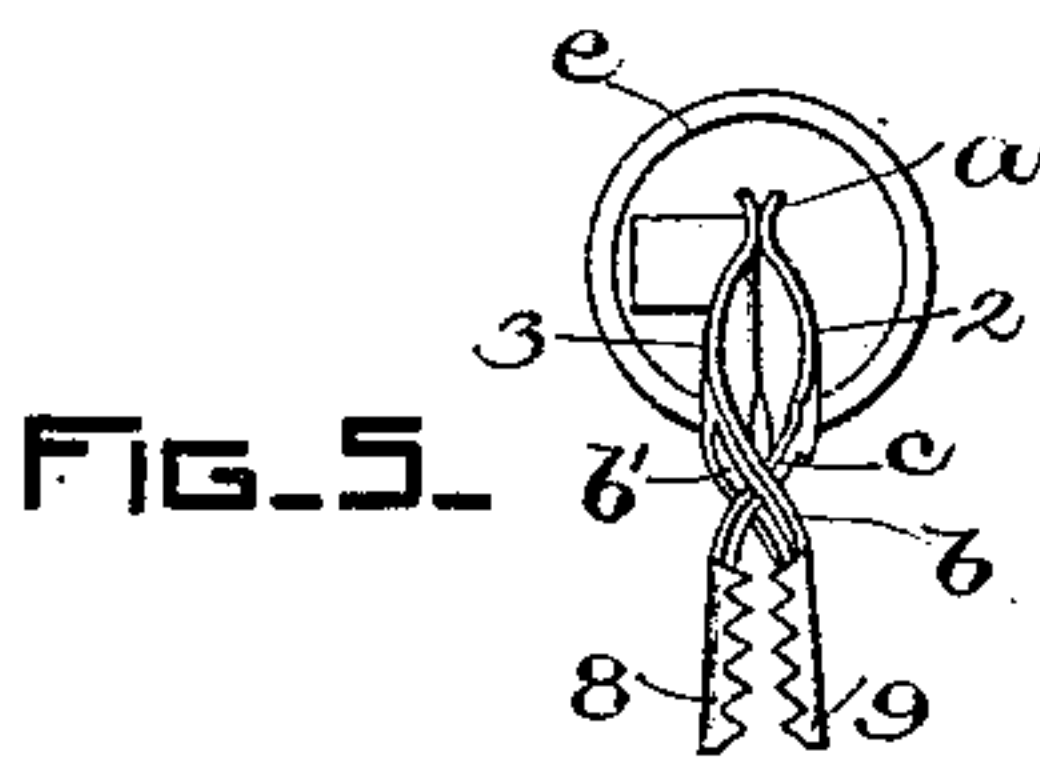
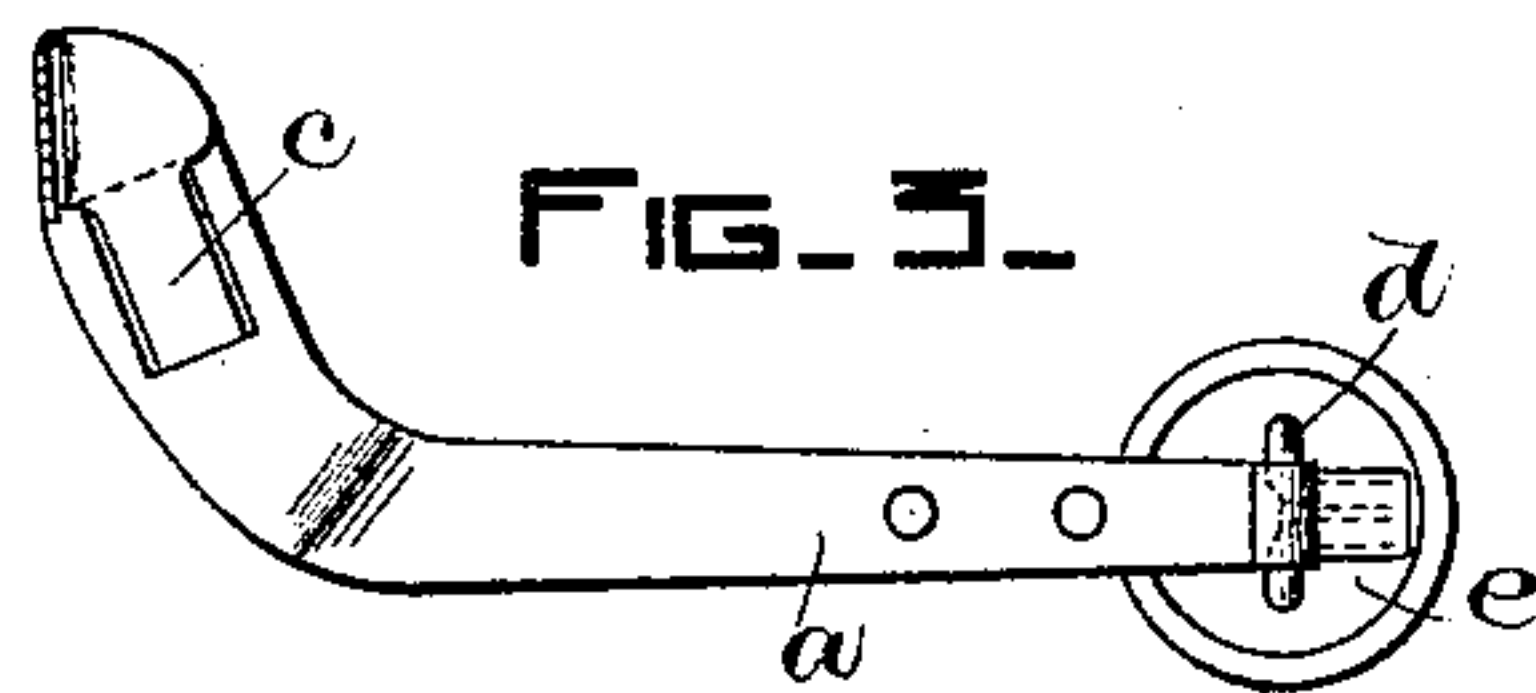
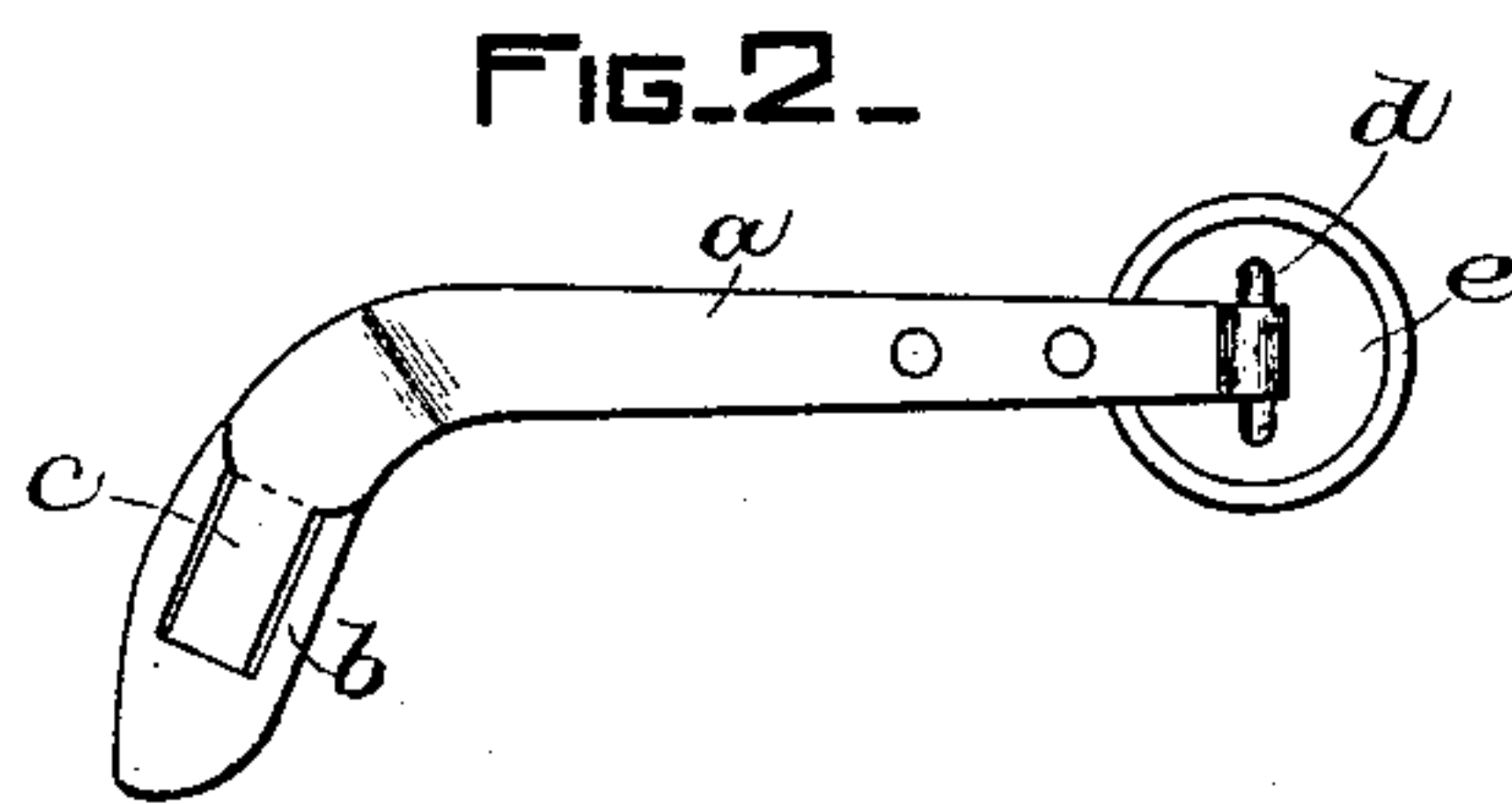
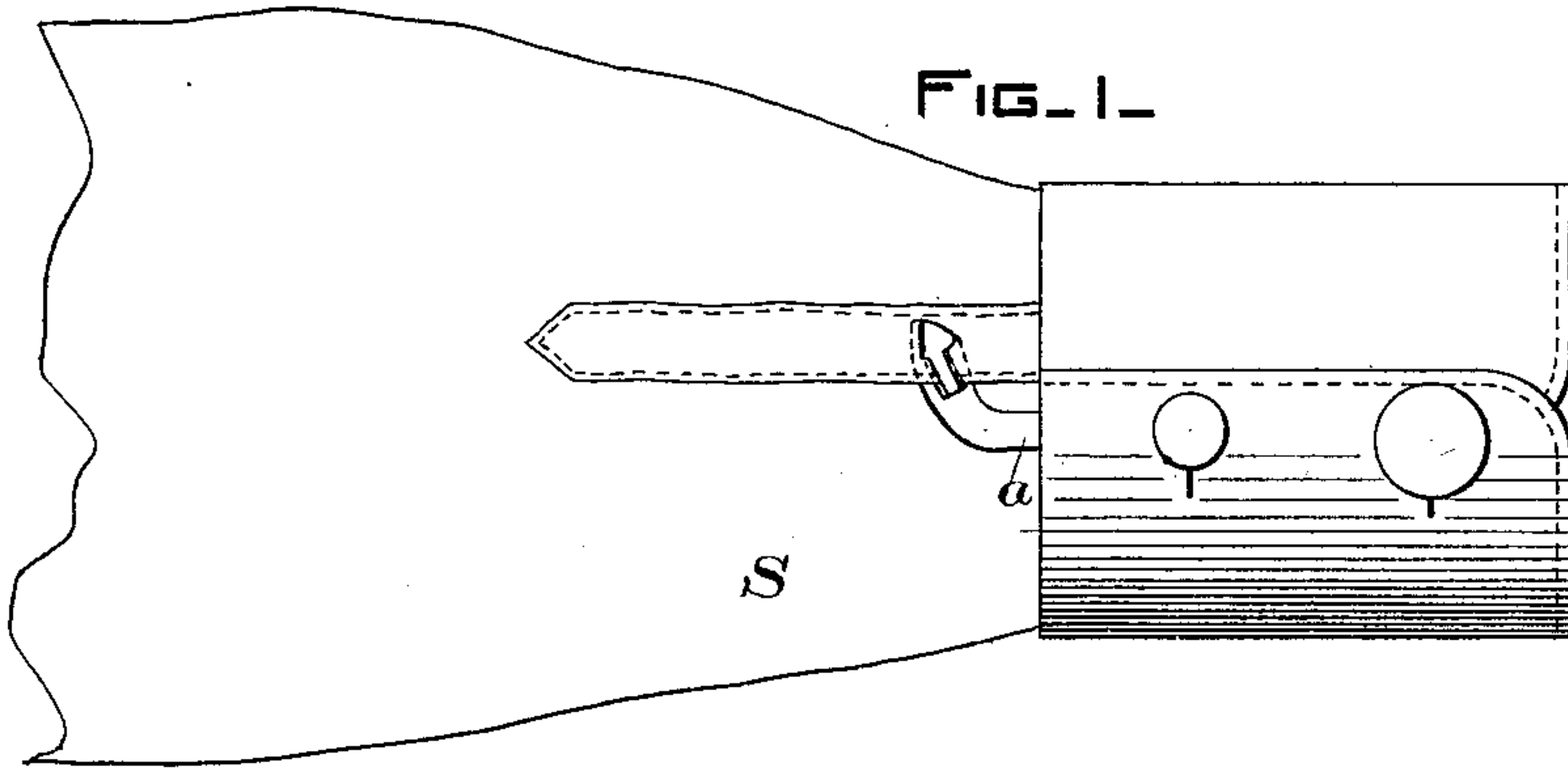


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## CUFF-HOLDER.

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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.

The invention is allied in general characteristics to the invention set forth in my application Serial No. 220,743, filed December 4, 1886, and may be considered as an improvement thereupon.

My improved holder consists, essentially, of a shank of suitable length provided at one end with a clamp or pair of jaws to engage the material of the sleeve and at the other end with a button or disk which is 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.

The clamps or jaws have toothed engaging edges or sides at right angles with relation to the shank, so as to engage the material and

exert a strain thereupon in a line parallel with the shank.

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, an underside view of the cuff-holder shown in Fig. 2; Fig. 4, an edge view of the cuff-holder, the button being shown by dotted lines in its different positions; Fig. 5, an end view of the cuff-holder, and Figs. 6 and 7 details of a portion of the shank and its button attached by a modified form of link.

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 sleeves. 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,) and, being constructed as above described and shown, the shank *a* may be placed with either of its flat faces outward, and the jaws be made to grasp a right or left sleeve. The jaws *b c*, offset from the shank, are provided with serrated edges 8 9, substantially at right angles with relation to the shank, to engage and extend transversely across the material of the sleeve substantially at a right angle to the direction of the pull or strain exerted by the cuff on the shank *a*, thereby preventing tearing of the material, as is the case when a series of teeth engage a fabric in the line of the warp-threads. 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 wrist-



band, 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.

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.

If desired, the holder may be applied to the  
20 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—

25 1. As an improved article of manufacture, the herein-described cuff-holder, composed of a shank, *a*, having a clamp or pair of jaws at one end and a button or disk loosely attached to the opposite end by a bail or link, which

in turn is jointed to the said shank, whereby 30 the button or disk may be arranged for use upon either side of the shank, substantially as described.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a cuff-holder composed of the shank *a*, having 35 a clasp or pair of jaws extending laterally therefrom at one end, as described, and having a button or disk loosely attached at the opposite end by a bail or link, the said pair of jaws being constructed, substantially as described, 40 to lie nearly flush with the shank, substantially as set forth.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, a cuff-holder composed of a shank, *a*, a pair 45 of jaws extended laterally therefrom, as described, and having engaging teeth at substantially right angles with relation to the shank, a button, and a bail or link interposed between the button and shank and loosely jointed to each, substantially as described. 50

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

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