

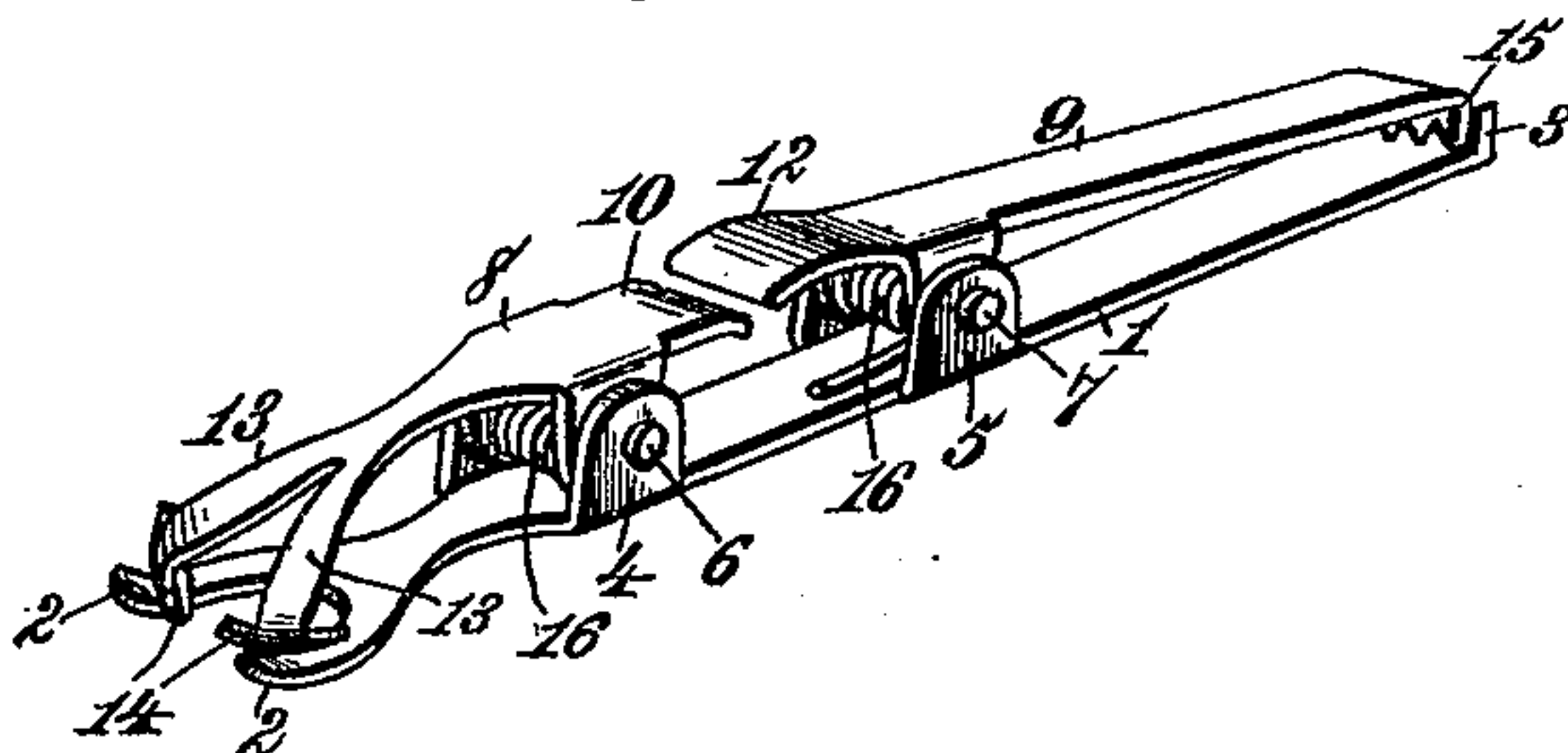
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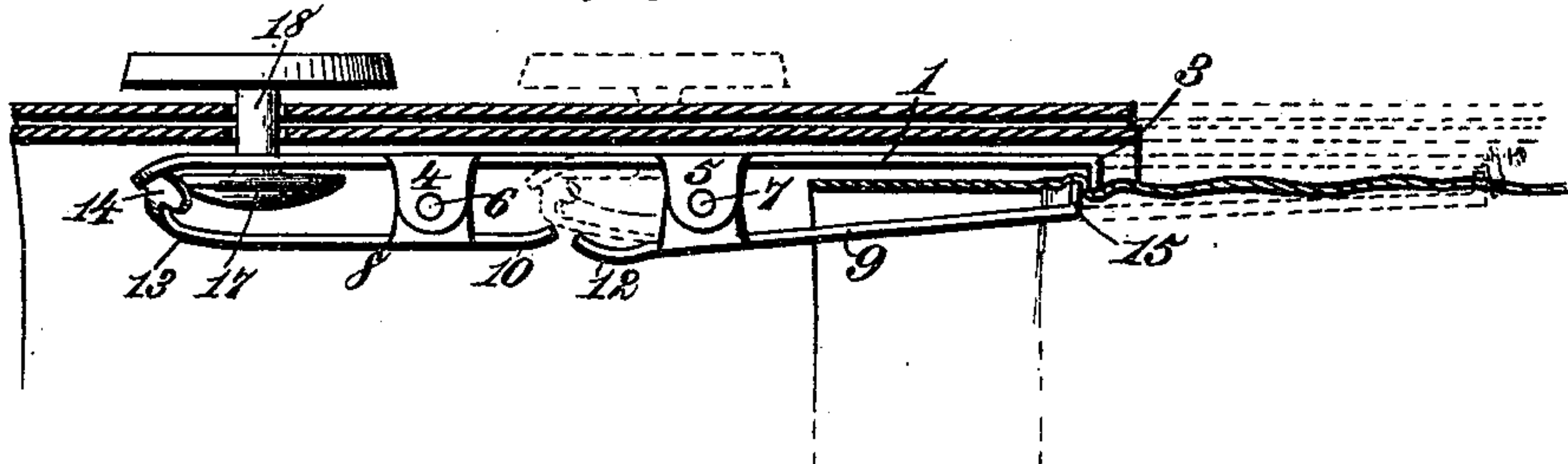
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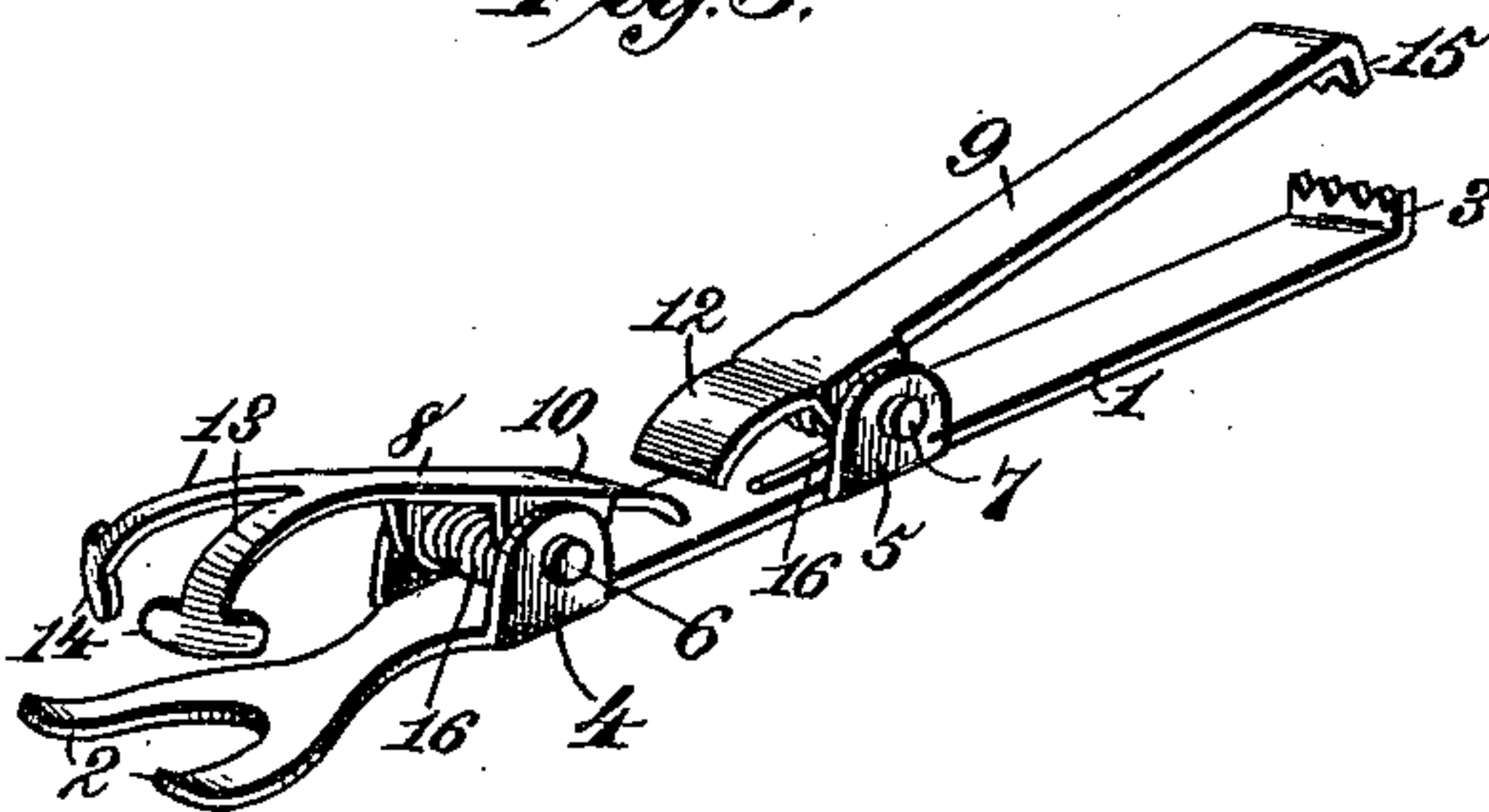
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## CUFF-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD C. DREW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ansonia, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cuff-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a novel device for connecting a cuff with the wristband of a shirt and adjusting the cuff to any desired position relatively to the wristband to vary the extension or projection of the cuff beyond the end of the coat-sleeve.

The invention also has for its object to provide a novel cuff-holder which will connect a cuff with the wristband of a shirt without the necessity of engaging the holder with a button or button-hole on the wristband.

The invention also has for its object to provide a novel cuff-holder which enables the cuff to be conveniently adjusted relatively to the wristband of a shirt while the coat is upon the wearer.

To accomplish all these objects, my invention involves the features of construction, the combination or arrangement of parts, and the principles of operation hereinafter described and claimed, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved cuff holder and adjuster. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of a cuff and part of a shirt-sleeve, showing the cuff and cuff-holder in one position by full lines and adjusted to another position in dotted lines; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the cuff holder and adjuster, showing the hinged jaws elevated, to more clearly exhibit the construction of the button-hook on one jaw and the manner of simultaneously operating both jaws.

In order to enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now describe the same in detail, referring to the drawings, wherein—

The numeral 1 indicates the base-plate, composed of a rectilinear strip of sheet metal, having at one end a fork or bifurcation to provide two finger-like projections or prongs 2 to form a stationary jaw, and at the opposite end a lateral flange 3, having a serrated edge to form another stationary jaw.

The base-plate is provided between the two stationary jaws with two pairs of lateral lugs 4 and 5 to form, respectively, bearings for the pivot-pins 6 and 7 of two hinged swinging jaws 8 and 9, which have one end shaped into thumb-pieces 10 and 12, located between the two pairs of lugs 4 and 5, and in such proximity to each other that a finger or thumb can be applied to both thumb-pieces to depress the same and thereby simultaneously swing the two hinged jaws.

The jaw 8 is bifurcated at its outer end to provide two branches 13, which at their extremities are bent into hook shape, as at 14, thereby constituting what may be termed a "button-hook" that is adapted to be engaged with the shank or foot piece of a button.

The jaw 9 is provided at its outer end with a lateral serrated flange 15 to co-operate with the flange 3 for gripping the wristband of a shirt.

The construction described provides a pair of jaws at each end of the holder—one pair to grip the cuff-button and the other pair to grip the wristband. The jaws 8 and 9 are spring-pressed to throw them to their closed position, and while any arrangement of springs 16 may be used, I prefer to employ that type in which the spring is coiled about the pivot-pin and bears by one end against the base-plate and by the other end against the swinging jaw.

In practice, the base-plate being placed next the inside of a cuff, the thumb-pieces are depressed and the finger-like projections or prongs 2 are passed under the button-head or foot-piece 17, to embrace the shank of a button 18, while the button-hook moves past and engages such button-head or foot-piece. The holder with the cuff is then moved, so that the jaw 9 and the flanged end or jaw 3, respectively, overlies and underlies the wristband 19, and when the desired position is attained the thumb-pieces are released, whereupon the wristband will be gripped and the cuff thereby held in the position to which it is adjusted. By depressing the thumb-piece of the jaw 9 to release the grip and then moving the holder lengthwise in either direction the position of the cuff relatively to the wristband can be varied to decrease or increase the extension or projection of the cuff beyond the coat-sleeve, as will be quite obvious from Fig. 2 of



the drawings, where one adjustment of the cuff is indicated by dotted lines.

5 The position of the cuff in relation to the wristband can be varied at will, even while the coat is on the wearer, and this capability of adjustment to change the position of the cuff is a material advantage and very desirable.

10 The engagement of the cuff-holder with the wristband is effected by the gripping-jaws without the necessity of engaging the jaws with a button or similar device on the wristband, which is advantageous in that the adjustment of the holder on the wristband is  
15 thereby readily effected.

I do not confine myself to the use of the device as a cuff-holder, for obviously it can be otherwise employed.

What I claim is—

20 1. A cuff-holder having at one end means to engage the wristband of a shirt and at the other end comprising two jaws, one having a

bifurcation to form finger-like prongs and the other having a bifurcation with the extremities thereof bent into two hooks to engage a cuff-button, substantially as described. 25

2. A cuff-holder consisting of a base-plate having a flanged jaw at one end and a bifurcated jaw at the opposite end, two swinging spring-pressed jaws pivoted on the base-plate and having thumb-pieces at their inner extremities located in juxtaposition to each other, and one of the jaws having a button-hook to engage a cuff-button and the other having a flanged end to co-operate with the  
35 base-plate for gripping a wristband, substantially as described.

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

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