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Fig. 1.

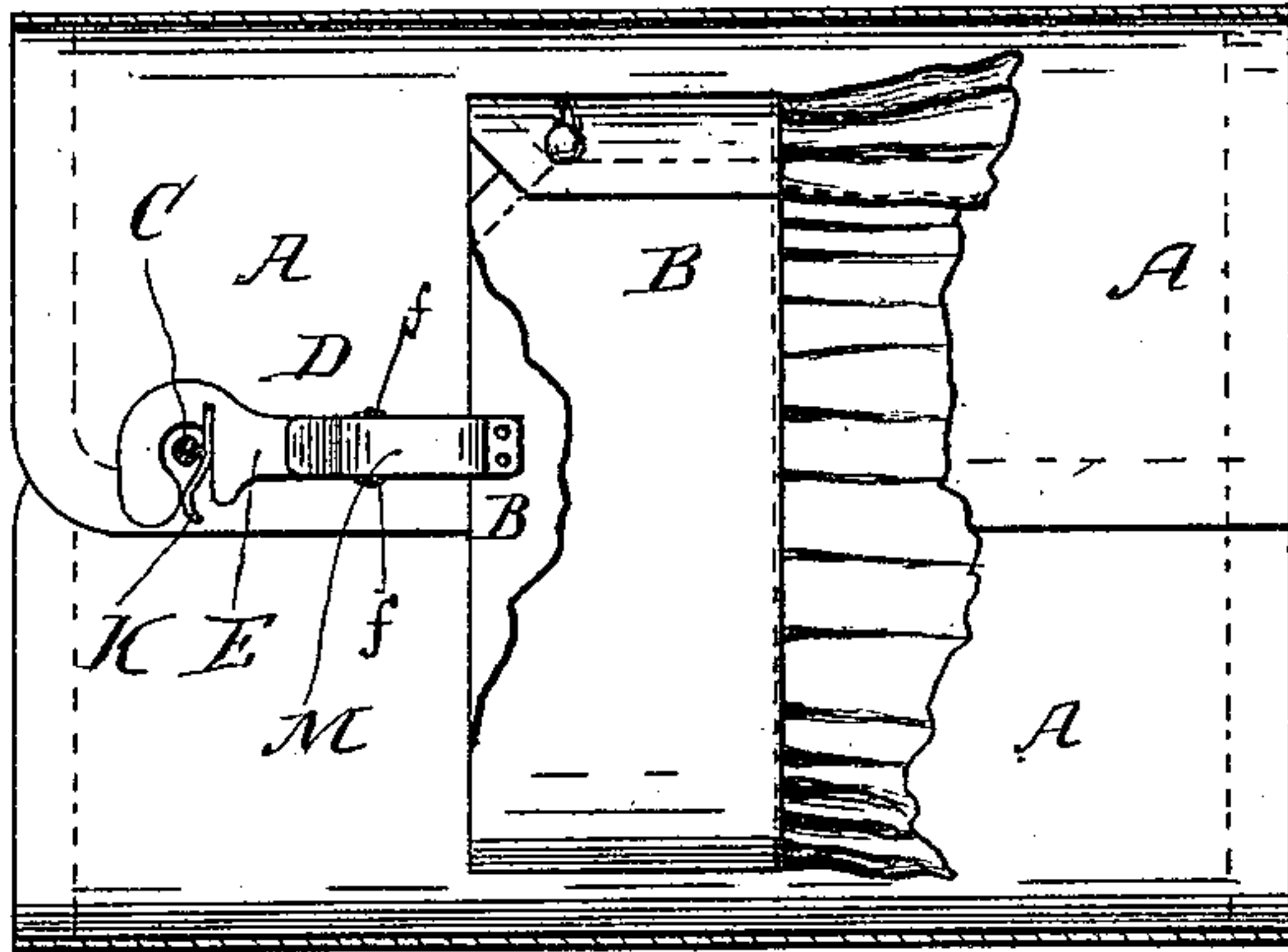


Fig. 2.

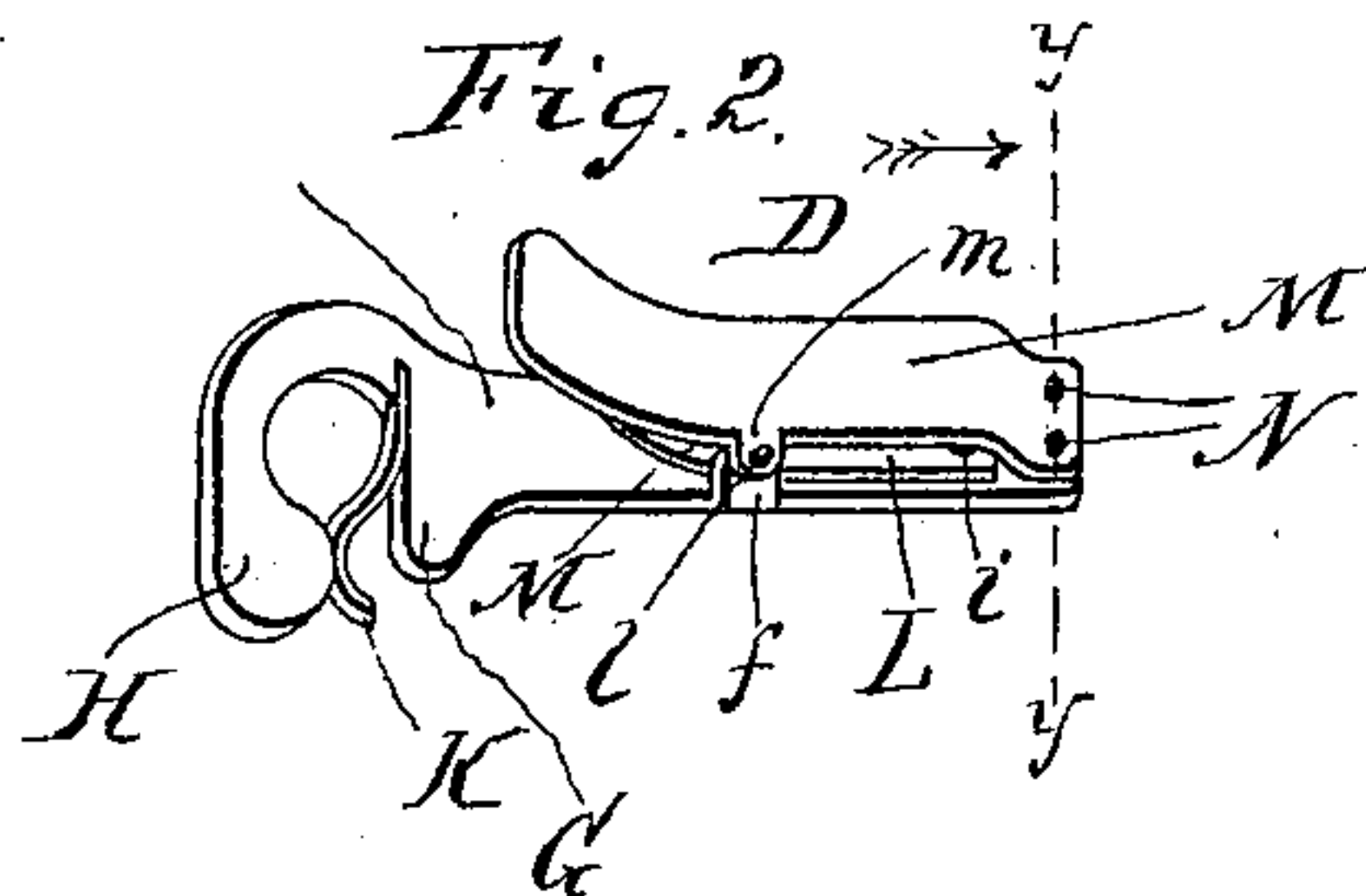


Fig. 3.

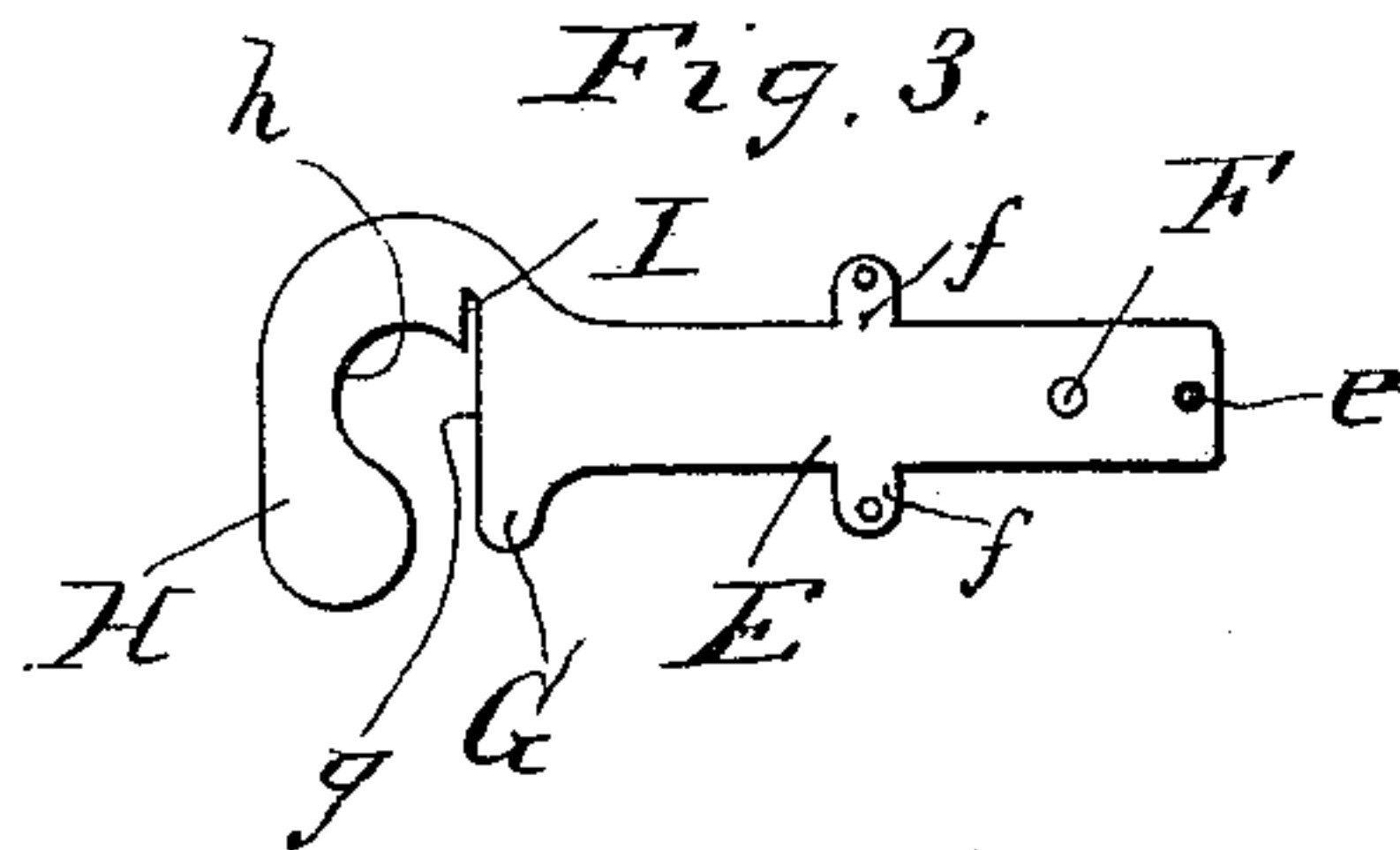
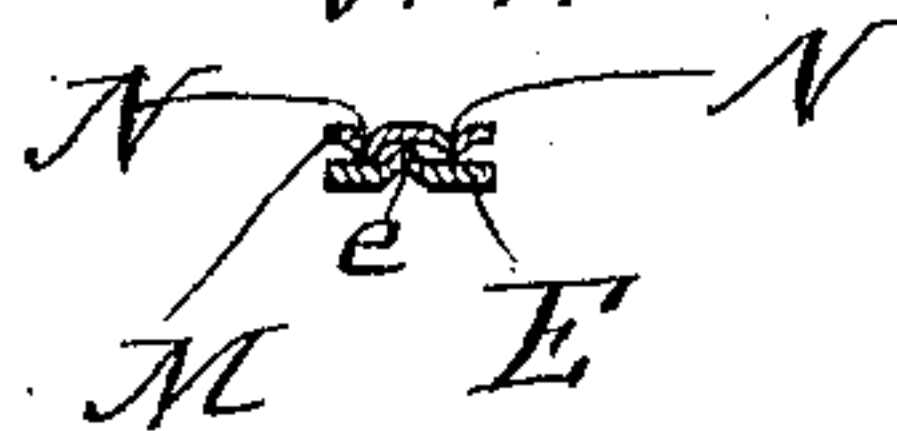


Fig. 4.



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## CUFF-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES B. G. McMURRAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cuff-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cuff-holders; and it consists in the novel arrangement and combination of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and set forth in the claims.

The object of the invention is to provide a cuff-holder which can be operated to secure a cuff to a shirt wristband or sleeve without removing the coat or disturbing in any way the coat-sleeve by turning it back or pulling it up, as is usually the case when it is desired to put on cuffs.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder of simple, cheap, and durable construction which will not interfere with the wrist or arm or with the garment-sleeves and which can be readily attached to the shank of any cuff or sleeve button.

In the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, Figure 1 is a sectional view of a cuff, showing the holder attached to the shank of the cuff-button and holding the cuff in its proper position on the wristband of a shirt-sleeve. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the main or bottom plate before the springs are attached; and Fig. 4 is a cross-section taken on the line Y Y, Fig. 2.

Like letters of reference denote like parts in the drawings.

A denotes a cuff; B, a shirt-wristband; C, the shank of a cuff-button, and D the cuff-holder, which consists of a plate E, having the aperture F, ears or lugs *f*, and depression *e* in one end and the other end enlarged in width and having the jaws G and H. The jaw G has a straight inner edge *g*, which emerges into a cut-out I, of sufficient dimensions to accommodate the end of a spring K, which is secured therein by solder or other simple and efficient means. The inner edge *h* of the jaw H is of an S-shaped form, so that the free end of the spring K, which is made of steel and bent in a curve, will always have a

strong pressure on the said jaw, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings.

Riveted to the plate E by means of a rivet *i* through the aperture F is one end of a plate-spring L, bent as shown in Fig. 2, and having its other end bearing against the pivoted cap M, having ears or lugs *m* and the pivot *l*, which passes through holes in the ears or lugs *f*, and like holes in the said ears or lugs *n*, whereby the cap-piece M is pivotally connected to the plate E. This cap-piece M has depressions N, which, with the depression *e* in the plate E, form blunt points which interlock each other for the purpose of holding the material with which they come in contact without tearing or injuring it in any way.

The holder is operated in the following manner: To attach it to the shank of a cuff-button, after having passed such shank through the button-holes the free end of the spring K has simply to be pressed against said shank, which will move the spring from its bearing on the jaw H toward the jaw G and allow the shank to pass between the jaw H and the said spring, which leaves the holder in position to be attached to the wristband. In this case, for example, it will be described, as it is shown, attached to the right-hand wristband, which is accomplished without removing the coat-sleeve by placing the thumb of the left hand on the outer face of the cuff-button—that is, on the part of the cuff-button which is on the outside of the cuff—and the forefinger of the same hand on the end of the pivoted cap-piece M. Pressing the thumb and finger together will divide the depressed portion of the said cap and the plate E, at the same time moving the cuff and holder backward on the wrist until the shirt-wristband has entered between the cap and plate. Then the grasp of the thumb and finger is removed, leaving the cuff connected to the shirt-sleeve. To remove the cuff, the end of the cap M has simply to be depressed and the cuff moved forward.

I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the exact construction of the jaws nor the location of the spring between them, but reserve to myself the right to change the construction of said jaws and the location of



said spring without departing from the nature of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters  
5 Patent, is—

1. In a cuff-holder, the plate E, provided with ears, one end of said plate having the depression *e* and the other end having a U-shaped opening and the slot I, in combination with the cap-piece pivoted to the ears of  
10 the said plate, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination, with the cap-piece, the spring L, the plate E, having a straight-faced jaw, and a jaw having a U-shaped opening, 15 of the spring K, located in the said plate between the arms of the U-shaped opening, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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