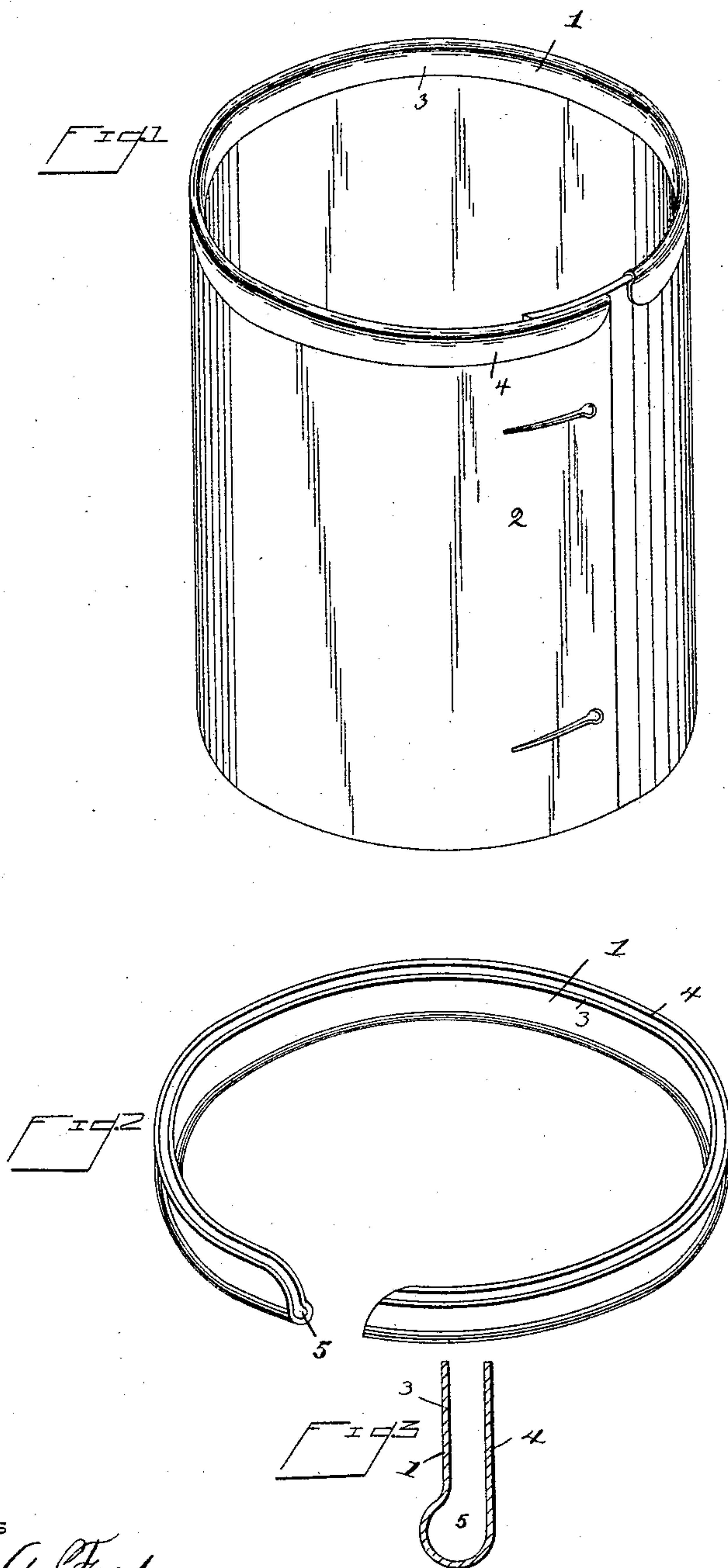


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EGBERT J. B. BOWYER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lakeland, in the county of Polk and State of Florida, have invented a new and useful Collar or Cuff Protector, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in collar or cuff protectors.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device adapted to be readily applied to the outer edge of a cuff or collar and capable of protecting the same from wear and keeping the cuff or collar clean and preserving the form thereof.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cuff-protector constructed in accordance with this invention and shown applied to a cuff. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the device detached. Fig. 3 is a sectional view.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, 1 designates a cuff-protector adapted to be arranged on the outer face of a cuff 2 to protect the same from wear and dirt and to preserve the form thereof, and consisting of an open band and constructed of suitable material, such as metal, alloys, compositions, rubber, and the like. The metals may be sheet nickel, silver, gold, and the like, and the compositions may be celluloid and kindred substances. The open band is constructed a little shorter than the cuff to allow for the lapping of the latter, or it may, if desired, cover the entire edge of the cuff, and it consists of inner and outer flanges 3 and 4, which

form an annular groove to receive the cuff, and the edge of the latter is received in the curved portions 5.

It will be seen that the cuff-protector is simple and inexpensive in construction and adapted to be quickly applied to a cuff or changed from one cuff to another, and is capable of preventing the cuff wearing at the edges and becoming soiled, and will preserve the form.

The protector is especially designed for use in traveling in cars, riding on dusty roads, and for use at counters and desks, where cuffs are especially exposed to wear and dirt.

The curved tubular or cylindrical portion 5 of the protector receives the edge of a cuff and also gives spring to the flanges 3 and 4, and enables them to clamp the cuff and secure the protector to the cuff without necessitating independent and separate means for securing the protector in place.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

A cuff or collar protector constructed of a single piece of resilient material and consisting of an open band composed of inner and outer flanges arranged parallel with each other and forming an annular groove to receive a collar or cuff, and a portion 5, tubular in cross-section, connecting the flanges and forming springs of them, whereby they are enabled to clamp a collar or cuff to secure the protector in place, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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