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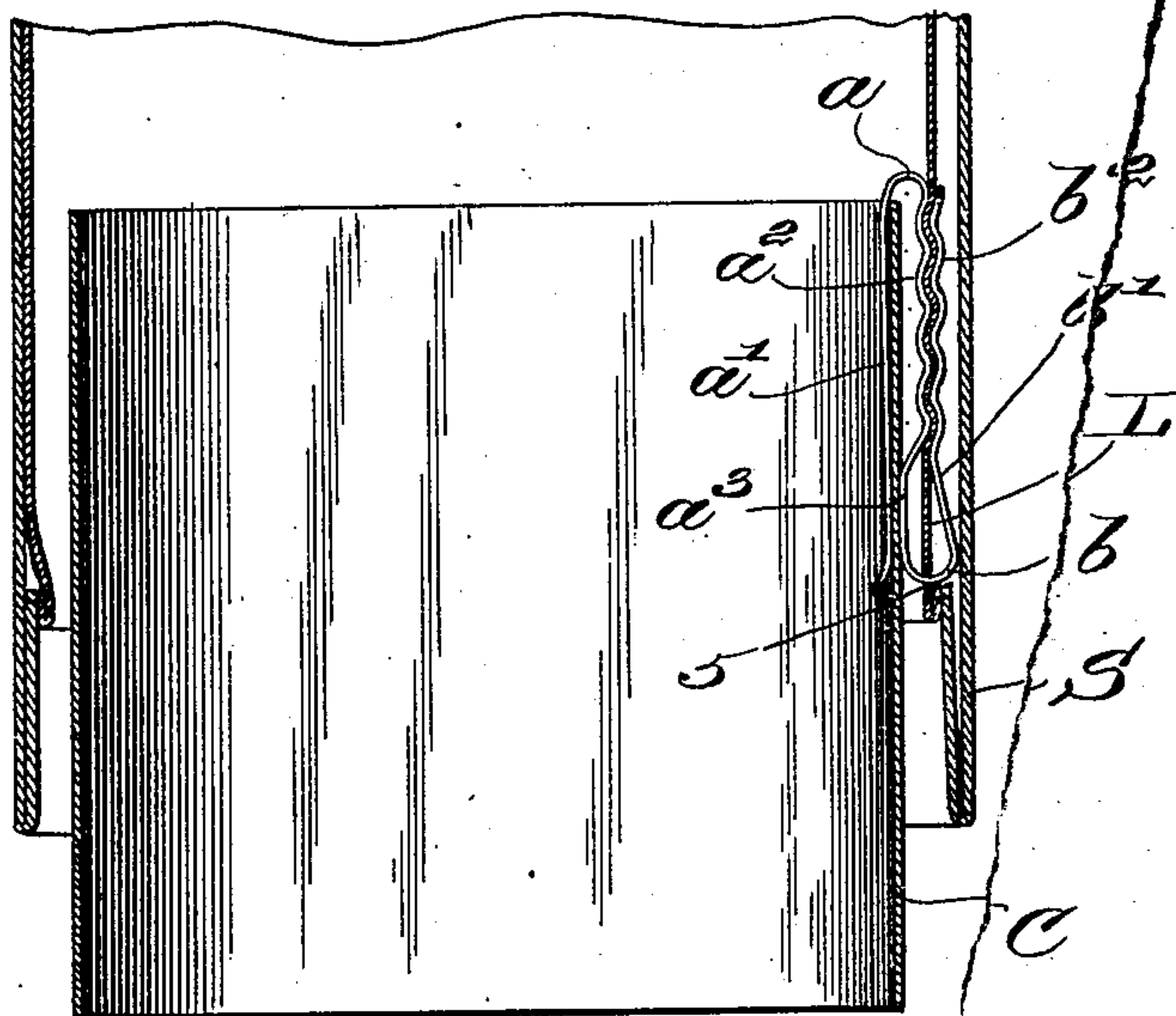
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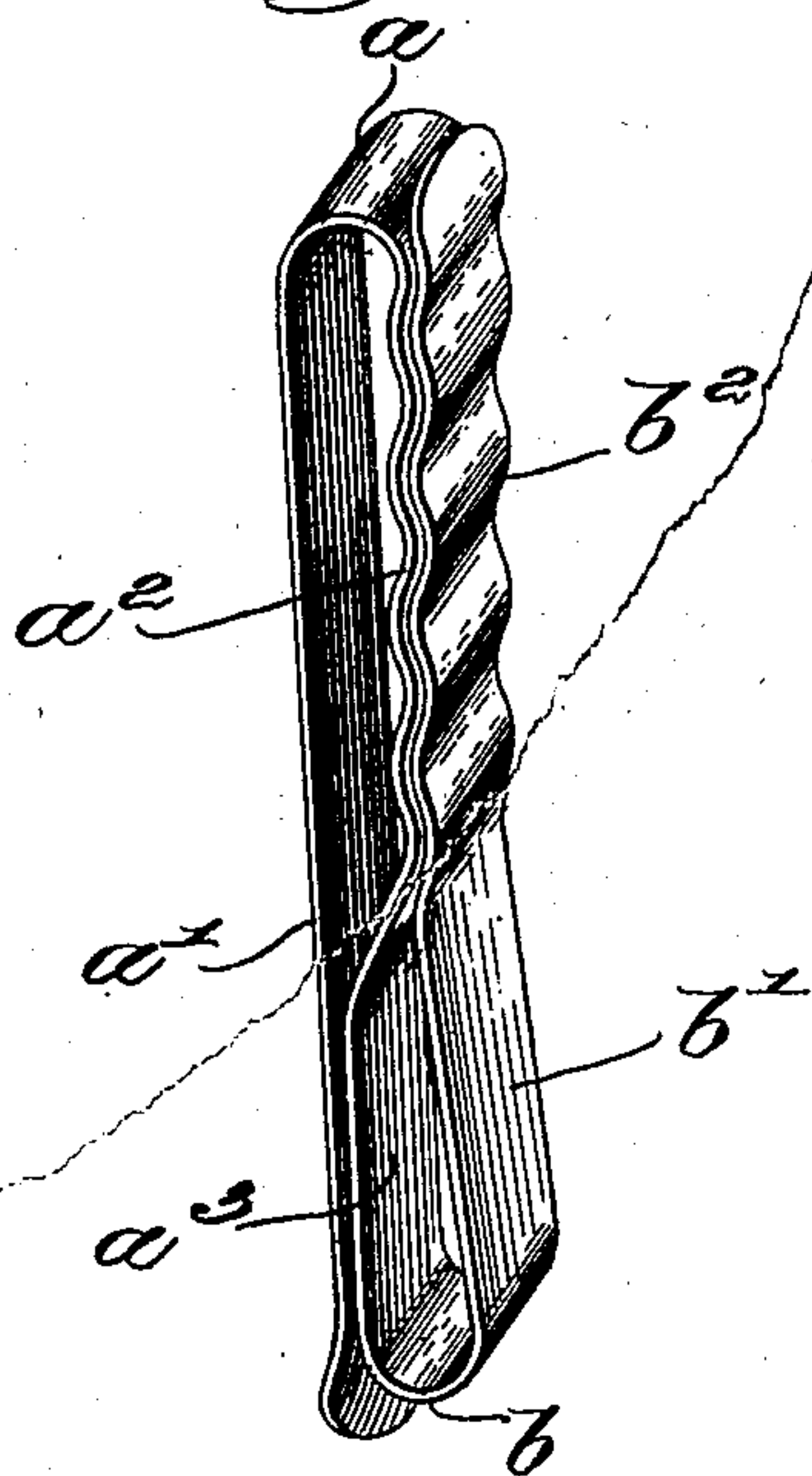
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## CUFF-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. FOSTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lewiston, in the county of Androscoggin and State of Maine, 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.

10 This invention has for its object the production of a simple, cheap, and efficient device for holding a cuff in place in and connected with the sleeve of a coat, whereby the cuff will at all times be maintained in the desired position relative to the coat-sleeve irrespective of the position of the arm of the wearer, whether extended, bent, or hanging by the side. When the coat is removed, the cuffs are removed simultaneously there-  
20 with and are in proper place when the coat is put on.

The various novel features of my invention will be hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the following claim.

25 Figure 1 is a sectional view of a coat-sleeve and its lining and a cuff, one embodiment of my invention being shown in use; and Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the cuff-holder shown in Fig. 1.

30 In accordance with my invention I make the cuff-holder from a long and relatively narrow strip of suitable spring metal, such as nickel spring steel, and I bend the ends of the strip in opposite directions upon it to form two oppositely-extended spring-jaws, the body of the strip cooperating therewith to form the fixed jaw of each pair.

Referring to the drawings, a strip of spring metal is bent at its ends, as at  $a$   $b$ , and turned  
40 over upon itself to form two spring-jaws  $a'$   $b'$ , extended in opposite directions, the jaw  $a'$  being shown as substantially plane or flat, while the jaw  $b'$  is transversely corrugated, as at  $b^2$ , for the greater portion of its length.

45 The part  $a^2$  of the strip adjacent the corrugated jaw is similarly corrugated to constitute the cooperating fixed jaw, and at  $a^3$  the strip is flattened to cooperate with the free end of the jaw  $a'$  and constitutes the fixed  
50 jaw of the pair of jaws  $a'$   $a^3$ . The part  $a^2$   $a^3$  of the strip between the bends  $a$  and  $b$  may be termed the "body" of the cuff-holder. The bending of the strip is such that normally the jaw  $a'$  is pressed against the part  $a^3$  of

the body, and similarly the jaw  $b^2$  is pressed 55 against the part  $a^2$  of the body, the bend  $b$  being so made that the part  $a^3$  is offset toward and parallel to the jaw  $a'$ , the parts  $a^3$  and  $a^2$  thus being laterally offset from each other, and by the spring of the strip said 60 parts are pressed against the flat and corrugated jaws, respectively, when the article is not in use.

In Fig. 1 the cuff-holder is shown in use, the lining  $L$  of the coat-sleeve  $S$  having a slit 65 5 made therein, and the jaw  $b^2$  is inserted through the slit between sleeve and lining, the latter being tightly gripped by the corrugated jaws  $a^2$   $b^2$ , retaining the cuff-holder in place. The edge of the cuff  $C$  is then 70 pushed in between the jaws  $a'$   $a^3$  and held by frictional engagement therewith in desired position relative to the sleeve. By making the cuff-engaging jaws flat the cuff is not in the least marred or injured, and it 75 can be adjusted by being pushed more or less into the jaws. Manifestly by the device shown and described the cuff is held in the sleeve in desired position and the cuff-holder is effectually concealed from view. 80

The general shape of the cuff-holder in side elevation is that of a flattened  $S$ , presenting two oppositely-open loops.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, 85 is—

As a new article of manufacture, a cuff-holder consisting of a strip of spring metal having its ends bent upon itself to form oppositely-extended spring-jaws, the central 90 portion of the strip having an elongated, flattened part to cooperate with the outer, flat end of one jaw and a transversely-corrugated part to cooperate with the free end of the other and similarly-corrugated jaw, the 95 said flattened and transversely-corrugated central portions of the strip being laterally offset from each other, to press said portions into contact with the flat and corrugated jaws, respectively. 100

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

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