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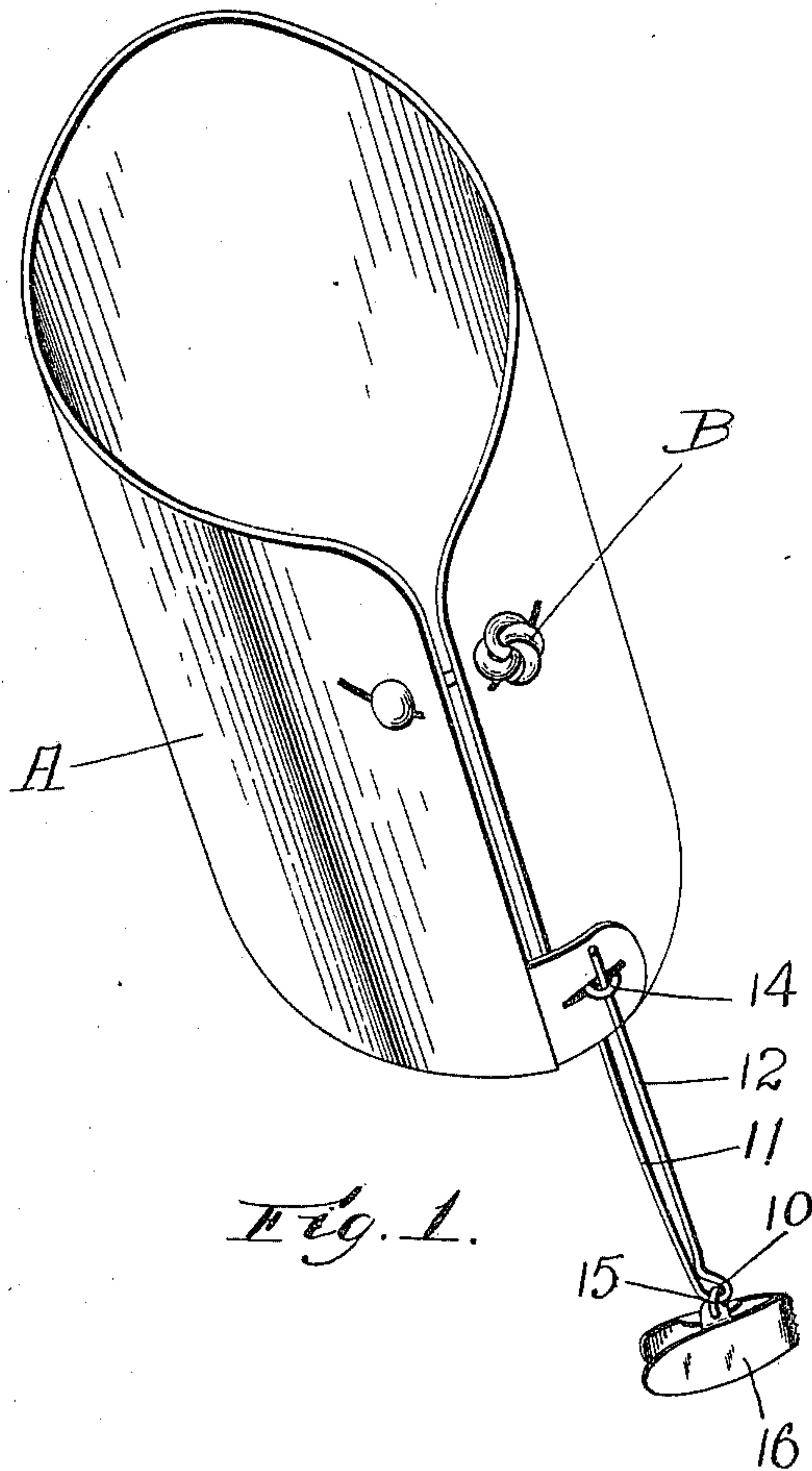


Fig. 1.

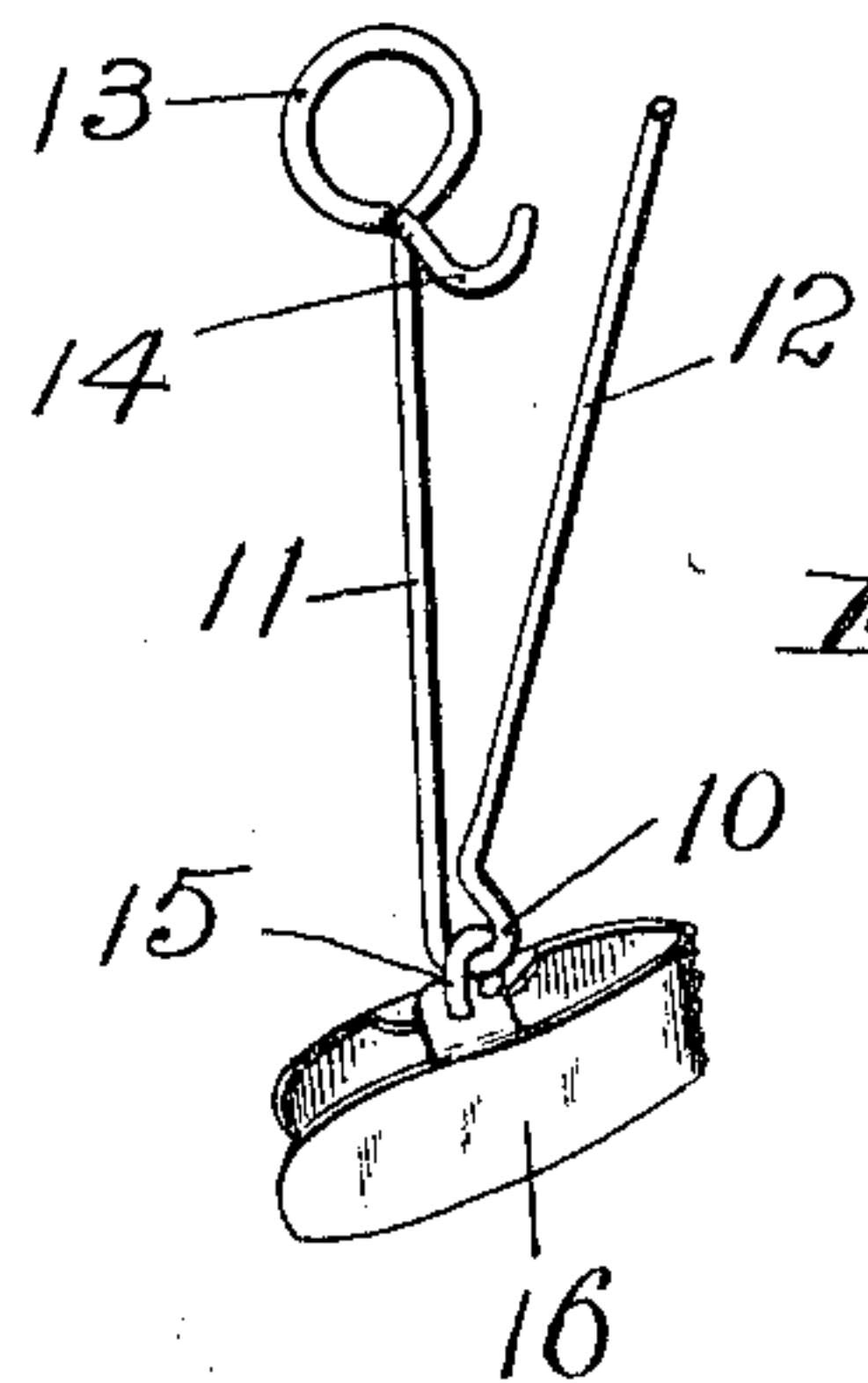


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. HOUGH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Erving, in the county of Franklin and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Cuff-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of cuff-holders which are employed for detachably securing cuffs to the sleeves of the user.

The especial object of this invention is to provide a strong, simple, and inexpensive form of cuff-holder having a wire body portion which may be secured in a cuff and a spring-clamp for engaging the shirt-sleeve to which the cuff is to be attached.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the application of a cuff-holder constructed according to my invention to the ordinary cuff, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the clasp opened for attachment to a cuff.

The cuff-receiving clasp of a cuff-holder constructed according to this invention is preferably formed from a single piece of wire, which may be connected at its lower end to an ordinary spring-clamp. A loose connection is preferably employed between the wire clasp and the clamp, so as to permit freedom of motion between the parts. The inside arm of the wire body portion is provided at its end with a loop for engaging the inner face of the cuff-holder and with an outwardly-extending hook, which may be passed through the buttonholes of the cuff to receive the other arm of the wire body portion and hold the same in place substantially in the same manner as an ordinary safety-pin catch.

Referring to the drawings for a detail description of a cuff-holder constructed according to this invention, A designates a cuff, with the ordinary link-button B therein.

The cuff-holder, as herein illustrated, comprises a wire clasp formed from a single piece of wire having a loop 10 at its lower end, with spring-arms 11 and 12 extending up therefrom. The spring-arm 11 is provided at its upper end with a loop 13 for engaging the inner face of the cuff and with a hook 14, extending out substantially at right angles to

the plane of the loop 13. Engaging the loop 10 at the lower end of the wire body portion is a loop 15, formed on the end of the pivot of an ordinary sheet-metal spring-clamp 16.

In the use of a cuff-holder as thus constructed the hook 14 of the clasp is inserted through the buttonholes of the cuff from the inside, the loop 13 giving a wide bearing on the inner face of the cuff. The wire clasp is locked in place by fastening the spring-arm 12 in the hook 14 in the same manner as an ordinary safety-pin. The sheet-metal clamp 16 may then be adjustably fastened to the shirt-sleeve, and the loose connection between the wire body portion and the pivot-pin of the clamp 16 permits a freedom of motion, allowing the cuff-holder to adjust itself to substantially all positions, so that the same may be used without danger of tearing the clothing or injuring the cuffs.

I am aware that a number of different cuff-holders are now in use in which a clasp for the cuff is combined with the ordinary spring-clamp, and I do not desire to claim such a construction broadly. My cuff-holder, however, differs from previous forms of cuff-holders in the use of the clasp or body portion formed from a single piece of wire bent into special shape.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

As an article of manufacture, a cuff-holder comprising a wire clasp and sheet-metal clamp, the pivot-pin of the clamp having a loop 15 engaging a loop 10 of the wire clasp, one of the spring-arms 11 of the wire clasp having a loop 13 at its upper end for engaging the inner side of a cuff, and a hook 14 adapted to be inserted through the buttonholes of the cuff to receive the other spring-arm 12, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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