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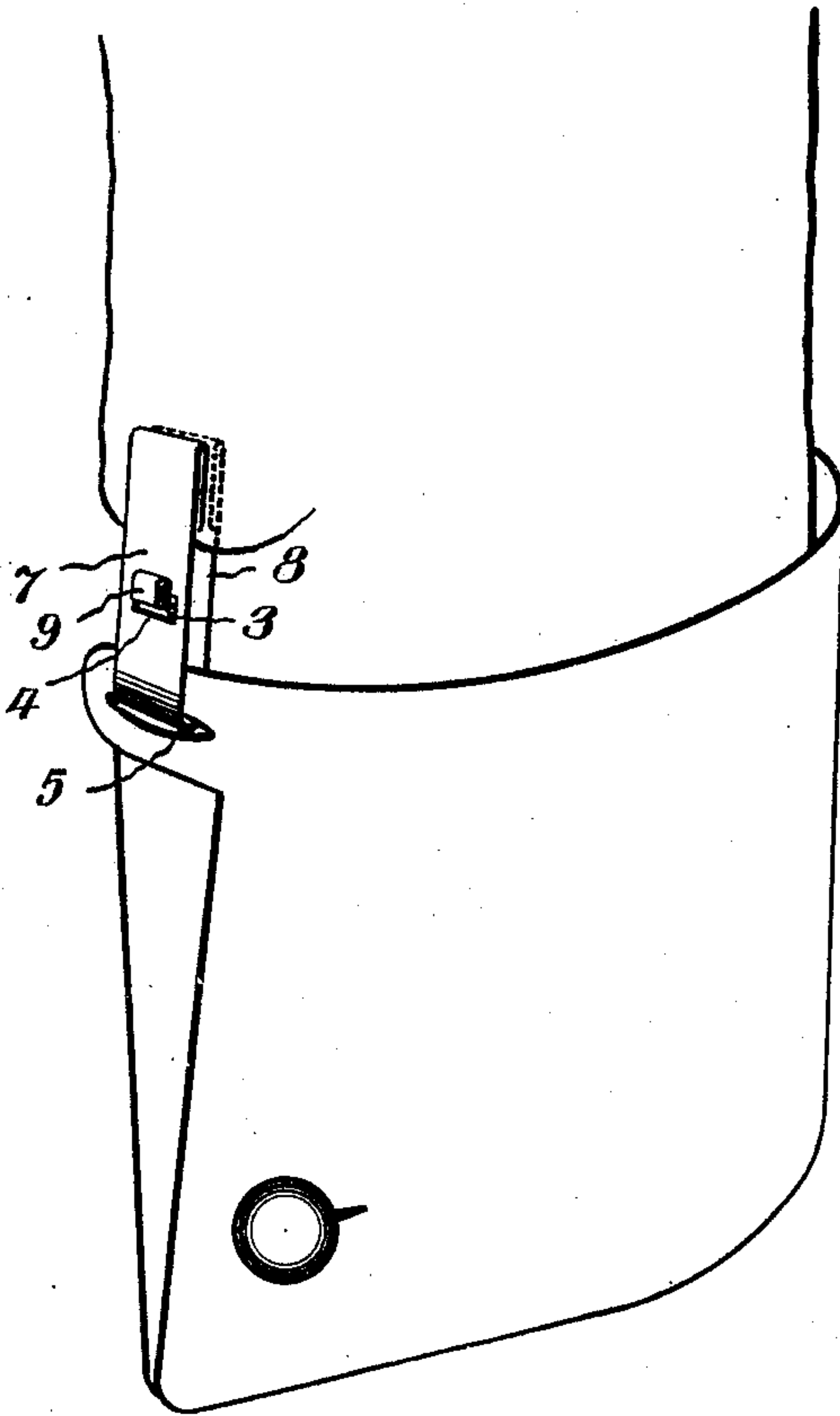
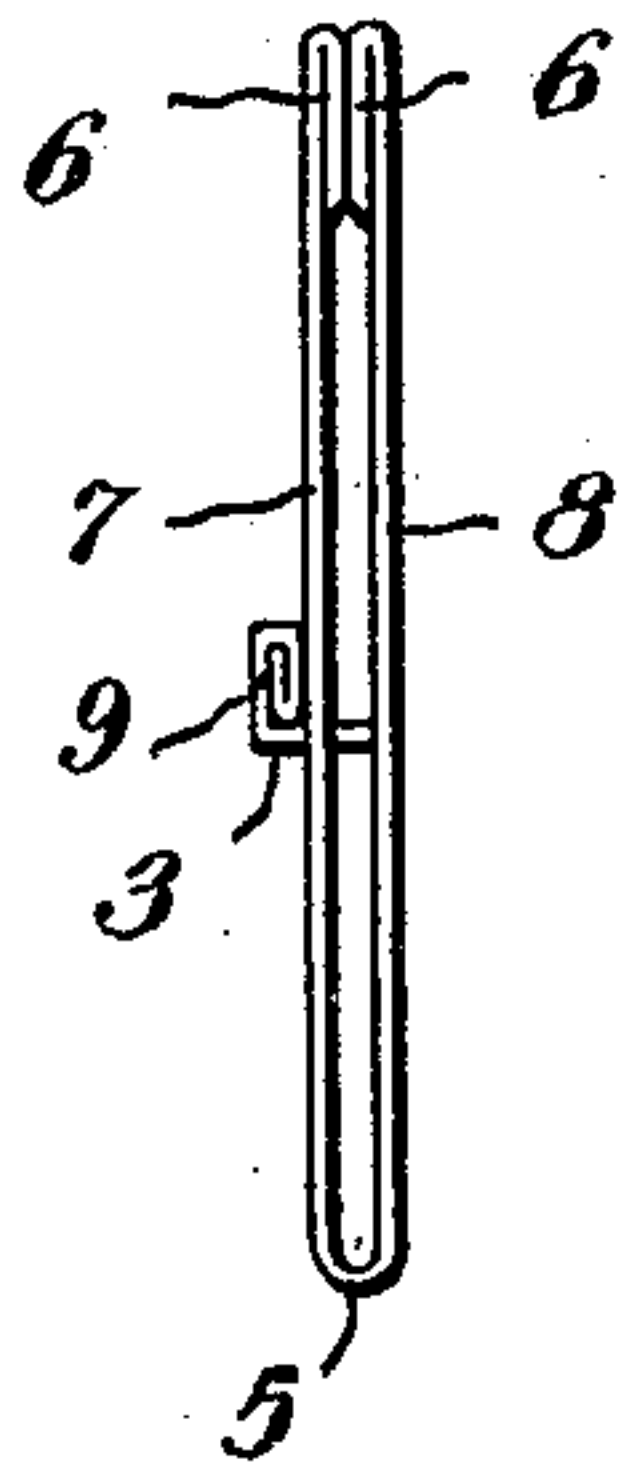
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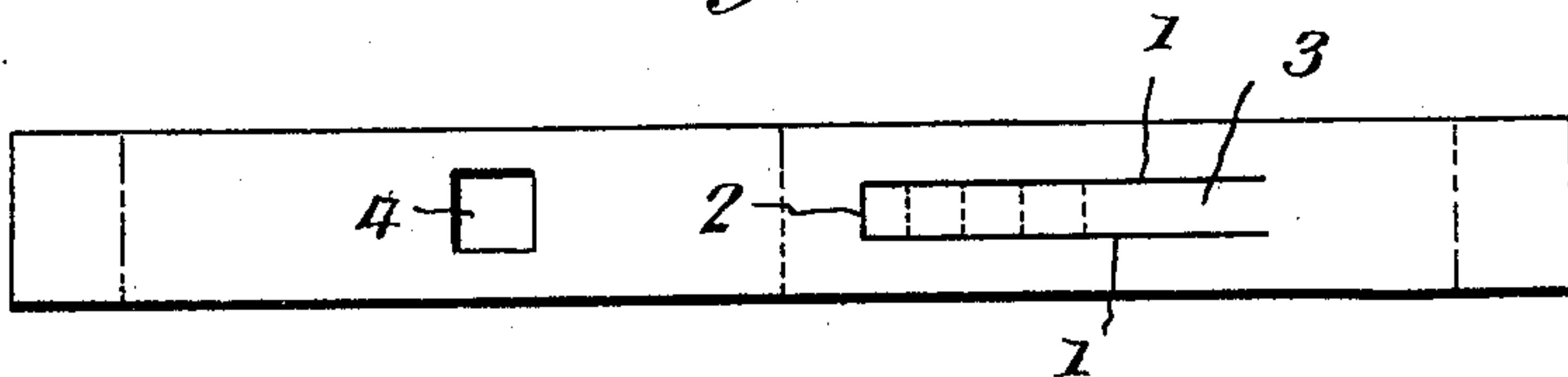
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*Fig. 1.*

*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, ELMER E. DEAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lebanon, in the county of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cuff-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cuff-holders; and the primary object of the same is to provide a device of this class which is adapted to be readily attached to a cuff and secure the latter to the sleeve without the use of buttons, the improved holder having a strong and durable construction and capable of being readily operated in attaching or detaching a cuff and also devoid of injurious projections or points to thereby obviate wear or injury to the lining of a coat-sleeve or the material of a shirt-sleeve.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts which will be more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a shirt-sleeve and a cuff, showing the manner of applying and holding the latter to a sleeve by means of the improved holder. Fig. 2 is an edge elevation of the holder. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which the holder is formed.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The improved holder is constructed from a single piece of light spring metal having a suitable length and a width slightly less than the length of the ordinary buttonholes of a cuff. The strip of metal used in forming the holder is shown by Fig. 3 and is prepared by cutting the same longitudinally adjacent to one end, as at 1, and connecting the said longitudinal cuts by a transverse cut 2 to form a catch-tongue 3. At an intermediate point in the opposite extremity of the blank an opening 4 is produced. The blank is bent at the center to form a spring-bow 5, and the terminals of the opposite members 7 and 8 are turned inwardly and flattened, as at 6, to prevent injury thereby to the part of the sleeve to which they are attached. The tongue 3 is bent in a plane substantially at right angles

to the member 8, from which it extends, and the free terminal of said tongue is formed with a doubled catch-lip 9, which is disposed at an angle to the body of the tongue and adapted to extend over the portion of the member 7 adjacent to the edge of the opening 4 to connect the two members and prevent accidental separation of the holder from the sleeve to which it is applied.

The dotted lines in Fig. 3 indicate the lines on which the parts of the blank are bent in order to form the completed article.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the holder essentially comprises two movable members, one of which carries a catch-tongue movable through an opening in the other member. It will also be seen that the holder is made up from a single piece of metal without the use of solder or securing means that are liable to become ineffective in holding separate parts together.

In applying the holder the catch-tongue 3, carried by the one member, is released from the other member, and the one member having the opening therein is then inserted through the buttonhole-tabs at the rear end of a cuff, the holder being moved longitudinally until the said tabs rest in the bow 5. A fold of the shirt-sleeve is then inserted between the in-turned terminals of the members, and the cuff is reliably attached to the sleeve by forcing the catch-nose 9 through the opening 4 by slightly springing the tongue 3 longitudinally. When it is desired to disconnect the cuff from the sleeve, downward pressure is applied to the catch-nose 9 of the tongue 3 to release said nose from engagement with the member 7, when the holder may be readily detached from the sleeve and the cuff removed.

It is proposed to ornament the holder by plating, and in view of the simplicity of construction of the same the cost of manufacture is reduced to a minimum. Changes in the proportions and dimensions may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new is--

A cuff-holder constructed of a single piece of sheet metal centrally bent to form two mem-

bers, having at their terminals intumed portions to provide smooth gripping ends, the intumed terminals being longitudinally disposed or parallel with the two members, one  
5 of the members having an opening there-through at an intermediate point, and the other provided with an integral tongue which extends therefrom in a plane at a right angle and terminates in a nose having the metal

doubled and bent at a right angle to the tongue, 10 the nose and a portion of the tongue being projectible through the said opening.

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

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