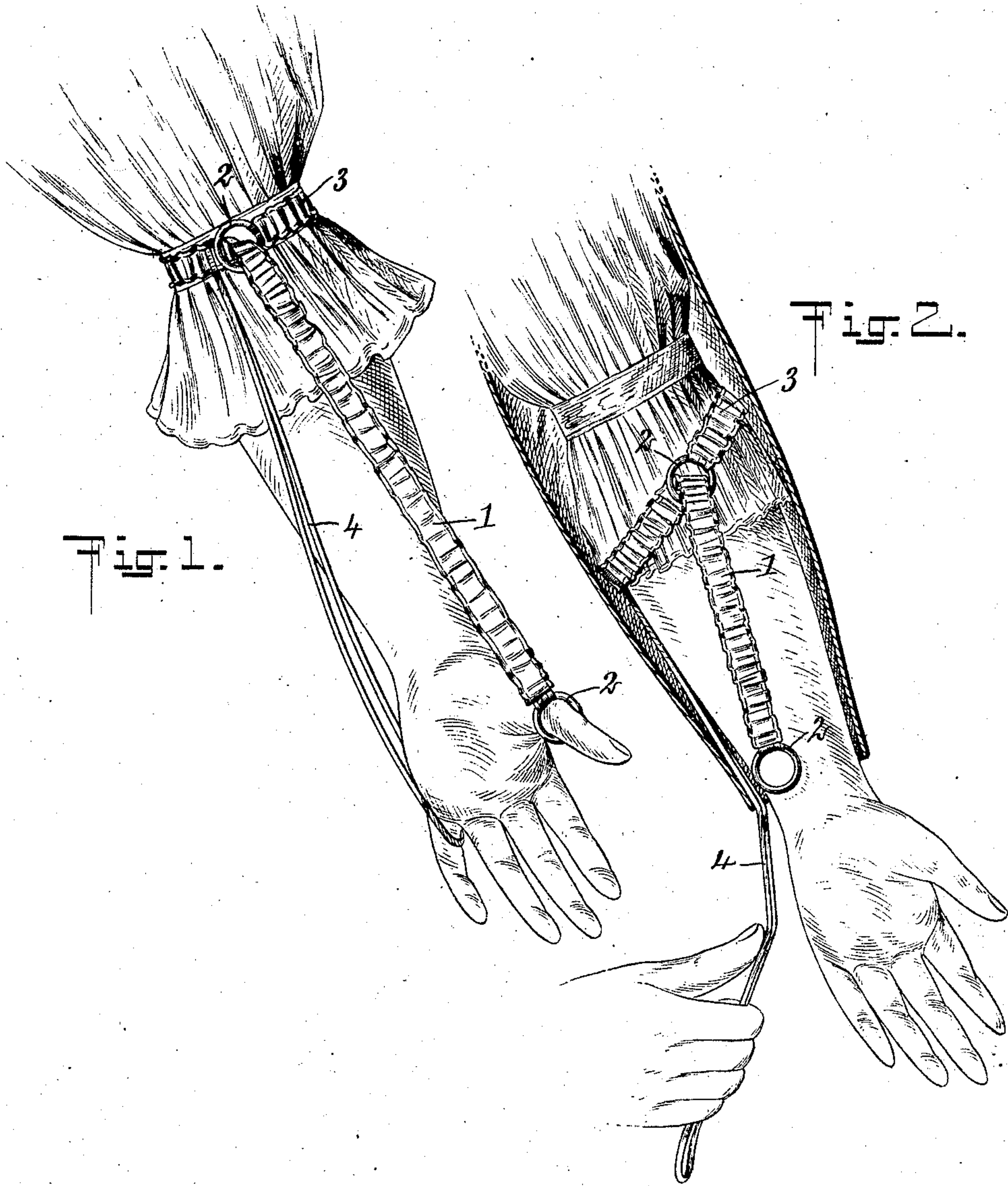


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HERMINIA M. M. BARNES, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and a resident of Ludlow, England, have  
5 invented a new and Improved Sleeve-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention has in view the provision of a simple and effective device for maintaining  
10 short or elbow sleeves in place when putting on an outer garment.

Considerable difficulty is often experienced by women in putting on a cloak, jacket, or the like over a short-sleeved waist, owing to  
15 the tendency of the latter to ruffle up on the arm, and thereby feel generally uncomfortable, in addition to abusing the lace, ruffle, or other trimming at the end of the sleeve. Prior to my invention this difficulty has  
20 never been satisfactorily overcome, owing to the fact that a uniform binding effect of the sleeve about the arm is not attained nor are the hands left free while keeping the holder in place.

In my invention the sleeve is bindingly held to the arm by an elastic tape having a ring or other equivalent device secured at each end thereof, with one end of the tape passing through one of the rings to form a  
30 loop by which the sleeve is embraced about the arm and the other ring serving as a means to be passed over the thumb or finger for maintaining the holder in operative position. By this construction the hand is left  
35 entirely free while holding the sleeve in place and may be used in putting on the coat or jacket. In connection with the tape is provided a device for withdrawing the holder from the sleeve, which is preferably in the  
40 nature of a ribbon-loop, the free ends of which are secured directly to the loop of the tape. The ribbon-loop is also passed over one of the fingers while the holder is in use and acts in withdrawing the holder to slightly  
45 expand the loop and draw it over the ruffle of the sleeve, smoothing the same out as it passes thereover.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a view in perspective, showing the application of my improved holder preparatory to putting on an outer garment; and

Fig. 2 is a similar view with the sleeve of the outer garment in place over the sleeve of the waist and in section and illustrating the manner of removing the holder and its action in smoothing the ruffle of the sleeve  
60 over the arm as it is withdrawn.

The preferred embodiment of my invention comprises a tape 1, which is made of elastic material of any desired width and having an ornamental appearance, if desired.  
65 Secured to the tape at each end is a ring or other equivalent device 2, of ivory, metal, or other material and of such diameter as to be readily passed over the thumb. One of these rings provides means for retaining the  
70 holder in place, and the other ring serves to slidably receive one end of the tape and form an elastic loop 3, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 1, said loop being formed before the thumb-ring 2 is attached, as this latter ring  
75 is preferably of such diameter that it cannot pass through the loop-ring, thereby preventing the loop from sliding from the tape. The length of the tape 1 is such as to tightly  
80 draw the loop 3 about the elbow when the ring 2 is passed over the thumb or finger and the forearm straightened out, the elasticity of the tape of course compensating for ordinary differences of length in the forearm of  
85 different persons.

For withdrawing the holder after the outer garment has been put on is provided a device independent of the tape, but attached to the loop 3 thereof and itself preferably in the nature of a ribbon-loop 4, with the free ends  
90 thereof sewed or otherwise affixed to the aforesaid loop 3. The loop 4 is of such length that when the holder is in operative position the loop may be conveniently held by passing it over one of the fingers, as clearly shown in  
95 Fig. 1.

After the outer garment has been put on the loop 4 and ring 2 are removed from the fingers, as illustrated in Fig. 2. On now drawing on the loop 4 the first action is to  
100 slightly expand the elastic loop 3, when the latter slides over the lace or ruffle of the sleeve, smoothing it out on the arm as it passes over it. If desired, instead of removing the holder from the sleeve after use it  
105 may be tucked in the sleeve of the outer garment and held therein concealed until the outer garment is removed.

Although I have described my invention as it is preferably constructed and used, I re-  
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gard the precise embodiment as not material, provided the essential characteristics are employed as pointed out in the annexed claims.

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

1. A sleeve-holder comprising an elastic tape having a ring secured at each end thereof and with one end of said tape passing  
10 through one of said rings to form a loop for bindingly embracing a sleeve, and a ribbon-loop having the free ends thereof attached to said elastic loop for expanding and withdrawing it from said sleeve.

15 2. A sleeve-holder comprising an elastic tape having a ring secured at each end thereof with one end of said tape passing through one of said rings to form a loop for bindingly embracing a sleeve and the other  
20 of said rings serving as a finger-ring.

3. A sleeve-holder comprising an elastic tape having a ring secured at each end thereof and with one end of said tape passing through one of said rings to form a loop for  
25 bindingly embracing a sleeve, and means for releasing the holder from the sleeve.

4. A sleeve-holder comprising an elastic member having one end thereof slidably con-

nected to the opposite end to form a loop for bindingly embracing a sleeve, and a device 30 attached to the free end of the member adapted to be passed over the finger for retaining the holder in operative position.

5. A sleeve-holder comprising an elastic tape having one end thereof slidably con- 35 nected to the opposite end to form a loop for bindingly embracing a sleeve, a device attached to the free end of the member adapted to be passed over the finger for retaining the holder in operative position, and means at- 40 tached to the loop of the tape for releasing it from the sleeve.

6. A sleeve-holder comprising an elastic tape having one end thereof slidably con- 45 nected to the opposite end to form a loop for bindingly embracing a sleeve, and a ribbon-loop having the free ends thereof attached to the elastic loop for releasing the latter from said sleeve.

In testimony whereof I have signed my 50 name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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