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Fig. 1.

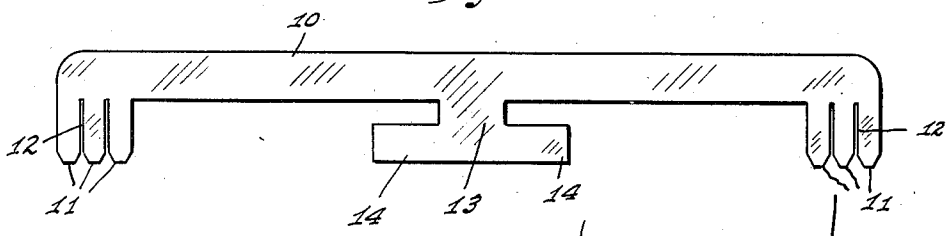

Fig. 3.

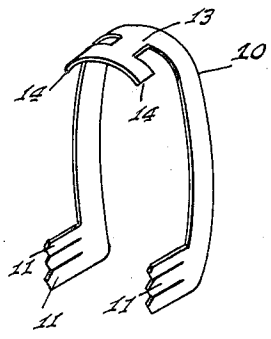

Fig. 2.

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It is common practice by shirt-wearers in warm weather to roll up the sleeve ends to or beyond the elbow but, unless the rolling is so tight as to rumple the cuffs, the rolled-up portions tend to unroll.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, easily applied, device to restrain the rolled-up portion in position while at the same time preventing undue rumpling of the cuffs.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my invention.

Fig. 1 is a plan view of one embodiment of my invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the manner of application of the device of my invention to a sleeve cuff; and

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a form of my invention having an initial curved bias.

In the drawings 10 indicates a strip of flexible resilient material, capable of repeated flexure without set, of a length approximating the circumferential extent of a sleeve cuff and a width conveniently somewhat less than that of a cuff.

Sleeve cuffs are commonly of two types, one having a button hole near one end and a button near the other, while the other has a button hole near each end.

In order that my device may be used with either type of sleeve I provide strip 10 at each end with one or more tongues 11, 11 having widths less than that of a sleeve button hole, at least one of those tongues, at one end, being flanked by a slot 12 into which the holding thread of a cuff button may be projected.

It will be readily understood that, if the device is to be used with button type sleeves, the widths of the portions flanking a slot will be immaterial.

In use, strip 10 will be laid over a sleeve cuff and the ends of the strip will be interlocked with the cuff, a tongue 11 being projected into a button hole and the holding thread of a button being projected into a slot 12, as the case may be. Thereupon the cuff will be folded back several times to the desired height, the strip 10 flexing back and forth as the operation is performed. When this has been accomplished the strip 10 is embedded in the folds of the sleeve and, because of the lateral rigidity of the strip, the cuff will be protected against rumpling.

When the strip 10 has a relatively narrow middle portion and wider tongue and slot bearing ends there may be a tendency to tilt on the arm. Therefore I provide the narrow middle portion of the strip with an integral T-shaped finger 13 having tongues 14, 14 which parallel the middle portion of the strip.

If desired strip 10 may be given an initial curved bias in one direction, as indicated in Fig. 3, so

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that, when rolled to final position this initial bias will tend to clasp the rolled-up portion of the sleeve about the arm.

The strip 10 may be made of any suitable material having flexibility and resilience with sufficient strength to resist tearing, such, for instance, as Celluloid. By providing several tongues and adjacent slots at each end the device will be readily applicable to sleeves of different sizes.

I claim as my invention:

1. A restrainer for rolled shirt sleeves, comprising a strip of resilient flexible material having a length approximating the circumferential dimension of a cuff and provided at each end with means alternatively projectible through a cuff button hole or engageable beneath a cuff button in straddling relation with the holding thread therefor.

2. A restrainer for rolled shirt sleeves, comprising a strip of resilient flexible material having a length approximating the circumferential dimension of a cuff and provided at one end with a lateral open-ended slot of substantially less width than a button diameter and adapted to receive the holding thread of a cuff button, and provided at the other end with a laterally projecting tongue adapted to be projected into a cuff button-hole.

3. A restrainer for rolled shirt sleeves, comprising a strip of resilient flexible material having a length approximating the circumferential dimension of a shirt cuff and provided at each end with a plurality of laterally extending tongues each adapted to be projected into a cuff button-hole.

4. A restrainer for rolled shirt sleeves, comprising a strip of resilient flexible material having a length approximating the circumferential dimension of a cuff and provided at each end with a pair of laterally extending tongues separated by a space less than the width of a standard cuff button and adapted to be projected into a cuff button-hole or beneath a cuff button in straddling relation to the holding thread therefor.

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