

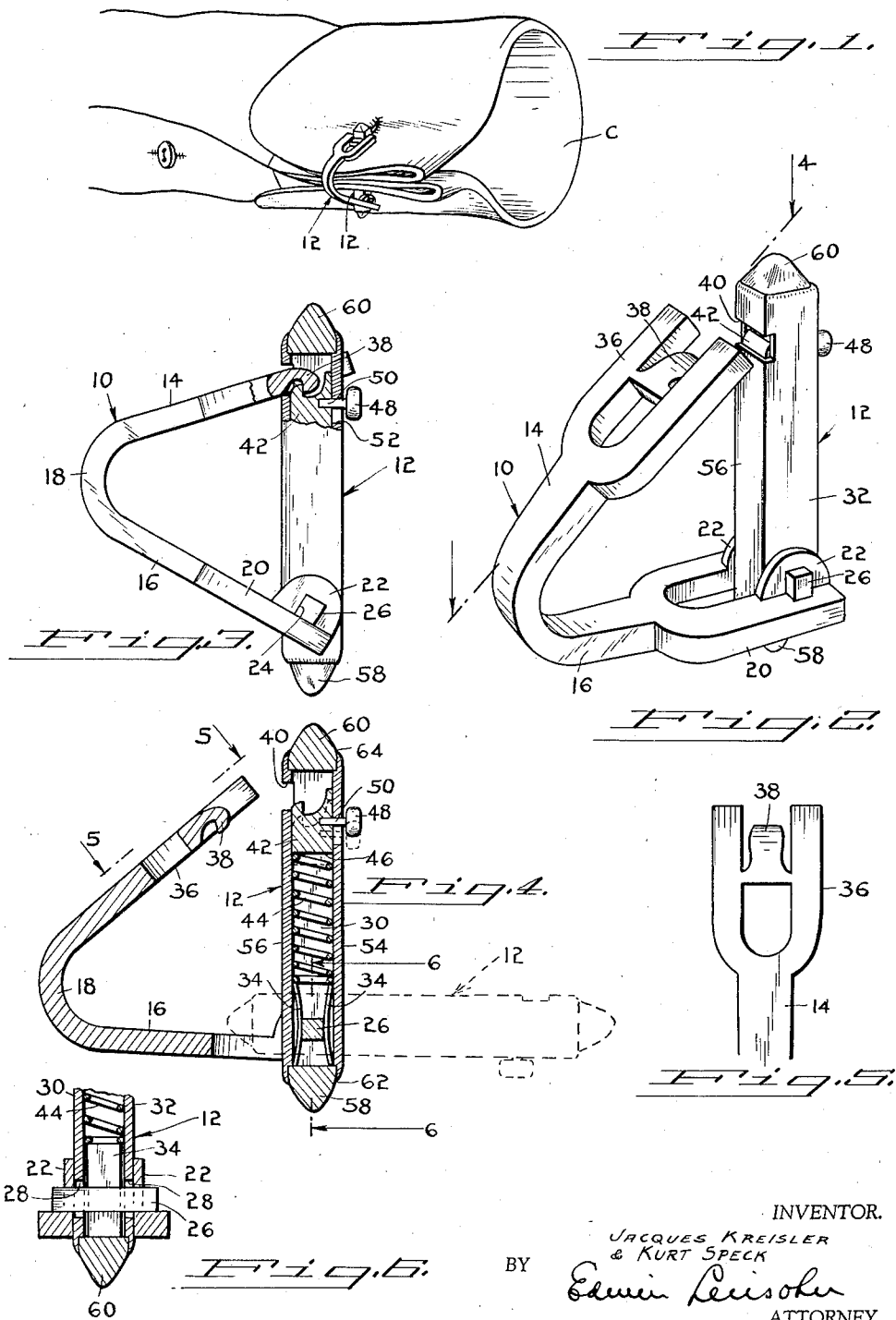
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This invention relates to cuff links of the type wherein a part extends over the edges of the cuff.

One object of the present invention is to provide a cuff link of the type referred to having a member insertable through the holes of the cuff and associated with the cuff-edge spanning part in such manner as to facilitate the attachment and removal of the cuff link to and from the cuff.

Another object of the invention is to provide a cuff link of the class described with a releasable positive connection between the hole-insertable member and the cuff-edge spanning part of the cuff link.

Another object of the invention is to provide a cuff link of improved and novel appearance.

A further object of the invention resides in the hereinafter described and equivalent structural features and combination and arrangement of elements for producing a cuff link of improved appearance, construction and operation.

The above objects of the invention and other objects which might hereinafter appear will be fully understood from the following description considered with reference to the accompanying illustrative drawing.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing a cuff link embodying the present invention attached to a cuff;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view, on an enlarged scale, of the cuff link showing the cuff-edge spanning part released from one end of the member which is insertable through the holes of the cuff;

Fig. 3 is a side view, partly in elevation and partly in section of the cuff link, showing the releasable end of the cuff-edge spanning part releasably secured to the member which is insertable through the holes of the cuff;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary detail view on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a detail sectional view on the line 6—6 of Fig. 4.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, the cuff link embodying the present invention comprises a part 10 which is adapted to be positioned over the edges of a cuff C and a member 12 which is insertable through the holes of the cuff, as illustrated, in Fig. 1 of the drawing. For convenience in reference, part 10 may be called the cuff-edge spanning part and member 12 may be designated as the hole-insertable part, for when the cuff link is attached member 12 extends through the holes of the cuff and part

10 is positioned over the meeting edges of the cuff. As here shown, part 10 is V-shaped in form but may have any other suitable configuration. Said part comprises arms 14 and 16 in integral relation with each other and diverging from the intermediate bent portion 18. Part 10 may be formed by stamping the same from suitable sheet metal stock to form a blank of the desired form which is subsequently bent into the V-form illustrated.

The free end 20 of arm 16 is bifurcated and is provided with integral ears 22 having non-circular, here shown as square, apertures 24 there-through. Member 12 is of tubular form and is pivotally connected at one end thereof to bifurcated portion 20 by a non-circular pin 26 which has its opposite ends closely fitted into apertures 24 of ears 22 so as to be fixed against movement relative thereto. Pin 26 extends transversely through tubular member 12 passing through aligned openings 28 in the opposite side walls 30 and 32 of said member, said openings being large enough to permit relative turning movement between pin 26 and member 12. Flat inwardly bowed springs 34 are arranged at opposite sides of pin 26 within tubular member 12 adjacent the pivotally connected end thereof and by pressing against opposite sides of pin 26 hold the latter in the desired position, and by opposing the turning movement of tubular member 12 on said pin releasably hold the tubular member in any one of several angularly related positions as illustrated in the full line and in the dotted line positions, respectively, indicated in Fig. 4. It will be understood that tubular member 12 may be moved to the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 4 to facilitate the insertion of said member through the holes of the cuff, after which it may be turned to the position shown in full lines.

The arm 14 of part 10 is provided with a bifurcated portion 36 and as here shown said bifurcated portion has a catch 38 formed integral therewith. Catch 38 is adapted to project into tubular member 12 through an opening 40 for engagement by a latch 42 movable within tubular member 12 adjacent the end thereof remote from its pivotally connected end. Latch 42 is releasably held in projected position by a coiled spring 44 disposed between the inner end 46 of latch 42 and the ends of flat springs 34, the ends of said coiled spring 44 bearing on end 46 and on the ends of springs 34. Latch 42 conforms in cross section to the cross section of tubular member 12 and slidably fits within the latter. A finger piece 48 is connected to latch 42 by a pin-

stem portion 50 which is movable longitudinally of a slot 52 formed in the side wall 54 opposite the side wall 56 in which latch opening 40 is provided.

The ends of tubular member 12 are closed by ornaments 58 and 60 which are held in position by the intumed edges 62 and 64 of said tubular member. It will be observed that when arm 14 of part 10 is connected to the latched end of member 12, the end portions of tube 12 are received in the spaces in the bifurcated end portions 20 and 36, respectively, of part 10 and project outwardly beyond the adjacent surfaces of said bifurcated portions as clearly illustrated in the drawing, particularly in Fig. 3 thereof. It will be understood that tubular member 12 is sufficiently slender to pass readily through the holes of the cuff, whether the cuff is soft or stiff. Further it will be observed that ornaments 58 and 60 at the opposite ends of tubular member 12 are somewhat pointed, having preferably a blunt or rounded end which also, particularly in the case of ornament 60, facilitates the insertion of the tubular member through the holes of the cuff.

The manner of attaching the cuff link to the cuff is believed to be apparent from the above description, and it will be understood therefrom that for attaching the cuff link to the cuff member 12, after being moved to the dotted line position illustrated in Fig. 4 is inserted through the holes of the cuff, after which said tubular member is turned to the full line position to bring the part 10 in cuff-edge spanning position as illustrated in Fig. 1, following which catch 38 is inserted through opening 40 and is engaged by the latch 42. In the engagement of latch 42 with catch 38 pin 26 turns partially against the force of flat springs 34 in a counter-clockwise direction, viewing Fig. 4, thereby stressing said springs 34 somewhat whereby upon the release of latch 42 from catch 38 the tubular member 12 moves in a clockwise direction to move catch 38 away from latch 42 and provide a clearance between the end of bifurcated end 36 of part 10 and the adjacent end of said tubular member, as illustrated in Figs. 2 and 4.

Thus it is seen that the cuff link herein shown and described is well adapted to accomplish the several objects of the present invention. It will be understood, however, that while we have disclosed the preferred embodiment of our invention the invention may be embodied otherwise than as here shown and that in the illustrated embodiment certain changes in the details of construction and arrangement of parts, as well as in the form or shape of part 10 and other parts, may be made and will occur to skilled artisans particularly in view of our disclosure herein. Accordingly, we do not wish to be limited to the construction herein shown or described except as may be required by the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A cuff link comprising a part adapted to be positioned over the edges of a cuff adjacent the holes therein, a tubular member having a pivotal connection at one end thereof with said part, said connection comprising a non-circular pin extending transversely of said tubular member and rotatable therein, the ends of said pin being fixed to said part, spring means in said tubular member for holding said pin releasably against rotation, said tubular member being insertable

through the holes of the cuff, a latch carried by said tubular member adjacent the other end thereof, said other part having a bifurcated end portion, and a catch on said part carried by said bifurcated end portion and engageable with said latch for releasably securing said last mentioned end of said member to said part to prevent accidental displacement of the cuff link from the cuff, said bifurcated end portion being disposed at opposite sides of said tubular member when said catch is engaged with said latch.

2. A cuff link comprising a part adapted to be positioned over the edges of a cuff adjacent the holes therein, a tubular member having a pivotal connection at one end thereof with said part, said connection comprising a non-circular pin extending transversely of said tubular member and rotatable therein, the ends of said pin being fixed to said part, spring means in said tubular member for holding said pin releasably against rotation, said spring means comprising a pair of inwardly bowed springs disposed at opposite sides of said pin, said springs being engageable at their ends with said tubular member and at their intermediate portions with opposite sides, respectively, of said pin, said tubular member being insertable through the holes of the cuff, a latch carried by said tubular member adjacent the other end thereof, a spring for projecting said latch having one end thereof in engagement with said latch and the other end thereof in engagement with one end of each said first mentioned springs, a catch on said part engageable with said latch for releasably securing said last mentioned end of said member to said part to prevent accidental displacement of the cuff link from the cuff, and means for retracting said latch to release said catch therefrom whereby to permit said member to be withdrawn from said button holes for removing the cuff link from the cuff.

3. A cuff link comprising a cuff-edge spanning part having two spaced arms between which the meeting edge portions of the cuff are received when the cuff link is attached to the cuff and an intermediate portion disposed outwardly beyond said cuff-edge portions, said arms having bifurcated end portions, and a member insertable through the holes of the cuff, in attaching the cuff link to the cuff, connected at one end thereof to one end of said bifurcated end portions in movable relation thereto and releasably engageable at the other end thereof with the other of said bifurcated portions, the opposite end portions of said member being positioned in the spaces of said bifurcated portions, respectively, when said other end of said member is in engagement with said other bifurcated portion, a latch carried by said member at said other end thereof, and a catch carried by said other bifurcated end portion in the space thereof and releasably engageable with said catch.

4. A cuff link comprising a tubular member adapted to be inserted through the holes of the cuff, a non-circular pin extending transversely through said tubular member and mounted for turning movement therein, flat springs within said tubular member engaging said pin, a latch in said tubular member, a coiled spring having its opposite ends bearing on said latch and on the ends of said flat springs, respectively, for projecting said latch, and a cuff-edge spanning part having ears provided with non-circular apertures within which the ends of said pin are received for connecting said part to said pin for turning movement therewith thereby providing a

pivotal connection between said part and said member, and a catch on said part releasably engageable with said latch.

5. A cuff link comprising a tubular member adapted to be inserted through the holes of the cuff, a non-circular pin extending transversely through said tubular member and mounted for turning movement therein, flat springs within said tubular member engaging said pin, a latch in said tubular member, a coiled spring having its opposite ends bearing on said latch and on the ends of said flat springs, respectively, for projecting said latch, and a cuff-edge spanning part having ears provided with non-circular apertures within which the ends of said pin are received for connecting said part to said pin for turning movement therewith thereby providing a pivotal connection between said part and said member, said tubular member having an opening in a side wall thereof, and a catch on said part

movable into said tubular member through said opening therein for releasable engagement with said latch.

6. A cuff link comprising a substantially straight member adapted to be inserted through the holes of the cuff when the cuff link is attached thereto, and a cuff-edge spanning part having spaced arms adapted to receive therebetween the meeting edge portions of the cuff and an intermediate portion connecting said arms and disposed outwardly beyond said edges of the cuff, said part being pivotally connected to one end of said member and releasably engageable with said member at the other end thereof, said cuff-edge spanning part having at one end thereof a bifurcated portion and a catch in the space of said bifurcated portion, and a latch on said member releasably engageable with said catch.

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