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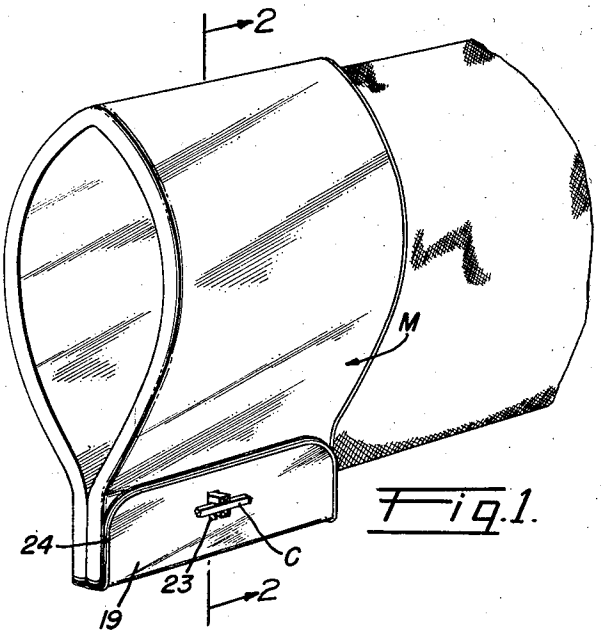


Fig. 1.

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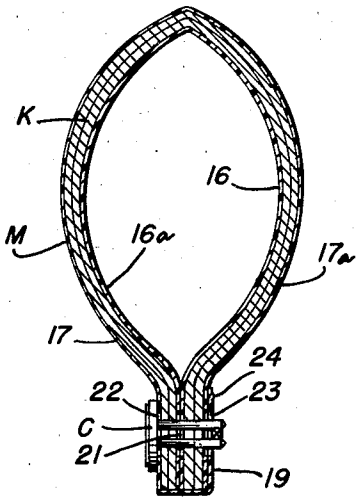
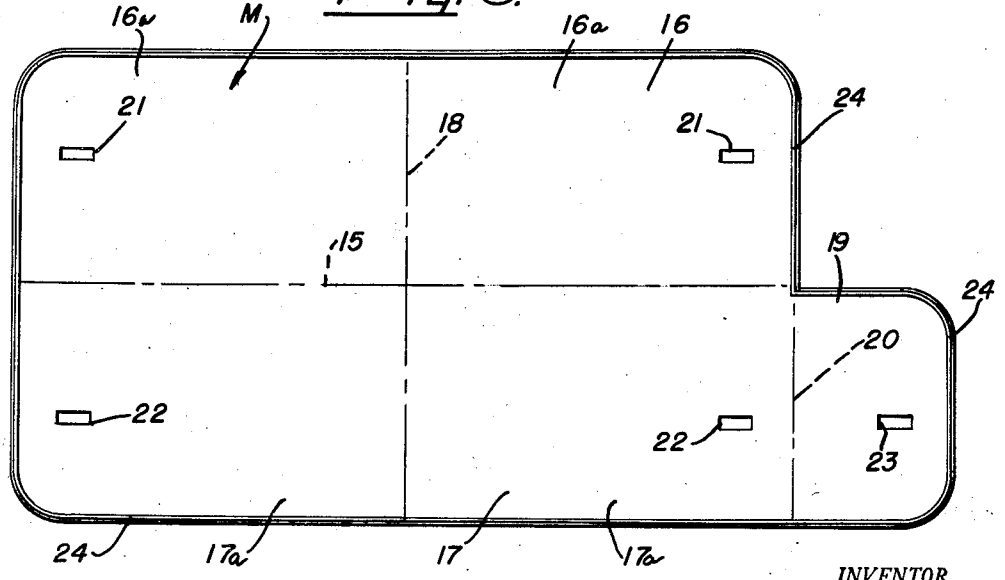


Fig. 3.



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My invention relates to protectors for shirt cuffs or the French type, as distinguished from the roll type, and it has for a purpose the provision of a protector which can be readily attached to or detached from a shirt cuff, and when applied covers both the inner and outer sides of the cuff to protect them against being soiled, and which can be secured in such cuff-covering position through the use alone of a conventional cuff link by extending the latter through both the cuff and the protector.

It is also a purpose of my invention to provide a cuff protector which is constructed from a single sheet of flexible transparent material so as to render it substantially invisible when applied to a cuff, and which material is creased along a line to form flat connected inner and outer portions of an area corresponding to the inner and outer sides of a cuff and straddling the same, and a flap integral with one of such portions that is foldable over the ends of both portions to cover and protect the end edges of the cuff against being soiled, and which flap can be secured in such folded form by the conventional cuff link.

A further purpose of my invention is the provision of a cuff protector that can be made for use on a left-hand cuff or for use on a right-hand cuff depending upon the manner in which the sheet material of which the protector is formed, is creased in the making thereof, so as to dispose the flap of the protector to the lower side of either the right-hand cuff or the left-hand cuff. Thus for protecting both cuffs of a shirt the protector is made in pairs, one for the right cuff and the other for the left cuff.

I will describe only one form of cuff protector embodying my invention and will then point out the novel features thereof in claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a view showing in perspective a shirt cuff having applied thereto one form of protector embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a blank sheet of material of which the protector is formed.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, my protector in its present form comprises a member M which is made from a blank sheet of suitable transparent and flexible material, such as plastic, and which has the form shown in Fig. 3. This member M is of elongated form and is creased lengthwise along a medial line, as indicated at 15, to provide connected complemental portions 16 and 17 which are adapted to be folded one upon the other and along the creased line.

Following such folding to form the complemental portions 16 and 17 the sheet member M is creased transversely on a line 18 medially of such portions to divide each portion into two connected parts 16*a* and 17*a*. Thus when the portions 16 and 17 are folded one upon the other along the crease line 15, followed by folding along the transverse crease line 18, the two parts 16*a* and 17*a* become superimposed with their free ends in meeting relation. Thus the protector now assumes the form of a shirt cuff of French form opening along one longitudinal edge to allow the application of the protector to a cuff.

The member M also includes a flap 19 on one free end of the portion 17, which is of the same transparent and flexible material as the sheet. The flap 19 is creased at its point of connection with the portion 17 along the line 20 to allow the folding thereof to the position shown in Fig. 1 in which it extends across the adjacent ends of the portions 16 and 17 for a purpose to be described hereinafter.

For securing the protector in place on the illustrated shirt cuff K of the French type, openings 21 and 22 are formed in the portions 16 and 17 which register one with the other when the portions are folded one upon the other, and whereby all of the openings can be brought into registration with each other when the sheet is transversely folded on the line 18 to form the parts 16*a* and 17*a*, as do the link holes of a French cuff. Thus, my protector as applied to a shirt cuff can be held in protecting position thereon by extending a conventional cuff link C through all of the openings as illustrated.

Likewise, the flap 19 is formed with an opening 23 at a point therein such that when it is folded on the part 17*a* it will register with the openings 21 and 22 so that by extending the cuff link C through all of the openings, the flap will be held contiguous to the part 17*a*.

From the preceding description, it will be understood that my protector as applied to the cuff K and secured in place by the link C, the portions 16 and 17 as folded receive the cuff therebetween to completely cover the inner and outer sides of the cuff. The transverse edges of the cuff are covered by the flap 19 when secured in folded position by the link K. Thus the entire cuff is covered by my protector to prevent soiling of the inner and outer sides as well as the end edges thereof, and by virtue of the transparency and flexibility of the material of which the protector is formed, the protector as worn is practically invisible, and provides no discomfort to the wearer.

It will, of course, be understood that the material of which the protector is formed is rounded at its corners as shown to conform to the contour of the French cuff, and to preclude the possibility of tearing of the material, all of its edges are compressed as the protector is originally formed, to provide edge beads 24.

It is desirable for the purpose of appearance to so construct the protector that as it is applied to a shirt cuff the flap 19 is disposed to the lower side of the protector and cuff so that it is less discernible than when positioned on the top side of the protector and cuff. Manifestly the protector here illustrated is designed for use on the left-hand shirt cuff K shown, and thus the flap 19 is to the lower side of the cuff.

All that is necessary to adapt the protector to a right-hand shirt cuff, is to crease and fold the sheet on the lines 15, 18, and 20 oppositely from that described in connection with the left-hand cuff protector when, by so doing, the protector can be applied to a right-hand cuff to dispose the flap to the lower side thereof. Thus it is desirable in practice to make the protectors in pairs, one for the right-hand cuff and the other for the left-hand cuff. This can be readily accomplished during making of the two by creasing the sheets as required to compel folding thereof as to form a right or left-hand cuff protector.

Although I have herein shown and described only one form of cuff protector, it is to be understood that various changes and modifications may be made without

departing from the spirit of the invention and the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A shirt-cuff protector, including: a member comprising an elongated sheet of flexible transparent material folded on itself lengthwise along a medial line to provide two connected complemental portions adapted to straddle and completely cover opposite sides of a cuff, and a flap on one end of one of said portions of a length equal to the width of said portions and so foldable thereon as to extend completely across the ends of said portions and onto the outer side of one of said portions, said portions and said flap having openings therein adapted to register with each other when the flap is folded so that a cuff link can be extended through the link holes of the cuff and all of said openings to secure said member and said flap in cuff-covering position.

2. A protector for either the right or left-hand cuff of a shirt, including: a member comprising an elongated sheet of flexible transparent material foldable in one direction or the other on itself lengthwise upon a medial line to provide two connected complemental flat portions adapted to be bent medially of their ends to straddle and completely cover opposite sides of either a right-hand or left-hand shirt cuff depending upon in which direction the sheet is folded, and a flap on one end of one of said portions of a length equal to the width of said portions, the flap foldable in one direction or the other thereon so as to extend completely across the ends of said portions and onto the outer side of one of said portions, said portions and said flap having openings therein adapted to register with each other when the flap is folded so that a cuff link can be extended through the link holes of the cuff and all of said openings to secure said member and said flap in cuff-covering position.

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