

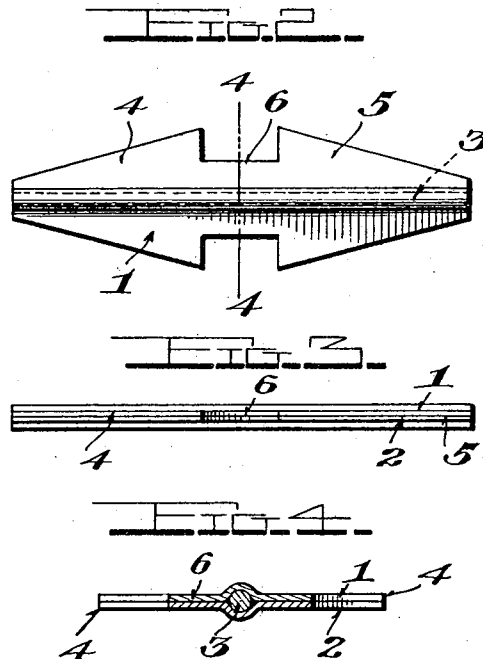
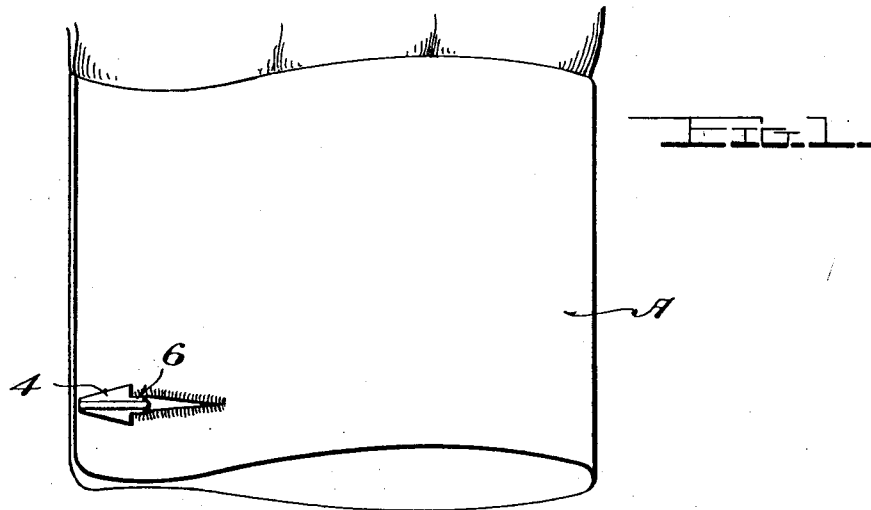
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This invention relates to cuff fasteners and is more specifically directed to the type used by laundries in fastening the cuffs of shirts. The primary object of the invention is to provide an article which is reinforced or stiffened and which may still be easily inserted into the holes of the cuff and bent into fastening position.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device which is formed so as to retain its bent shape when once positioned in the cuff, and which can be economically produced.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent as the description proceeds, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 shows the device in bent or operative position, on a cuff;

Figure 2 is a plan view of the device before use;

Figure 3 is a side elevation of Figure 2, and Figure 4 is a section on line 4—4 of Figure 1.

In proceeding in accordance with the present invention and noting particularly Figure 1, two sheets of paper or similar material 1 and 2 are provided having their facing surfaces gummed together. The sheets of paper may be of any desired color or quality and are preferably of a fairly rigid character. In the process of manufacture the gummed sheets 1 and 2 are passed between rollers with the wire 3 inserted between them and at the same time the gummed surfaces of the sheets 1 and 2 are moistened so that as the sheets and wire pass between the rolls the sheets are compressed firmly together and upon the wire, holding the wire firmly in position. Subsequently the sheets are cut to the shape shown in Figure 2 to form opposed arrow heads 4 and 5 with the wire practically forming the point of the arrow heads and a connecting portion 6 constituting straight links.

In use the straight links are readily inserted in the holes of a cuff A, by reason of the reinforcing wire, the links are then turned through 90° to bring the width of the heads at right angles to the cuff holes, following which the heads are bent into the position of

Figure 1. It will be seen that a strong and firm fastening is provided to retain the sides of the cuff together. The link or shank between the arrow heads or end portions being of a reduced size, the possibility of the device being accidentally removed is greatly reduced. Due to the presence of the reinforcing wire which latter is constituted of a single straight piece, and by the use of cheap and thin material, which is possible with the presence of the wire, economical production can be effected.

It will be further seen that any desirable pointed shape may be adapted to the distended heads and various changes in the device may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A cuff fastener composed of two superimposed connected sheets of fibrous material having spaced arrow-shaped heads, the bases of which confront one another in spaced relation and being connected by a shank extending throughout such space and of less width than the width of the bases of the heads, and a wire extending longitudinally and centrally of the width of the heads and shank and being secured between same, the wire being disposed with its center in registry with the meeting faces of the sheets and extending for an equal distance outwardly beyond each of the side faces of the heads and shank.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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