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CUFF FOR JACKET SLEEVES
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This invention relates to cuffs on a sleeve for a jacket.

An object of the invention is to provide a cuff which has means for compensating for shrinkage in material and which after wear will present a fresh edge at the bottom of the sleeve. In uniform jackets made of cotton duck or the like, the material will shrink approximately two inches to the yard, which will take place in repeated laundering. The greatest wear in a jacket is at the bottom or edge of the sleeve. Therefore, by this invention means are provided both for compensating for the shrinkage and presenting a fresh wearing edge.

These objects will be apparent from the following detail description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing in which—

Fig. 1 is a view of the outside face of a sleeve embodying this invention;

Fig. 2 is a view of the inside face of the sleeve;

Fig. 3 is a section on line 3—3, Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a section on line 4—4, Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4, showing the cuff in extended position to compensate for shrinkage and to present a fresh edge; and

Fig. 6 is a section on line 5—5, Fig. 2.

The sleeve may be constructed of cotton duck or similar material and in accordance with the usual practices may be sewed from two portions, an outside portion 1 and an inside portion 2, which are joined by double seams 3 and 4.

A fold or loop is formed in the bottom of the sleeve by a seam 5 while a pleat is formed in the fold on the outside of the sleeve extending upwardly to cover the seam 5; the pleat comprising the layers 6 and 7. The cuff then includes a downwardly extending portion 8 from the seam 5, an upwardly extending portion 9, a downwardly extending portion 7 which extends beyond the pleat to a bottom edge 9 of the sleeve, and an upwardly extending inner portion or layer 10, to the seam 5. Short tacking seams 11 adjacent the seams 5 and 9 hold the pleat in position.

As explained above, goods of the character of which uniform jackets are made has a total shrinkage of about two inches to the yard. Thus, with a sleeve inseam length of 19 inches there will be a total shrinkage in the sleeve of approximately one inch. Therefore, the pleat consisting of the layers 6 and 7 is made approximately one inch in length. Then after the jacket has been worn and the edge 9 begins to show some signs of wear and after the jacket has been repeatedly laundered and subject to full shrinkage, the seams 11 may be ripped out and the bottom fold or cuff extended its full length, as shown in Fig. 5, thereby providing a simple fold consisting of the layers 12 and 13 and presenting a new fold line or edge 14. The tacking seams 11 provide means for holding the pleat in position and indicating the proper position of the folds for pressing when the garment is laundered; but when these means are removed the jacket will be laundered with the cuff in extended position, as indicated in Fig. 5.

The patterns for the sections 1 and 2, contrary to conventional practice, are cut with their lower portions having parallel edges. This portion in each pattern extends from a line on the sleeve above the seam 5 and to which the upper edge 15 of the pleat extends, to the lower end of the pattern. Thus the cuff may be used in either of the relationships above described, and illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5 respectively, without wrinkling the sleeve or flaring.

It will be apparent from the foregoing description that the invention has accomplished its objects; that means have been provided to compensate for sleeve shrinkage and at the same time present a new and fresh fold or edge with the old edge line turned inwardly and out of view.

I claim:

In a jacket, a sleeve of shrinkable material having a cuff formed by a fold of the material secured by a seam and a turned up pleat in the fold, the cuff comprising in sequence a downwardly extending portion, a portion extending outwardly and upwardly above the seam a distance equal to the total shrinkage of the sleeve, an outer cuff portion extending downwardly substantially below the edge of the first mentioned portion, and a final portion extending inwardly and upwardly to the seam, whereby after full shrinkage the pleat may be removed to compensate for the shrinkage and to present a new edge at the bottom of the sleeve, the said new edge occurring on a line which was therefore intermediate the upper and lower edges of said outer cuff portion.

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