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Fig. 1.

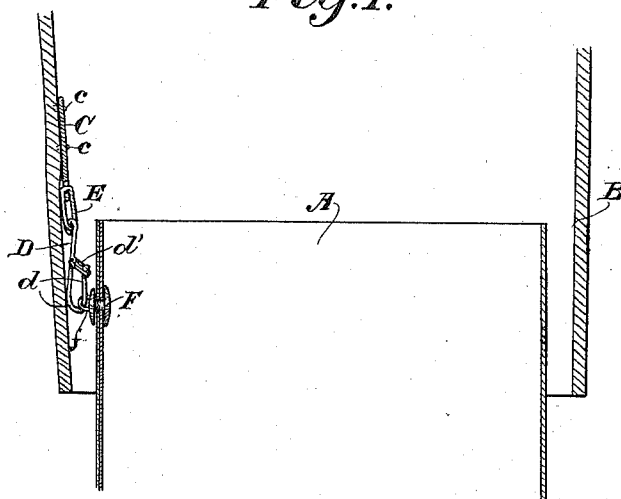
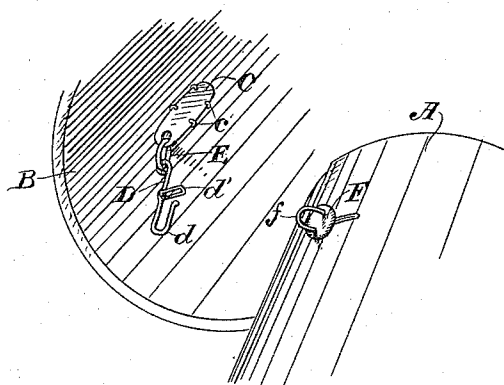


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK E. ROCKSTROH, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Cuff-Fasteners; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to that class of fasteners adapted to attach the cuff to the inner surface of the coat-sleeve, whereby the projection of the cuff beyond the coat-sleeve is always the same, a result not possible when the cuff is attached to the shirt-sleeve. In this class of fasteners it is necessary that the connection between the cuff and the coat-sleeve should be one adapted to be readily made and broken in order to adjust and remove the cuff, and at the same time it should be a free or flexible one, enabling the cuff and the sleeve to have their independent movements without straining or pulling.

The object of my invention is to provide a cuff-fastener which can be readily applied to the cuff and permit it to be removed when necessary, and which shall at the same time be free and flexible in its movements, avoiding straining and pulling.

My invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement, and combination of the parts of the fastener which I shall hereinafter fully describe and specifically claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of my fastener, showing its application. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of same, the cuff and sleeve being separated.

A is a cuff, and B is the coat-sleeve.

My fastener consists of a piece C, of any suitable material, metallic or otherwise, or a piece of whalebone will answer the purpose. This piece or plate is provided with openings by which stitches *c* may secure it to the inner surface of the coat-sleeve B. Connected with the lower end of this piece is a freely-playing ring or link E, to which is attached the hook D, the long point *d* of which is adapted to engage with a loop or eye *f* of a button F, which is fitted in the buttonholes of the cuff A. Though this button F may be of any suitable character, in its best form it is of the type of stud-buttons, that is to say, having a

head on each end of a shank, and to one of these heads is connected the loop or eye *f*, which receives the engagement of the hook D. A button of this character in this combination is the best, in that when the hook D is disengaged from the loop *f* the button itself, being a stud-button, will remain in the cuff without danger of loss, as would be the case if said button were a mere shanked button adapted to receive the hook.

In order to insure the hook D remaining in engagement under all circumstances of movement with the loop or eye *f*, I have a guard-loop *d'*, which is adapted to embrace the point *d* of the hook and to be removed therefrom when the hook is to be disengaged from the eye or loop of the button F. This loop may be a sliding one, but in its best form it is hinged to the body of the yoke D and simply falls over the point *d* of the hook to its engagement and is removed therefrom to permit the disengagement of the hook.

This whole fastener, consisting of the plate C, ring E, hook D, and button F, is of such a character as will give the greatest freedom to the two parts which it connects. The cuff is not therefore rigidly attached to the coat, but may be moved in and out by the play of the fingers, as is customary in adjusting the cuffs, by reason of the loop or eye *f* of the button F sliding on the long point *d* of the hook D, and the cuff may be turned independently of the sleeve by reason of the loose connection of the hook with the plate or piece C through the intervention of the ring E. Thus the cuff may move in any direction, either on its axis or in or out, to a proper extent without pulling or straining.

The connection between the hook and the button F is one that may be easily made and is insured under all circumstances where the guard-loop *d'* is used, and the connection may be readily broken whenever necessary to remove the cuff, and the button F will stay in the cuff ready to complete the connection again when desired.

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

1. A cuff-fastener consisting of a plate or piece having means whereby it may be secured to the part to which the cuff is to be

- attached, a freely-playing ring or link connected with one end of said plate or piece, a hook freely connected, at one end, with said ring, a double-headed shanked button fitted to the buttonholes of the cuff and having one of its heads provided with a loop or eye with which the hook detachably and slidably engages.
2. An improved cuff-fastener consisting of a plate or piece having means whereby it may be secured to the part to which the cuff is to be attached, a freely-playing ring or link connected with one end of said plate or piece, a hook freely connected with said ring or loop, a double-headed shanked button fitted to the buttonholes of the cuff and having one of its heads provided with a loop or eye with which the hook detachably and slidably engages, and a guard-loop on the hook for engaging its point to insure the engagement of the hook with the loop or eye of the button.
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