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DETACHABLE SHIRT CUFF

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Fig. 1.

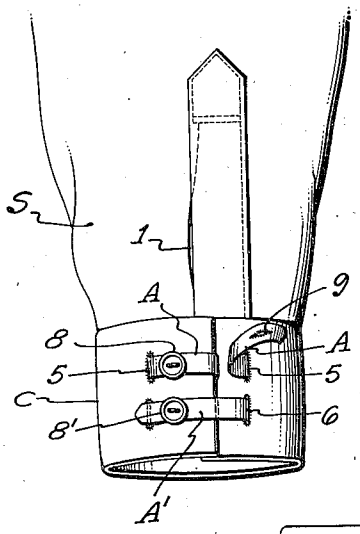


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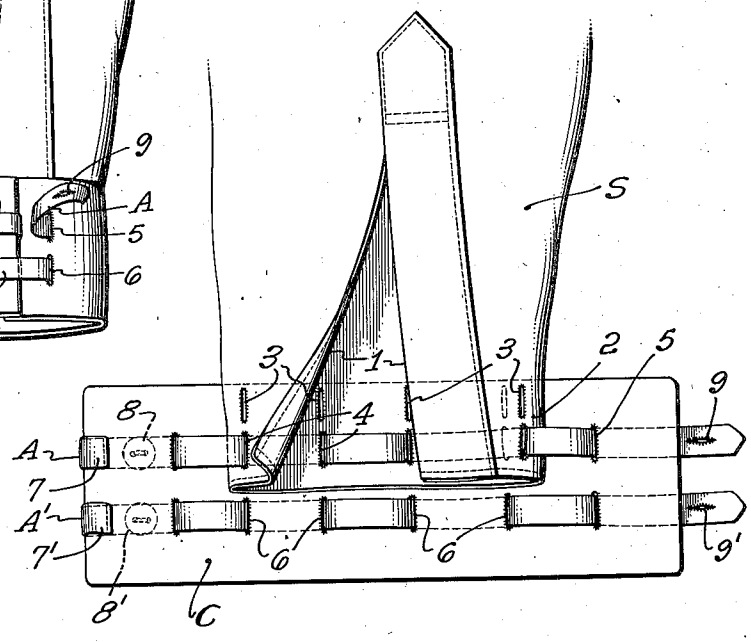
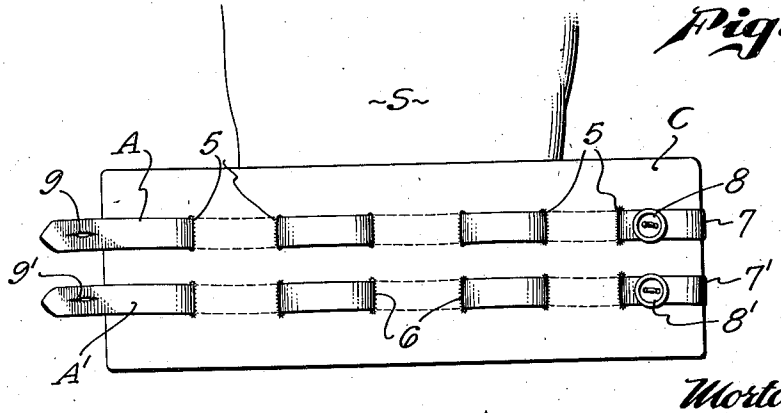


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates in general to shirt cuffs but more particularly to, and has for an object, the provision of a shirt sleeve and cuff arranged so that the cuff may be selectively attached to the sleeve at one of at least two different positions for either lengthening or shortening the sleeve with respect to its original length.

An object is to provide a shirt sleeve having a detachable cuff each formed with eyelets or buttonholes and attaching tapes, cords or the like adapted to be threaded through the eyelets or buttonholes for attaching and supporting the cuff on a sleeve in selected position.

Another object is to provide on the cuff one or more attaching members which have near the extremities thereof means such as buttons or the like for attaching the ends of the cuff together. Other objects will appear as the description progresses.

I have shown a preferred form of shirt sleeve and cuff embodying my improvements in the annexed drawings, subject to modification within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of my invention. In said drawing:

Fig. 1 is a view of a portion of a shirt sleeve with a cuff attached thereto in extended position for affording a maximum length to the sleeve, the cuff being closed;

Fig. 2 is a view of the same with the sleeve open and the cuff flattened; and

Fig. 3 is a similar view but showing the reverse side of the sleeve and cuff shown in Fig. 2.

It is well known that men's shirts are made in various sizes which define the collar and sleeve measurements and that the sleeve lengths are usually in whole inches. Frequently one cannot find a shirt of proper and required sleeve length and a too short or too long sleeve is objectionable because if it is too short the cuffs will not show at the ends of the coat sleeves, and if too long cuffs become quickly soiled and are unsightly.

Hence, I have provided a combination of a shirt of conventional form except for the omission of the usual cuffs and a separate pair of cuffs for each shirt which are detachably and adjustably supported on the sleeve ends in one of at least two positions, so that the sleeves may be either lengthened or shortened at will.

Preferably, a shirt arranged for use in connection with my improved cuffs has its sleeves S formed with the usual slit 1 open at the ends 2 and said end portions are provided with at least two horizontal rows of eyelets or buttonholes 3 and 4 which are uniformly spaced apart around the

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sleeve ends and the rows of eyelets or holes are spaced apart lengthwise of the sleeve to an extent of approximately one inch. Likewise the cuffs C have two similar rows of holes 5 and 6 spaced apart lengthwise of the cuff while the two rows of holes on the cuff are spaced apart to the extent of an inch also, in order that when the cuff is applied to the shirt sleeve corresponding holes of one or the other rows of holes on the cuff and sleeve will register.

A pair of attaching straps, tapes or cords A and A' are attached at corresponding ends 7 and 7' to the under side of one end of the cuff C in spaced positions horizontally alined with the holes 5 and 6, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and are provided on their outer sides with buttons 8 and 8' in positions near one end of the cuff and on the outer side thereof. The other extremities of said straps are formed with button holes 9 and 9' adapted to receive the buttons 8 and 8', respectively, for holding the cuff closed as shown in Fig. 1.

When the cuffs are applied to the sleeve in their extended positions as shown in the drawing the row of holes 4 in the sleeve and the row 5 in the cuff will register so that the strap A is threaded through holes 4 and 5 and, as shown in Fig. 1, when the cuff is closed the ends of both straps A and A' are buttoned together, thereby providing shirt sleeves with cuffs attached of a maximum length.

However, if a shorter length sleeve is desired the cuff is detached from the sleeve and then moved upwardly on the sleeve until the rows of holes 5 and 6 of the cuff overlie the rows 3 and 4 of the sleeve, whereupon strap A is threaded through holes 3 of the sleeve and holes 5 of the cuff, and strap A' is similarly threaded through holes 4 of the sleeve and 5 of the cuff, after which the ends of the straps are buttoned and thereby providing a sleeve of minimum length. The spacing of the rows of holes 3, 4, 5 and 6 is such that when the cuff is retracted on the sleeve the holes 3 will be covered by the marginal portion of the cuff.

While I have described my improved sleeve and cuff particularly in connection with dress or every day shirts, I desired it to be understood that my improvements are equally, if not better, adapted for use in connection with sport shirts than with dress shirts. It is well known in the industry that sport shirts are usually made in only three sizes, to-wit: Small, medium and large; and, therefore, it is more difficult to obtain shirts of a desired sleeve length than in dress shirts.

Hence, it is obvious that a sleeve and cuff of the character shown in this application is desirable for use in connection with sport shirts.

I have, therefore, provided a simple, economical and satisfactory arrangement of shirt sleeve and cuffs which may be made of any suitable material and form within the limits of manufacturing expediency and is of novel and useful character.

Certain of the advantages of my invention will be understood from a reading of the foregoing description. Other advantages arise from the provision of the two spaced apart straps A and A' so arranged that they serve to hold the overlapping end portion of a cuff in close contact with the other (underlying) end portion substantially all the way from the inner edge of the cuff to the outer edge of the cuff, thus simulating a widely used form of shirt cuff which employs no cuff links or removable button members once widely used. Another advantage arises from fastening one end of each strap A and A' to the associated cuff. This construction, among other things, makes for a neater appearance of the cuff by keeping the button members in desirable alignment along the length of the wearer's arm.

An advantage, which arises from the provision of two strap members A and A' instead of one is found in the double and different results which the straps achieve of holding the cuff against the sleeve closely and eliminating the need of cuff links or old fashioned cuff buttons.

I claim:

1. In combination, a shirt sleeve having a plurality of holes through the body element of said sleeve spaced apart around the cuff end of said sleeve, a cuff applicable to said sleeve and formed with a plurality of holes spaced apart throughout the length of the cuff, and two parallel attaching straps or the like adapted to be threaded through certain holes of the sleeve and cuff for holding the cuff on the sleeve, and means at opposite ends of said straps for attaching the ends of the straps together and for holding the cuff and sleeve closed, said straps each being fastened to said cuff for keeping said attaching means on one strap opposite the attaching means on the other strap.

2. In combination, a shirt sleeve having a plurality of holes through the body element of said sleeve spaced apart around the cuff end of a sleeve, a cuff applicable to said sleeve and formed with a plurality of holes spaced apart throughout the length of the cuff, and two spaced apart attaching straps or the like fastened to said cuff adapted to be threaded through certain holes of the sleeve and cuff for holding the cuff on the sleeve and having means on each strap for attaching the ends of the strap together, the holes in said sleeve and in said cuff being correspondingly spaced apart and in registration when the cuff is properly positioned on the sleeve.

3. In combination, a shirt sleeve having a plurality of holes through the body element of said sleeve spaced apart around the cuff end of a sleeve, a cuff applicable to said sleeve and formed with a plurality of holes spaced apart throughout the length of the cuff, and two spaced apart attaching straps or the like adapted to be threaded through certain holes of the sleeve and cuff for holding the cuff on the sleeve, said straps being permanently attached at corresponding ends to an end of the cuff.

4. In combination, a shirt sleeve having a plurality of holes through the body element of said sleeve spaced apart around the cuff end of a sleeve, a cuff applicable to said sleeve and formed with a plurality of holes spaced apart throughout the length of the cuff, and two spaced apart attaching straps or the like adapted to be threaded through certain holes of the sleeve and cuff for holding the cuff on the sleeve, the holes in said sleeve being arranged in at least two rows around the sleeve and said rows of holes in the sleeve and said cuff being spaced apart longitudinally of the sleeve, whereby the cuff may be attached to the sleeve at one of at least two positions for varying the effective length of the sleeve, the positioning of said spaced apart straps being effective to hold the inner side edge portion of said cuff closely against said sleeve.

5. In combination, a shirt sleeve having a plurality of holes spaced apart around the cuff end of a sleeve, a cuff applicable to said sleeve and formed with a plurality of holes spaced apart throughout the length of the cuff, and attaching straps or the like adapted to be threaded through certain holes of the sleeve and cuff for holding the cuff on the sleeve, the holes in said cuff and said sleeve being arranged in two parallel rows correspondingly spaced apart with the holes in each row on the sleeve and cuff correspondingly spaced apart lengthwise of the rows, and a pair of straps or the like each attached at one of their ends to an end portion of the cuff and adapted to be threaded through one of the rows of holes on the sleeve and one of the rows of holes on the cuff and attached together at their ends for holding cuff end portions in close overlapping relation, one to another throughout substantially the length of the cuff along the sleeve.

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