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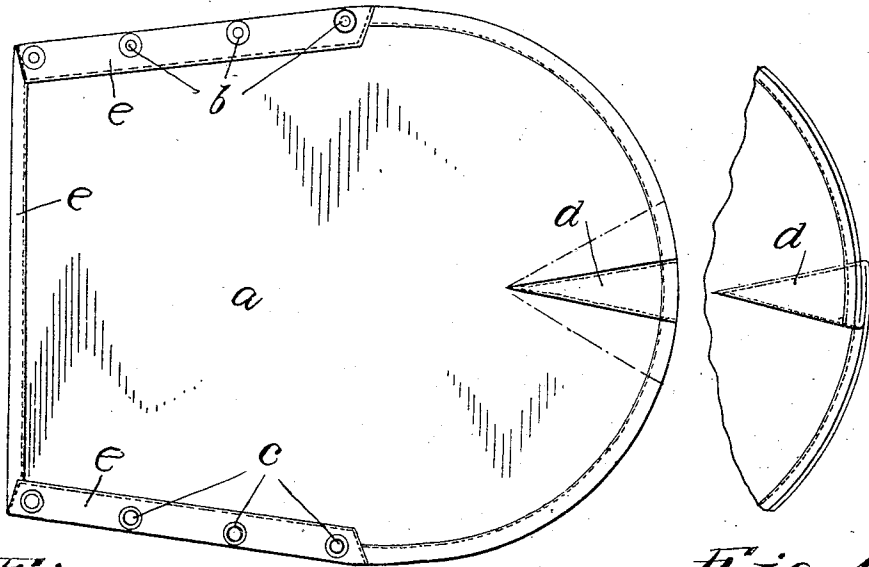


Fig. 1.

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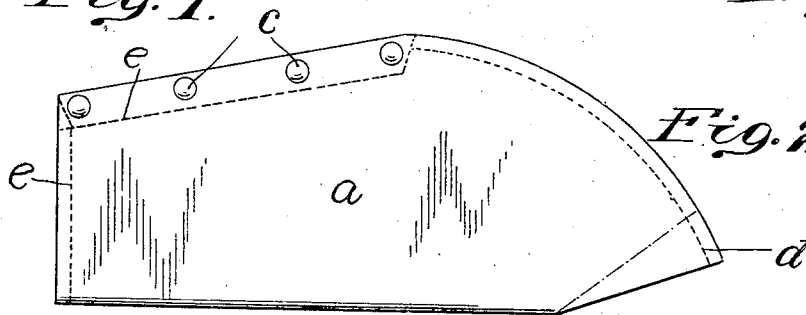


Fig. 2.

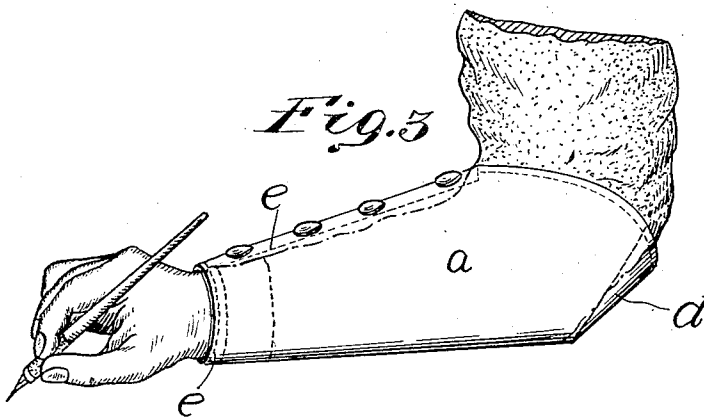


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IZA J. FLETCHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Elmira, in the county of Chemung and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sleeve-Protectors, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to improvements in sleeve protectors; and an object of my invention is to provide a sleeve protector which will be simple in construction, comparatively cheap in manufacture and efficient in use.

Another object of my invention is to provide a sleeve protector which may be readily laundried and which will fit neatly around the arm.

A third object of my invention is to provide a sleeve protector formed with a dart or graduated plait which fits neatly at the elbow and serves to retain the protector in place upon the arm.

Other features of my invention will be hereinafter described.

In the drawings illustrating the principle of my invention and the best mode now known to me of applying that principle, Figure 1 is a plan view of my new sleeve protector opened; Fig. 2 is an elevation of my new protector closed; Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing my new protector in place upon the arm and Fig. 4 is a detail showing the dart or graduated plait.

My new sleeve protector is made of a single piece *a* of washable material the edges of which are hemmed, as is plainly shown in Fig. 1. Along one side of my new sleeve protector there is provided a series of ball or button members *b* of ball-and-socket fasteners, while along the opposite side is mounted a series of socket members *c* which cooperate with the button members *b*. These ball-and-socket fasteners enable the protector to be opened out, washed and then ironed flat. Near the elbow end, my new protector is provided with a dart or graduated plait *d* which serves to make the protector fit snugly at the elbow and aids

in retaining the protector in place upon the sleeve.

It will be observed that my new protector may be opened throughout its entire length, thereby permitting the protector to lie flat and to be readily washed and ironed. The ball-and-socket fasteners are not ordinarily damaged in the laundry; and since the material of which my new protector is made is washable, the latter may be repeatedly washed and used again and again, whereby its appearance may be kept always fresh and clean and its life lengthened. Again, since the edges *e* of my new sleeve protector are hemmed and not bound, there is no danger of the edges shrinking and thereby leaving the protector unsightly and uncomfortable after one laundering. My new sleeve protector is as easily laundried as is a handkerchief.

My new sleeve protector is made in several sizes so that any size of arm may be fitted perfectly. Since my new protector may be fastened in place after placing it upon the arm, the opening at the wrist-end may be small and not sufficiently large to pass over the hand, whereby a neat fit and appearance may be obtained and protection afforded to laundried cuffs.

The dart or graduated plait *d* at the elbow-end is so made that no raw edges are left. This dart or graduated plait serves to hold the elbow-end of the protector from displacement and prevents the protector from working loose and slipping over the hand of the wearer.

In making my new protector, oil-cloth and other coated fabric is avoided, as is also elastic material. Coated fabrics and elastic material are not adapted to be laundried and tend to shorten greatly the life, and so the usefulness, of an article of apparel.

I claim:

A sleeve protector made of washable material and adapted to be opened out flat throughout its whole length; the lateral edges of the protector being provided with fasteners, whereby the protector may be fastened snugly around the arm of the wearer; the protector being formed with a dart free from raw edges, said dart lying in

the center line of the protector and at the
elbow end thereof, whereby said dart per-
mits the protector to be laid flat for wash-
ing and ironing and serves, when the pro-
5 tector is in place on the arm, to cause the
protector to fit snugly at the elbow and
thereby to retain itself in place thereat.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my

hand this 9th day of February, A. D. 1909,
at said Elmira, in the presence of the two
undersigned witnesses.

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