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Fig. 1

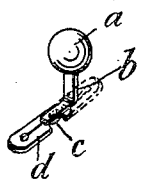


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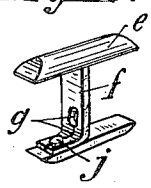


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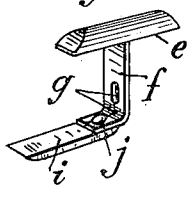


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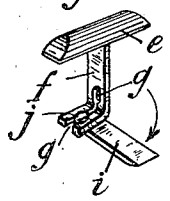


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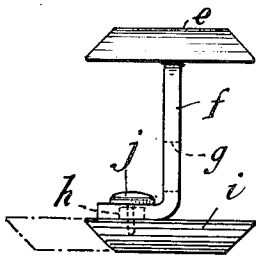


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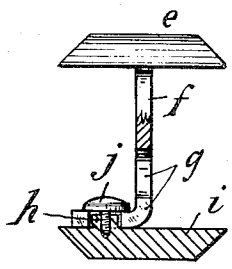
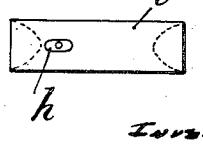


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It is known that there exists buttons, carrying a pearl, stone or ornament of precious metal, and so on, for shirt fronts, which are fitted with a locking system constituted by a small blade the end of which is slit and surrounds a square or rectangular lug rigid with the bent end of the rod on which the button proper is mounted. With devices of this kind, the locking of the button slot of the shirt after introduction of said button is obtained by turning said blade through an angle of 180° about the lug, so that it comes at right angles to the direction of the button slot.

The object of the present invention is to provide a cuff link with two heads which includes a similar arrangement of parts, such a cuff link constituting a new article of manufacture which is simple, elegant, easy to fit in position in the slots of the cuff, and extremely strong.

In order to provide a cuff link of this kind it has been necessary to make use of an arrangement which is, in fact, the reverse of that above described, and in which the movable head of the cuff link is substituted for the locking blade above referred to. In such an arrangement, the bent end of the rod rigid with the fixed head of the cuff link is slotted and accommodates, between its elastic branches, the square or rectangular lug rigid with the movable head of the cuff link.

Other features of the present invention will result from the following detailed description of some specific embodiments thereof.

A preferred embodiment of the present invention will be hereinafter described, with reference to the accompanying drawing, given merely by way of example, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view, partly in section, of a button for the front of a shirt, made according to the old known locking system;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the cuff link according to the present invention, in the closed position;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the same cuff link, shown in the open position, that is to say ready to be inserted or removed;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the same cuff link, in an intermediate position of the parts of which it is made;

Fig. 5 shows, on an enlarged scale, and in side view, the same cuff link;

Fig. 6 is a view, analogous to Fig. 5, showing the cuff link in longitudinal section;

Fig. 7 is a plan view of the movable head of the cuff link.

In the old known arrangement of buttons to be mounted on shirt fronts, the pearl, precious stone, or the like, *a* was fitted with a rod *b* the bent end of which was rigid with a lug *c* of square or rectangular shape, engaging between the elastic branches of a split blade *d*. The button was engaged in the slot of the shirt, and held in position with one hand, while the other hand caused the locking blade to pivot through an angle of 180°, so as to bring it into the position shown in dotted lines, which ensured the locking of the whole.

Such a button could not be used in any possible manner as a cuff link.

In the cuff link shown by Figs. 2 to 7, and which constitutes the object of the present invention, the fixed head *c* is fixed, for instance by soldering, to the end of the rod or cross bar *f*, the other end of which, of bent shape, is slit at *g* so as to form two elastic branches. These branches surround a lug *h* (Figs. 6 and 7) of rectangular shape, rigid with the movable head *i* for instance, for instance by soldering on said head. A small screw *j* is engaged in said lug *h*, so as to prevent the movable head from separating from the rod while permitting the rotation of said movable head from the position shown in solid lines in Fig. 5, to the position shown in dotted lines, and inversely.

This screw might be replaced by a small nut adapted to be screwed on the screw-threaded end of lug *h*.

Of course, the fixed and movable heads of the cuff link might be made of any desired shape different from that shown by the drawing, constituting small bars, discs, and so on, and they may be ornamented with stones or the like, or made in any desired manner.

In a general manner, while I have, in the above description, disclosed what I deem to be practical and efficient embodiments of the present invention, it should be well understood that I do not wish to be limited thereto as there might be changes made in the arrangement, disposition, and form of the parts without departing from the principle of the present invention as comprehended within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A cuff link which comprises, in combination, a rod, a head rigidly fixed to one end of said rod, said rod being bent at the other end and this last mentioned end of said rod being slit so as to form a housing between two elastic branches, another head, and a lug rigid with said second mentioned head, said lug being so shaped as to fit elastically in said housing in two positions, at 180° to each other, one of said positions corresponding to the

opening of the cuff link and the other to the closing thereof.

2. A cuff link which comprises, in combination, a rod, a head rigidly fixed to one end of said rod, said rod being bent at the other end and this last mentioned end of said rod being slit so as to form a housing between two elastic branches, another head, and a lug rigid with said last mentioned head, said lug being of polygonal outline so as to fit elastically in said housing in two positions, both at right angles to a given transverse plane and opposed to each other, one of said positions corresponding to the opening of said cuff link and the other to the closing thereof.

3. A cuff link which comprises, in combination, a rod, a head rigidly fixed to one end of said rod, said rod being bent at the other end and this last mentioned end of said rod being slit so as to form two elastic branches, with a longitudinal housing in the bent end portion between said branches, another head adapted to come along said bent end portion, and a lug rigid with said second mentioned head, said lug being of rectangular section so as to fit elastically in said housing in two positions, at 180° to each other, one of said positions corresponding to the opening of the cuff link and the other to the closing thereof.

4. A cuff link which comprises, in combination, a rod, a head rigidly fixed to one end of said rod, said rod being bent substantially at right angles at the other end and this last mentioned end of said rod being slit so as to form two elastic branches, with a longitudinal housing formed in the bent end portion between said branches, another head adapted to come along said bent end portion, a lug rigid with said second mentioned head, said lug being of rectangular section so as to fit elastically in said housing in two positions, at 180° to each other, one of said positions corresponding to the opening of said cuff link and the other to the closing thereof, and means for holding said lug in said housing while enabling it to pivot therein.

5. A cuff link which comprises, in combination, a rod, a head rigidly fixed to one end of said rod, said rod being bent substantially at right angles at the other end and said last mentioned end of the rod being slit longitudinaly so as to form two elastic branches, with a longitudinal housing formed in the bent end portion between said branches, another head adapted to come along said bent end portion, a lug rigid with said second mentioned head, said lug being of rectangular section so as to fit elastically in said housing in two positions, at 180° to each other, one of said positions corresponding to the opening of said cuff link and the other to the closing thereof, and a screw fixed to said lug and overlapping the edges of said housing so as to keep said lug in said housing while leaving it free to pivot therein.

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