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CUFF LINK

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Fig. 1

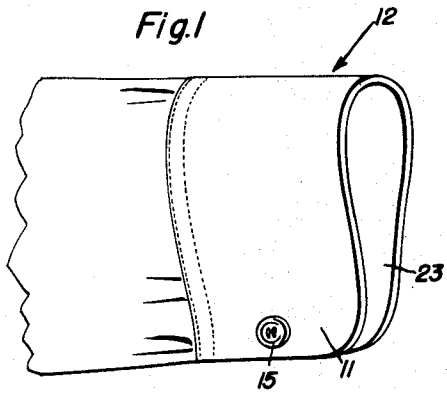


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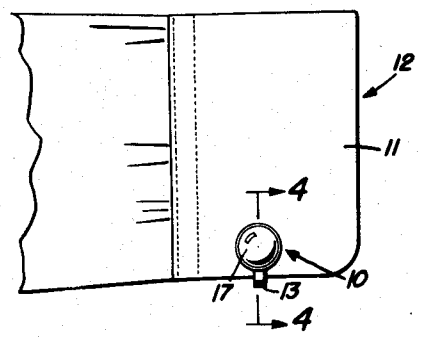


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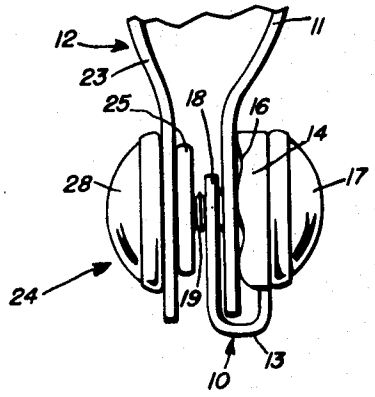


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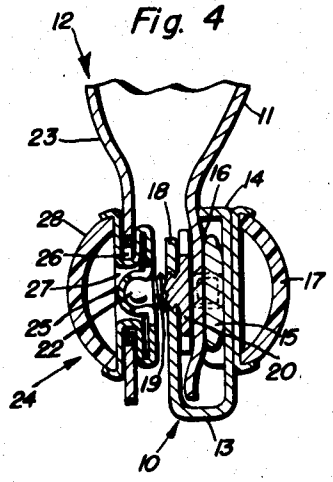


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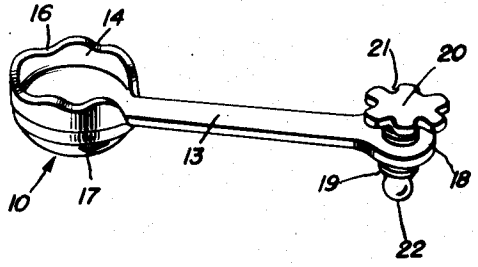
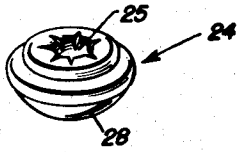


Fig. 6



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The present invention relates generally to new and useful improvements in cuff links and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a fastener of this character of the French type which is adapted for use on barrel style cuffs.

Another very important object of the invention is to provide a cuff link of the aforementioned character which, when in use, conceals the usual button of a barrel cuff and which, further, may be successfully used on this type of cuff even tho the button be missing.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a cuff link of the character described which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, compact, light in weight, attractive in appearance and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a barrel cuff.

Figure 2 is an elevational view of a barrel cuff with a link in accordance with the present invention mounted thereon.

Figure 3 is a view in side elevation, showing the link in use.

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view, taken substantially on the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the clamp member or unit.

Figure 6 is a perspective view of the female member.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises a clamp which is designated generally by the reference numeral 10. The clamp 10 is adapted to be mounted on the button side 11 of a conventional barrel cuff 12. Toward this end, the clamp 10 includes a bendable, substantially U-shaped bar 13 of suitable resilient material which is adapted to straddle a portion 11 of the cuff 12 in the manner shown to advantage in Figure 4 of the drawing. Formed integrally with the outer end of the bar 13 is a substantially cup shaped stationary jaw 14 which accommodates the usual cuff button 15 and which includes an undulated free edge or face 16 which is engageable with the cuff. A suitable ornament 17 is secured on the jaw 14.

At its inner end the bar 13 terminates in a

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tapped eye 18. Threadedly mounted in the eye 18 is a shank 19 having formed integrally with one end thereof an adjustible jaw 20 provided with a notched or toothed periphery 21 to facilitate manual adjustment. The jaw 20 is engageable with the inner side of the portion 11 of the shirt cuff for pressing same, together with the button 15, outwardly into the substantially cup shaped outer jaw 14. At its other end, the shank 19 terminates in a ball head 22 constituting the male member of a separable fastener.

Mounted on the button hole side 23 of the cuff 12 is the female member 24 of the aforementioned separable fastener. The member 24 includes a resilient socket 25 for the reception of the head 22. As also shown to advantage in Figure 4 of the drawing, the female member 24 is mounted in the usual button hole 26 of the cuff 12. Toward this end, the socket member 25 is formed to provide a reduced neck portion 27 which passes through the button hole 26. Mounted on the outer portion of the socket member 25 is suitable ornament 28.

It is thought that the manner in which the invention is used will be readily apparent from a consideration of the foregoing. Briefly, the side portion 11 of the cuff 12 is inserted in the clamp 10 with the button 15 engaged in the substantially cup shaped, stationary outer jaw 14. The screw shank 19 is then turned in the tapped eye 18 of the bar 13 for clamping the cuff between the jaws 14 and 20. It will thus be seen that the substantially cup shaped jaw 14 completely conceals the button 15. Also, the button 15 may assist in anchoring the clamp 10 in position on the cuff. The female member 24 is then mounted in the button hole 26 of the cuff 12 with the socket 25 innermost. The head 22 is then snapped into the socket 25 for detachably connecting the units 10 and 24. Of course, to open the cuff 12 the units 10 and 24 are simply separated. Although the invention is primarily intended for use on barrel cuffs, it may also be used on French type cuffs if desired.

It is believed that the many advantages of a cuff link constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood and although a preferred embodiment of the device is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction may be resorted to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. For use on a cuff having a button hole there-

in, a link including a socket member mounted in the button hole, a substantially U-shaped clamp mounted on the cuff, this clamp including a stationary jaw on one end and further including an adjustable jaw threadedly mounted on its other end and cooperable with the stationary jaw for securing the cuff therebetween, and a member on the second named jaw engageable in the socket member for detachably connecting the clamp thereto.

2. For use on a cuff having a button hole in one side portion thereof, a link comprising a socket member mounted in the button hole, a substantially U-shaped clamp mounted on the other side portion of the cuff, said clamp straddling the cuff and including stationary and adjustable outer and inner jaws, respectively, securing the cuff therebetween, and a head on the inner jaw engageable in the socket member for detachably connecting the clamp thereto.

3. For use on a cuff having a button hole in one side portion and a button on its other side portion, a link comprising a socket member mounted in the button hole, and a clamp removably mounted on the other side portion of the cuff, said clamp comprising a substantially U-shaped bar straddling the cuff, a substantially cupped shaped stationary jaw on one end of the bar enclosing the button, a shank threadedly mounted for adjustment in the other end portion of the bar, a jaw on one end of the shank cooperable with the stationary jaw for clamping the cuff therebetween, and a head on the other end of the shank engageable in the socket member for detachably connecting the clamp thereto.

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