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Fig. 1.

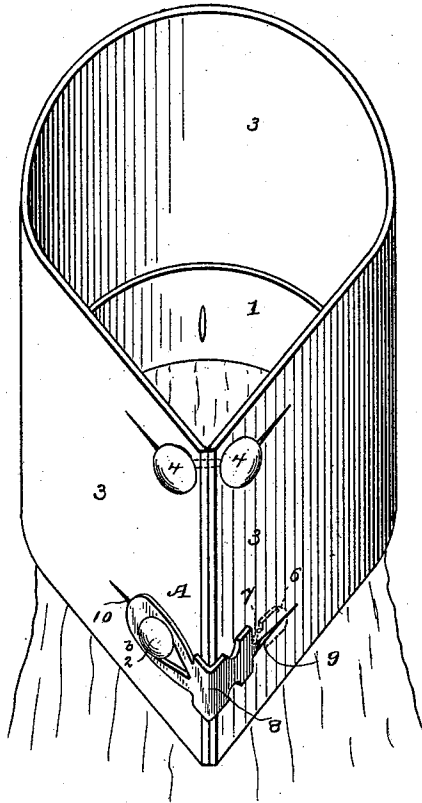


Fig. 3.



Fig. 2.

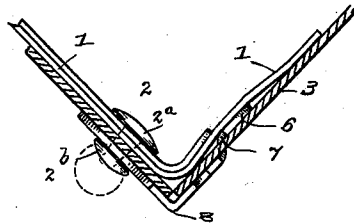
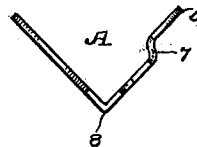


Fig. 4.



WITNESSES

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE E. WARDWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Stamford, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rigid Angular Tabs for Attaching Cuffs; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has for its object to provide rigid angular tabs for attaching cuffs to shirt-sleeves which shall be so constructed as to enable the wearer to use link-buttons with ordinary plain reversible cuffs and to attach the cuffs to the wristbands without the necessity for change in either wristbands or cuffs to adapt them for use with link-buttons.

It is of course well understood that in order to look neatly with link-buttons the edges of cuffs should lie close to each other and at approximately a right angle to each other. In order to accomplish this result the edges of cuffs have been provided at one end with tabs which have engaged the usual wristband-button of a shirt. This style of cuffs, however, is not reversible. Other styles have been provided having tabs at the center. Cuffs of this class, however, are practically useless without link-buttons.

My invention has for its object to provide a rigid angular tab which will adapt ordinary plain reversible cuffs for use with link-buttons and will attach the cuffs to ordinary wristbands, no special buttons, buttonholes, tabs, or changes of any kind being required in either the wristband or cuff, it being of course understood that the wristband is provided with the ordinary buttonholes to receive a detachable button.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective illustrating the use of my novel tab; Fig. 2, a detail sectional view showing the cuff in section in the buttoned position and my novel tab and the wristband in edge view; Fig. 3, a plan view of my novel tab as blanked out and before being formed to shape, and Fig. 4 is an edge view of the completed tab.

1 denotes the wristband of a shirt, the ends of which are held together by a button 2. I

ordinarily use a double-headed removable button having a fixed inner head 2^a and a hinged outer head 2^b.

3 denotes a cuff, 4 link-buttons, and A my novel rigid tab, which is blanked out from sheet metal.

The essential features of my novel tab are that it is provided with an opening 5 near one end, at its other end with a head 6, and between the head and the body of the tab with a neck 7, and that at approximately its mid-length it is bent at approximately a right angle, as at 8. Opening 5 is of suitable shape and size to permit the hinged head 2^b of button 2 to pass through freely when lifted, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2, but will not permit said head to pass when in its normal position, as in full lines in Figs. 1 and 2. The head is offset at the neck, as is clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 4, so as to permit the head to lie on the inner side of the cuff, the body of the tab lying on the outer side thereof.

The operation is as follows: The link-buttons are placed in the cuff in the usual manner. The head of the tab is then passed through one of the buttonholes at the inner end of the cuff, which in the present instance I have indicated by 9, and the tab is then given a quarter-turn, so that the head will lie close to the under side of the cuff and the body of the tab will lie close to the outer side thereof. The hinged head 2^b of button 2 is then turned upward, as in dotted lines in Fig. 2, and passed through hole 10 in the other edge of the cuff, then through opening 5 in the tab, and then turned down to place, as in Figs. 1 and 2. It will thus be seen that my novel rigid tab acts to hold the inner ends of the edges of the cuff in proper position and also to secure the cuff to the wristband of a shirt. To remove the cuff from the shirt, the head 2^b is turned upward, as in dotted lines in Fig. 2, and the cuff and tab removed, head 2^b passing freely through buttonhole 10 and through opening 5 in the tab, the tab remaining with the cuff until detached therefrom by giving it a quarter-turn, which will permit head 6 to pass freely through buttonhole 9, it being understood, however, that the head will not pass through this buttonhole except when given a quarter-turn from the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A rigid tab for attaching ordinary cuffs fastened with link-buttons to the wristbands of shirts, said tab comprising in its construction a single flat strip of metal bent across near its center and having both of its ends adapted to lie close to and parallel with the surfaces of the cuff.
2. A rigid tab for attaching ordinary cuffs fastened with link-buttons to the wristbands of shirts consisting of a strip bent at an an-

gle substantially as shown and provided at one end with a neck and a head offset at the neck so as to pass through a buttonhole freely and lie on the under side of a cuff and at the other end with an opening to receive the head of a wristband-button.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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