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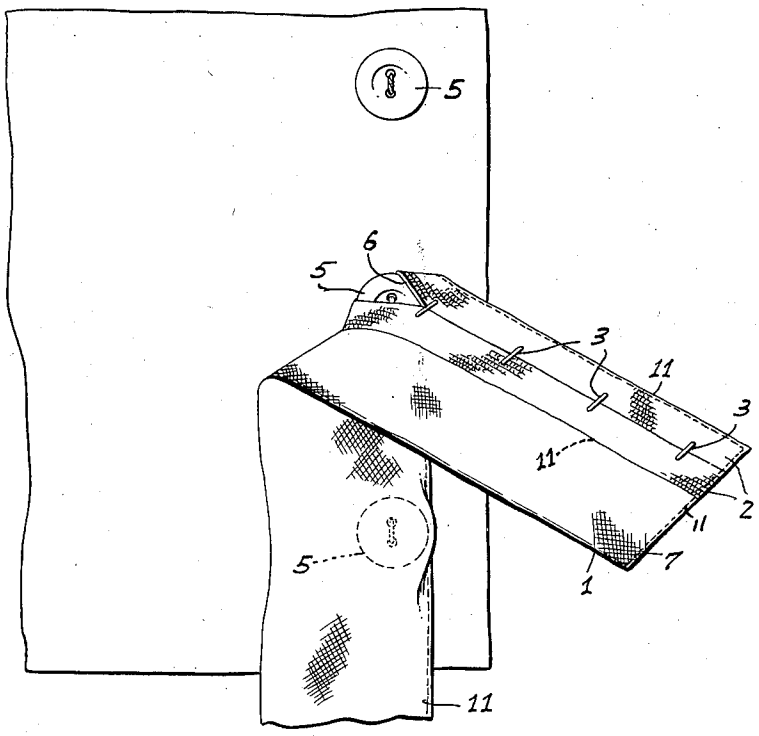


Fig. 1

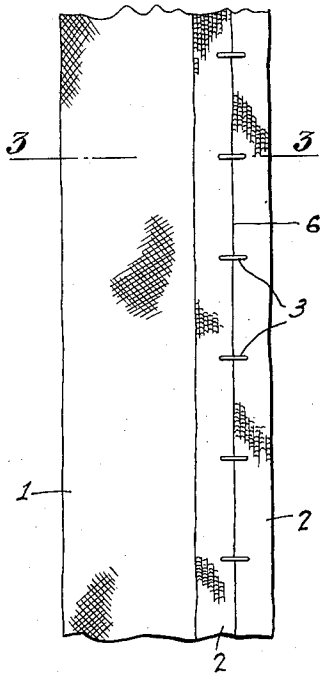


Fig. 2

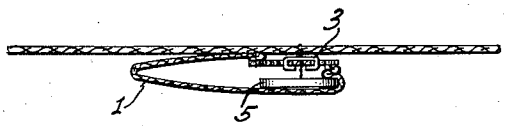


Fig. 3

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The object of my invention is to protect buttons and buckles, fastened to garments to be dry cleaned, from loss and breakage and save time and expense to the dry cleaner.

In the process of dry cleaning garments, the buttons and buckles go through a test of heat and friction, under which they crack, break and become loose and this creates an embarrassing situation due to difficulty of matching or replacing them.

My invention protects the buttons and the buckles through the entire process of cleaning the garments. It consists of two strips of elastic tape, each less than half of one inch wide, equal in length, tacked together along the two long edges at a given distance apart, according to the size of the button or the buckle to be covered and protected. Then a strip of material wide enough to cover the button or the buckle to be protected loosely, and of sufficient length and thickness, is sewed around the outside edges of the elastic tapes and same is then ready for use.

Figure 1 represents a view of the protector as applied to the buttons of a garment.

Figure 2 represents a front view of the protector.

Figure 3 shows a cross sectional view of the protector taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2 showing a button between the front and rear face of the same.

The two elastic tapes 2 are connected together by pins 3 which are spaced from each other, thus forming a series of button holes 6 through which the button 5 or a buckle somewhat larger than the button hole 6 can be inserted by a gentle pull along the holes 6 as the nature of the elastic strips 2 allow. Yet, after a buckle or button 5 is inserted, the elastic tapes 2 retain their intended size and remain so during the process of washing the garments in the machine, holding the button 5 or buckle in the inside of the protector.

The material 1 serving as the top side of the protector and stitched—as at 11—in around the outside edges 7 of the elastic tapes 2 will minimize friction directly against the button 5 or buckle and at the same time prevent the button 5 from tangling with the garments in the washer and subsequently becoming loose.

The material 1 further serves as a protector against cracking and breaking button 5 in steam heated tumbler, in which the garments slam and fall against the hot walls (relined with wire screen) as the tumbler revolves.

The protector saves valuable time and expense to the dry cleaner; it can be applied easily and quickly; it saves buttons from breakage and loss.

I claim:

1. A device for protecting buttons and buckles during a cleaning operation, comprising a pair of elongated elastic members arranged so that an edge of one is adjacent that of the other, means connecting said edges at spaced points to provide a series of openings through which a button or buckle may be passed and a flexible cover connected at its side edges to the other edges of said elastic members.

2. A device for protecting the buttons on a garment during a cleaning operation, comprising an elongated flexible cover member, a pair of elastic tapes each secured at one side edge to an edge of the cover member and means connecting together the other side edges of the tapes at spaced points to provide a series of openings for the insertion or removal of a button.

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