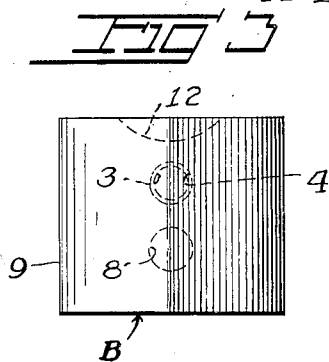
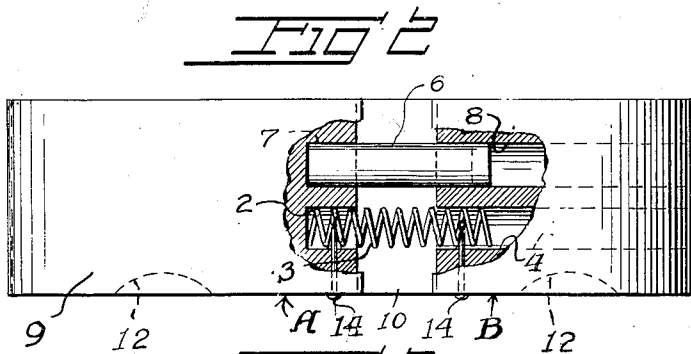
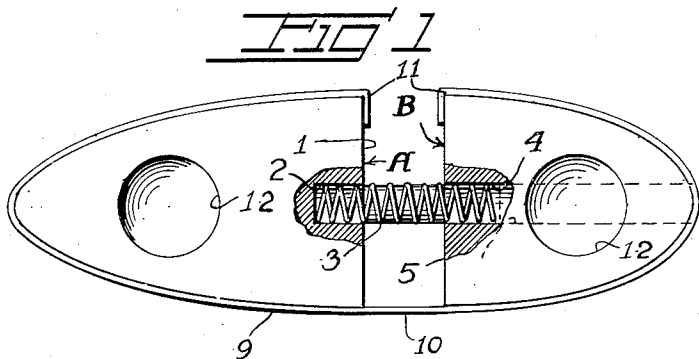


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This invention relates to a garment sleeve block and it is primarily an object of the invention to provide a block to be used in window display and which can be quickly applied in a manner to properly form the coat sleeves of men's wear, such as suits, overcoats, raincoats, leisure coats, etc.

It is the general method at the present time to form coat sleeves in window displays and the like with cardboard, tailor's wadding and tissue paper and which requires a considerable amount of time, effort and ability in the proper application of the same. It is a purpose of the invention to provide a block which will readily eliminate the disadvantages of this general or well known method and to provide a means to assure the correct shape of the sleeve so that the same will hang in a normal position on display forms.

The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts of my improved garment sleeve block, whereby certain advantages are attained, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order that my invention may be better understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in bottom plan of a sleeve block constructed in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

Figure 2 is a view in side elevation of the block as illustrated in Figure 1, with a portion broken away; and

Figure 3 is a view in rear elevation.

As illustrated in the accompanying drawings, the sleeve block comprises two members A and B of a material possessing requisite solidity. While it is preferred to make these members A and B of wood, they can be produced of plastic, metal or composition, and may be cut, molded or otherwise formed or shaped. The block is adapted to be engaged within the cuff portion of the sleeve of a garment and to possess sufficient weight to cause the sleeve to effectively hang when on display and in a manner to assure a proper shaping of said sleeve. The member A in plan is of a configuration conforming to the general cross sectional form of the inner portion of the cuff of a sleeve while the member B is of a similar design in accordance with the general formation of the outer formation of the cuff. As is illustrated in Figures 1 and 2, the member A is preferably of a length greater than

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that of the member B, although, of course, this may be varied.

The inner or opposed faces of the members A and B are flat and at substantially right angles to the longitudinal axes of the members. The rear face 1 of the member A below its axial center is provided with a socket or recess 2 in which is snugly received an end portion of an expansible member 3 herein disclosed as a coil spring of requisite tension. The opposite end portion of this member or spring 3 is received within a socket or opening 4 in the inner or flat face 5 of the member B. This member or spring 3 serves to normally urge the members A and B outwardly one with respect to the other and particularly when applied within the cuff of a sleeve to assure proper forming of the sleeve for the purposes of display.

The inner or rear face 1 of the member A below its axial center is provided with an outstanding elongated dowel pin 6 of desired length and which in the present embodiment of the invention has one end portion snugly engaged within a socket or pocket 7 in said inner or rear face 1 and adhesively held therein. This dowel pin 6 freely and snugly engages within an opening 8 disposed through the member B whereby the members A and B are effectively maintained in desired assembled relation, yet are capable of having independent movement one with respect to the other in opposite directions as determined by the requirements of practice and particularly when in applied position within the cuff of a sleeve.

Adhesively or otherwise secured over the peripheral surfaces of the members A and B, is a flexible strip 9 of felt or other desired material and the strip 9 to one side of the members A and B bridges as at 10, the space between said inner ends thereof, while the opposite or free end portions 11, of the strip 9 extend inwardly and partially overlie said inner faces 1 and 5 and are adhesively or otherwise secured thereto. This strip 9 assures a most effective engagement of the members A and B within the sleeve of a garment while the portion 10 bridging the space between the inner ends of the members A and B possesses sufficient flexibility to offer no undue hindrance or obstruction to the desired relative movements of said members A and B.

The under surfaces of the members A and B are provided with the concave depressions 12, which provide finger holds whereby the handling of the block may be facilitated. In practice, the thumb of a hand is engaged within one of said

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pockets and at the index finger within the other. This permits the ready retraction of the members A and B to facilitate application or removal.

The extremities of the member or spring 3 are held in the sockets 2 and 4 by the pins 14 extending through the members A and B from similar sides thereof and having holding engagement with the portions of the member or spring 3 within such pockets.

From the foregoing description it is thought to be obvious that a garment sleeve block constructed in accordance with my invention is particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled and operated.

I claim:

1. A sleeve form retaining member adapted to be positioned within the cuff portion of a sleeve, comprising two flat bodies disposed in spaced end to end relation, one of said bodies having outwardly bowed gradually converging sides joining in a rounded edge at the end of the body remote from the other body, the said other body having outwardly bowed sides in more sharply convergent relation than the sides of the said one body and merging in a rounded end edge, coupling means between the bodies facilitating their separatory movement, resilient means normally urging the bodies apart, and a flexible coupling between the bodies on the outer sides thereof for limiting the separatory movement of the bodies.

2. A sleeve forming member of the character stated in claim 1 where in the said guide means

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comprises a pin secured in one of the bodies, the other body having a passage therein to slidably receive the pin.

3. A sleeve forming member of the character stated in claim 1 wherein the said flexible connecting means between the bodies comprises a strip of material of a width substantially equalling the height of the bodies, the strip of material being secured to the bowed side faces of the bodies and at one side of the member extending across the space between the opposing ends of the body.

4. A sleeve forming member of the character stated in claim 1 wherein the said opposing ends of the bodies have aligned bores, the coupling means between the bodies comprising a pin secured at one end in one bore and slidably extending at its other end into an opposite bore and the said resilient means connecting the bodies comprising a spring bridging the space between the opposed ends of the bodies and having its ends secured in opposing bores.

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