

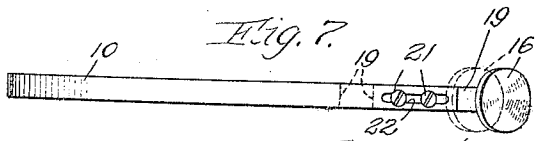
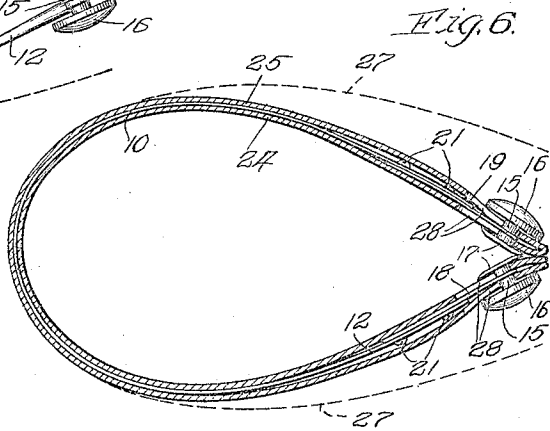
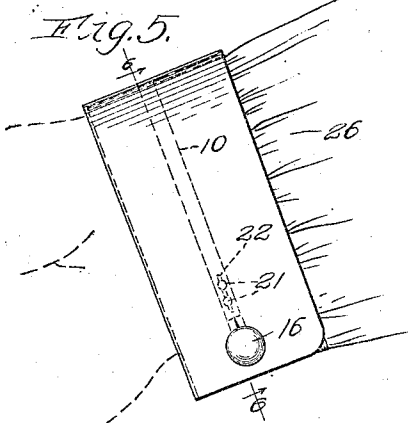
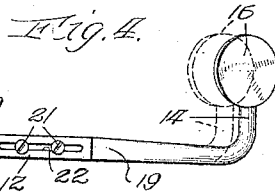
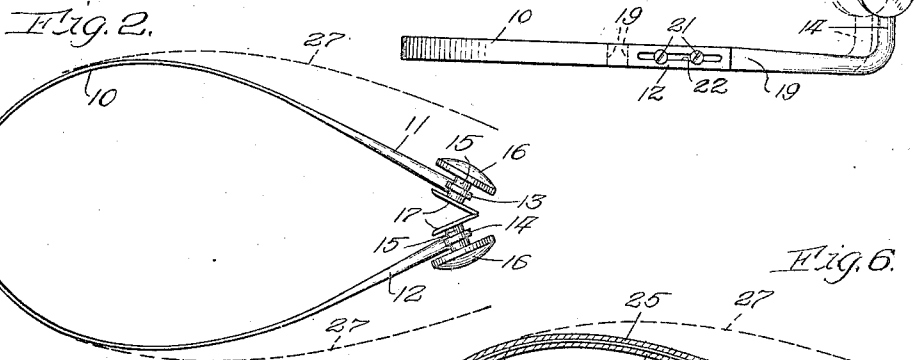
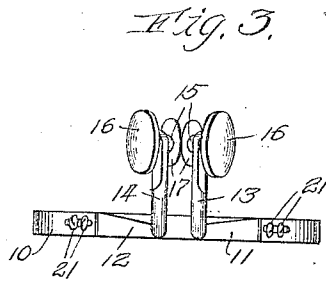
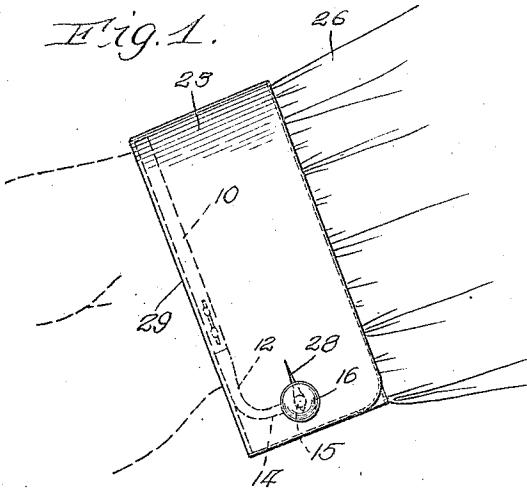
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAYNARD A. FRONEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cuff-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to cuff holders and has for its primary object the provision of improved means for holding in normal position the cuffs of shirts, shirt-waists, and similar articles of dress. Another object is the provision of an improved cuff holder by the use of which a cuff may be moved from the normal position on the wrist of the wearer without relative movement or adjustment between the holder and cuff and without the necessity of disconnection between parts of the holder. A further object is the provision of a novel form of cuff holder by means of which the cuff may be drawn from the wrist to a position about the thicker part of the wearer's arm and held in such position without necessity of disconnection of parts of the holder or removal of the cuff from its encircling position about the arm. A still further object is the provision of a cuff holder embodying the above mentioned advantages and which shall be adjustable to accommodate it to cuffs of various sizes. Another object is to provide an improved form of cuff holder adapted to hold in stiffly curved position the fold of the cuff of the ordinary soft shirt.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear from the following description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification and illustrate the preferred embodiment of the invention.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the ordinary form of soft folded shirt cuff showing the adjustable form of my invention in position therein, fragments of the shirt sleeve and the wearer's hand being illustrated.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the non-adjustable form of the invention.

Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the adjustable form of the invention shown in Figs. 1 and 4.

Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the invention illustrating the means by which it is made adjustable for different sizes of cuffs.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 1 illustrating a modified form of the invention.

Fig. 6 is a section taken approximately on line 6-6 of Fig. 5.

Fig. 7 is a side elevation of the form of the invention shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

Reference numeral 10 designates a bow of spring metal bent to normally maintain the same curve as is taken by a stiffly starched shirt cuff when the inner and outer edges of the latter are held together by the common form of cuff-link in the customary manner. This bow is adapted to encircle the arm of the user with its outer and inner extremities 11 and 12 converging as illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3.

Projecting in a common direction from the plane defined by the bow 10, substantially at right angles thereto and in parallelism with each other, is a pair of tips 13 and 14 fixed respectively on the extremities 11 and 12. In the operative position of the invention these tips extend backwardly from bow 10 as seen in Fig. 1. Mounted transversely in each tip is a button-holding shank 15 standing substantially at right angles to the direction taken by the extremity 11 or 12 from which it is supported and extending about equal distances on opposite sides of the tip. On the outer end of each shank is carried a large, preferably ornamented, button 16, while the inner juxtaposed ends of the shanks carry each a thin smooth button 17, the latter normally bearing against each other as seen in Figs. 2, 3 and 6.

As a means of accommodating the cuff holder to cuffs of various sizes I provide separate end pieces 18 and 19, which respectively overlap the extremities 11 and 12 and are adjustably secured thereto by means of set screws 21 which traverse longitudinal slots 22 formed in the extremities and are threaded into the separate end pieces. By loosening the set screws the ends 18 and 19

may be adjusted longitudinally of the extremities, as shown by dotted lines in Figs. 4 and 7.

Figs. 5, 6 and 7 illustrate a modified form of the invention wherein the tips 13 and 14 are omitted and shanks 15 and their buttons mounted on the separate end pieces 18 and 19. If desired, this form of the invention may be further simplified by mounting the shanks and buttons directly on the extremities 11 and 12, thus eliminating the feature of adjustability.

The operative position of the invention is best illustrated in Figs. 1, 5 and 6; where the user wears a soft shirt, as illustrated, the bow 10 is inserted between the inner and outer folds 24 and 25 of the soft cuff generally indicated by numeral 23. The ornamental buttons 16 are passed through the two button-holes in the outer layer 25 and the thin buttons through the two button-holes of the inner layer 24. With the exception of the ornamental buttons 16, the whole structure is concealed from observation, while bow 10 holds the cuff in the comfortable and well-appearing curve shown in Figs. 2 and 6, when the cuff occupies the normal position about the wrist. It is to be noted that the buttons 17 are not interconnected but are merely held against each other by the yielding pressure of the spring metal bow 10. Herein lies a great advantage of the present invention, for, when a man wishes to wash his hands, for example, he merely gives an upward pull on the sleeve 26 in the direction of his elbow, drawing the cuff up to the fleshier part of his arm, which is thicker than the shorter diameter of the egg-shaped bow. The bow will now lightly pinch the thick part of the arm and hold the cuff in its adjusted position, the curve now assumed by the holder being shown approximately by the dotted line 27 in Figs. 2 and 6. A drawing of the cuff back toward the hand will now return it to its normal position about the wrist, where bow 10 will cause it to assume the dressy curve desired.

The cuff button-holes 28, being in practice removed a standard distance from the folded edge of the cuff, tips 13 and 14 are employed to hold the bow 10 snugly within the fold 29; this fold is the part exposed beyond the end of the wearer's coat sleeve and is thus kept in a well curved condition, improving not only its own appearance but that of the coat sleeve as well.

The simpler form of the invention shown in Figs. 5, 6 and 7 is useful with both soft and stiffly starched cuffs. The omission of the tips 13 and 14 causes the bow to stand remote from the edge of the cuff, this being an advantage when used with stiff cuffs, as it conceals the bow from view. Obviously

the buttons 17 and their portions of shanks 15 could be omitted where the cuff-holder was intended for use only with stiff, single layer cuffs. By the above described adjustment of the separate end pieces 18 and 19 the circumferential length of the holder may be diminished or increased to adapt it for use with cuffs of varying sizes. A great advantage of the present invention lies in the fact that the acts of dressing and undressing are facilitated by the yieldingly separable character of the button carrying portions of the bow, as the cuff may always be jerked off or drawn on without manipulation of connected cuff links or other interconnected members that serve customarily to restrict the circumferential length of the cuff to one less than that of the hand over which it must be drawn.

I claim:

1. The combination with a resilient bow, of separate pieces forming the ends thereof, said pieces being fixed to the bow for adjustment longitudinally thereof, and a cuff holding button mounted on each of said end pieces.

2. The combination with a resilient bow, of separate pieces forming the ends thereof, said pieces being fixed to the bow for adjustment longitudinally thereof, and a pair of cuff holding buttons secured to each of said end pieces, the buttons for each end piece being positioned on opposite sides thereof.

3. The combination with a resilient bow, of separate pieces forming the ends thereof, said pieces being fixed to the bow for adjustment longitudinally thereof, a pair of button shanks positioned on each of said end pieces, one of said shanks extending inwardly and the other outwardly of the bow, and a button mounted on the free end of each shank.

4. In a cuff holder, the combination with a resilient bow adapted to encircle the arm, of a tip for each end of the bow fixed upon the bow, said tips projecting in a common direction from the bow, and a cuff holding button carried on the free end of each tip.

5. In a cuff holder, the combination with a resilient bow, of a tip for each end of the bow, said tips extending in parallel direction from the bow and at substantially right angles to the plane defined by the bow, and a pair of cuff holding buttons for each tip, one of said buttons being carried on the outer side of the tip and one on the inner side.

6. In a cuff holder, the combination with a resilient bow, of a tip for each end thereof fixed to the bow, said tips projecting in a common direction from the bow, inwardly and outwardly projecting button shanks carried on the free end of each tip, and a

cuff holding button mounted on the free end of each shank.

7. In a cuff holder, the combination with a resilient bow, of a pair of separate end
5 pieces therefor, said pieces being mounted on the ends of the bow for adjustment longitudinally thereof, a tip fixed upon the

extremity of each of said end pieces, said tips standing at an angle to the plane defined by the bow on the same side thereof, a
10 means on each of said tips for engagement with a cuff.

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