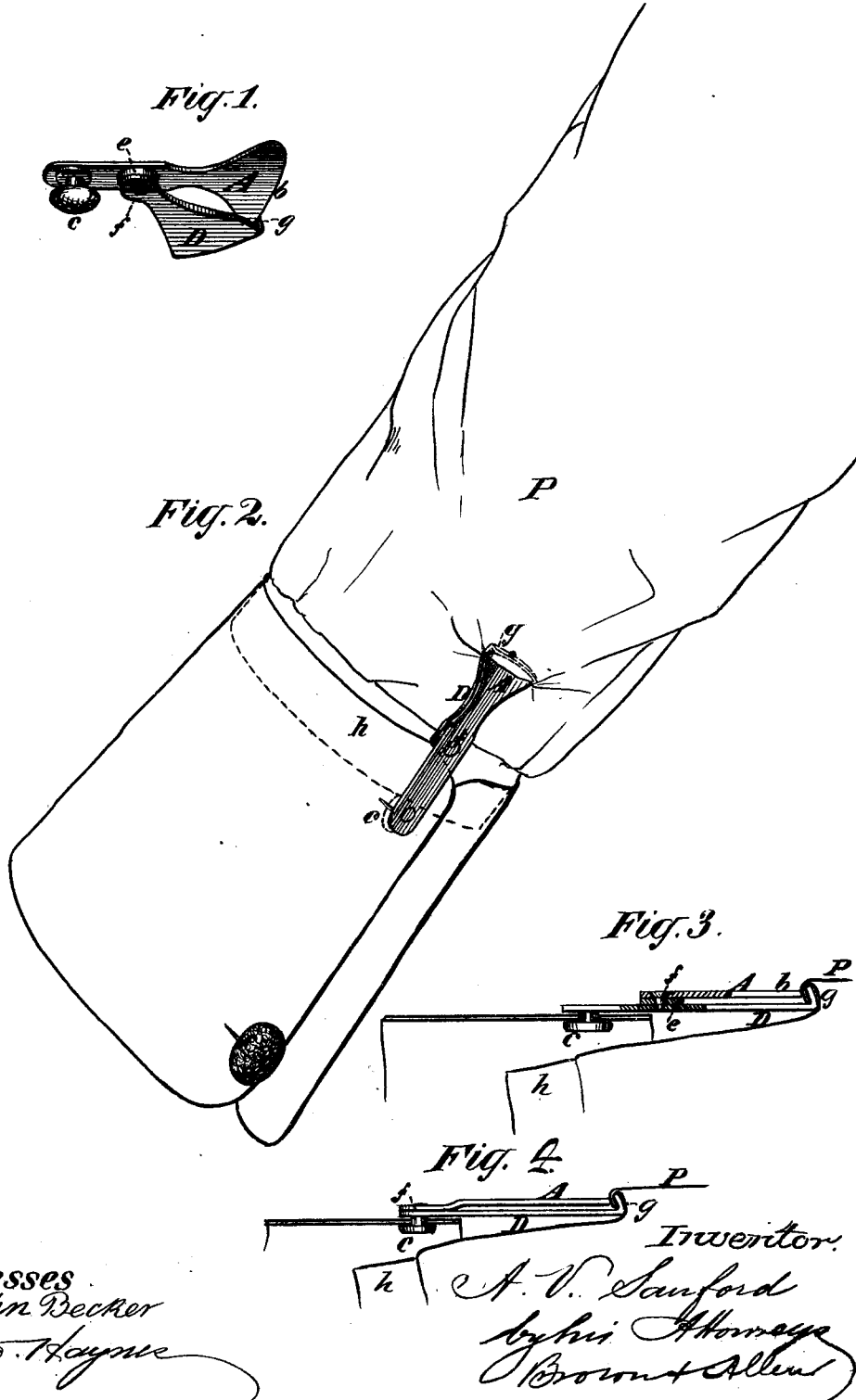


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CLASPS FOR WRISTBANDS.

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Fig. 2
Fig. 3
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IMPROVEMENT IN CLASPS FOR WRISTBANDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADDISON V. SANFORD, of Binghamton, in the county of Broome and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Devices for Attaching Cuffs to Shirt-Sleeves; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

My invention has for its object to provide a convenient and efficient means for attaching cuffs to the sleeves or wristbands of shirts, whereby the cuff may be quickly and easily attached to or detached from the sleeve or wristband without rumpling or soiling the same.

It is well known that when cuffs are attached to wristbands by button-holes and buttons, or by studs, when the buttons or studs fit the button-holes tightly enough for the secure attachment of the cuffs, the buttoning and unbuttoning are attended with difficulty, especially when the cuffs are stiffly starched, and the cuffs are almost invariably rumpled and more or less soiled in the operation.

My invention, which obviates this defect, consists in the combination of a plate having a stud attached thereto for fastening the cuff to said plate, and a gripping-plate pivoted to the plate which has the stud attached to it, said plates, when in use, clasping the sleeve or wristband, said cuff being attached to the device previous to the attachment of the latter to the sleeve or wristband, as hereinafter fully set forth.

Figure 1 in the drawing is a perspective view of a cuff-attaching device constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 shows the same attaching a cuff to a shirt-sleeve. Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal section, showing the relations of the parts when so attached. Fig. 4 shows and illustrates a modified form of the device by which the invention may be carried out.

A, Figs. 1 and 3, is a plate having a base, *b*, formed with a smooth rounded edge, and

having a stud, *c*, attached thereto at the end opposite the said base.

To the middle part of the plate A is pivoted the plate D. A washer, *e*, is preferably, but not necessarily, interposed between the plates A and D upon the pivot *f*, which attaches the said plates together.

The end of the plate D, opposite the pivot *f*, has formed thereon a turned-up rim, *g*, adjusted in such relation with the base *b* of the plate A that when turned into the position shown in Figs. 2 and 3, a fold of the sleeve P, as in Fig. 4, or the fabric *h*, composing the wristband of the shirt when placed over the rim *g* of the plate D, will be compressed and gripped between said rim and base.

In use the cuff I is previously fastened to the attaching device by the stud *c*, both hands of the wearer being at liberty to perform the fastening neatly, and the cuff need not thereafter be unfastened till so much soiled by wear as to require its removal. The wristband or sleeve fold is then laid over the rim *g* of the plate D, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, and the pivoted plate A turned into the position shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4, which firmly attaches the cuff to the sleeve. The cuff is detached by turning the plate D into the position shown in Fig. 1.

It will be seen that in the attachment of the cuff to, or its detachment from, the wristband during the whole time it is worn, the stud *c* needs to be inserted in the bottom holes of the cuff only once, and then under conditions most favorable to neatness.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4 the neck of the stud *c* is made the pivot of the clamping-plate A.

The rim *g* is made at an acute angle with the body of the plate D, which gives sufficient elasticity to adapt the device to thick and thin fabrics, the plate A springing from or toward the said rim, according to the thickness of the fabric interposed.

The device being capable of attachment to any part of the lower end of the sleeve above the wristband is a very important feature of the invention, as it enables the cuff to be

adjusted on long and short sleeves, to suit the convenience and taste of the wearer.

I claim—

In a device for attaching cuffs to wristbands, the combination of the plate A, having the stud *c*, with the plate D, having a rim, *g*, said plates A and D being pivoted together,

substantially as described, and all constructed and arranged to operate as herein shown and described.

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