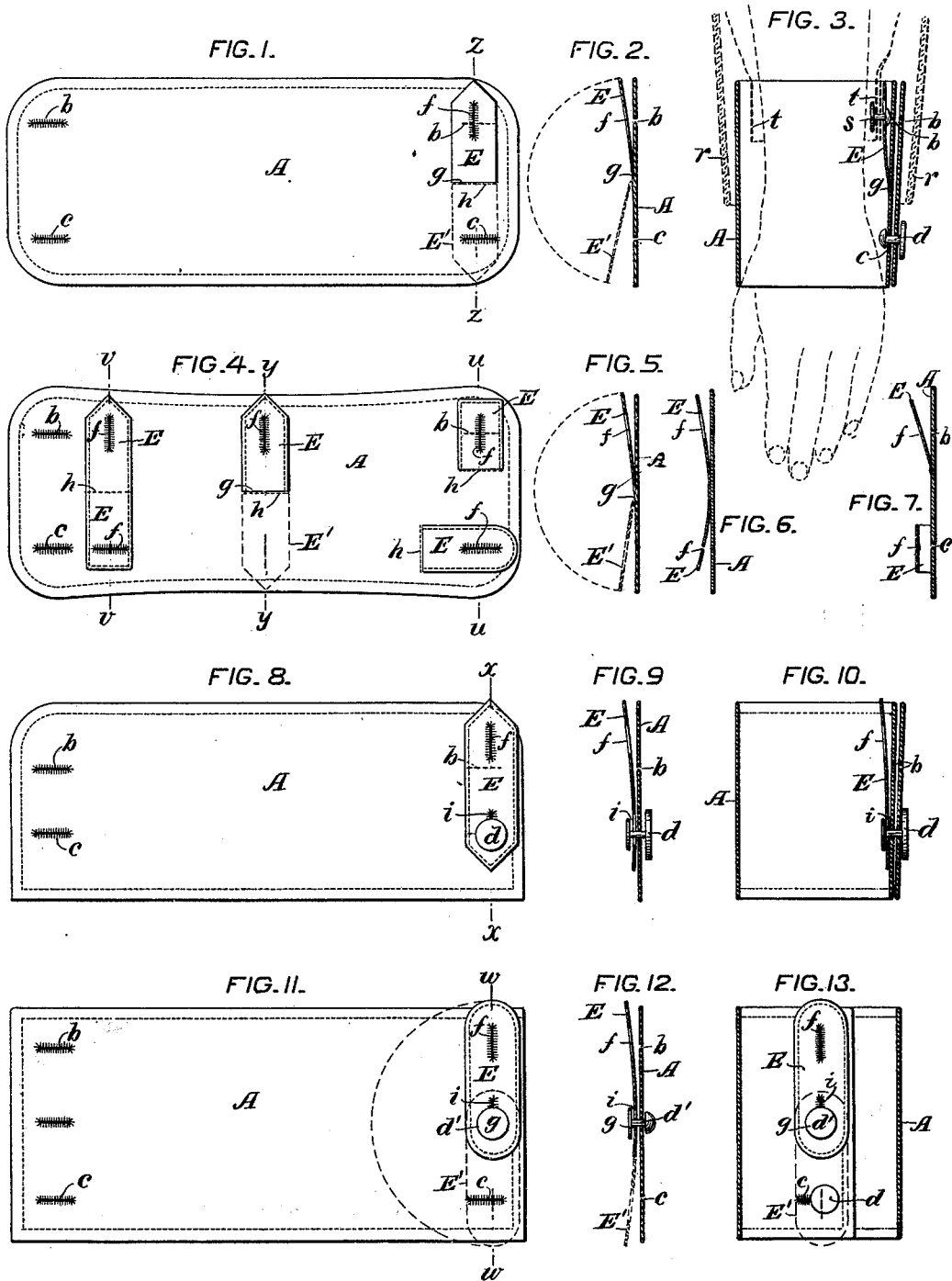


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FIG. 14.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CUFFS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. BUSS, of the town of Brunswick, in the county of Rensselaer and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Detachable Cuffs for Gentlemen's Wear, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Reversible linen cuffs commonly have in the two stiffly-laundried side parts of each cuff two pairs of end button-holes, of which either pair is adapted to be secured together by a common cuff-button, while one, or both of the other pair of end button-holes can with difficulty be engaged with the usual button on the wristband of the shirt-sleeve, so that the cuff can thus have its ends secured together and fastened to the wristband, with either lateral side portion of the cuff exposed next to the hand.

Persons wearing such cuffs commonly unbutton each cuff from the wristband and remove the same over the hand, and return and rebutton the same cuff to the wristband several or many times, while the ends of the outer side portion of the cuff remain connected together by a cuff-button. By this repeatedly buttoning upon and unbuttoning from the wristband one or both of the end button-holes in one side part of the cuff, such end button-hole or button-holes and that side part of the cuff next to the wristband often become so badly bent, wrinkled, and soiled as to render that side part of the cuff unfit to be worn exposed next to the hand by the time that the other side part of the cuff that has been worn outermost has become too much soiled to be longer worn exposed, and consequently a large portion of such "reversible cuffs" are only worn with one side part of the cuff next to the hand, and are not reversed in use and worn with the other side part outermost.

The primary objects of this invention are to cheaply obviate the aforesaid defects in such detachable cuffs, and to render the cuffs capable of being more easily and quickly secured in the usual proper position upon and detached from the usual buttons on the shirt-wristbands, without engaging therewith any of the usual end button-holes in the cuffs, and to

make each cuff more freely conform to the surrounding coat-sleeve and to the shirt-wristband when secured to the latter.

To that end I combine with and secure to and upon the middle portion of the width of the back of the cuff a tab having a button-hole therein, and capable of being turned to and against each lateral side of the back of the cuff, and of being engaged with a stud or button on a shirt-wristband, so as to thereto secure the cuff, whichever lateral side or edge of the cuff shall be next to the wristband. I also commonly arrange and secure the tab having the button-hole therein to and upon one end portion of the back of the cuff, so as to cover an end button-hole in the cuff, and so as to be capable of being turned away from that end button-hole in the cuff, in order that the cuff can be secured to one and the same stud or button on a shirt-wristband by either the button-hole in the tab or the said end button-hole in the cuff, and in each case with the connected ends of the cuff opposite to the same part of the circumference of the wristband, and in the same place in respect to the said stud or button and to the palm of the hand of a person wearing the wristband.

In the aforesaid drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of the back of a cuff, straightened out, and embodying this invention; Fig. 2, a section of the same at the line *z z*; and Fig. 3 shows a central section of the same cuff with the ends of its outermost side part secured together by a cuff-button, and its tab engaged with a button on a shirt-wristband, as in use. Fig. 4 is a view of the back of another cuff, showing modifications of this invention; Fig. 5, a section thereof at the line *y y*; Fig. 6, a section of the same at the line *v v*, and Fig. 7 a section at the line *u u*. Fig. 8 is a view of the back of another cuff, straightened out, and having a fastening-tab combined therewith, according to a part of this invention; Fig. 9, a section thereof at the line *x x*, and Fig. 10 a section and elevation of the same with the ends of the cuff secured together. Fig. 11 is a view of the back of another cuff, straightened out, and having a fastening-tab, according to one modification of this invention. Fig. 12 is a section thereof at the line *w w*; Fig.

13, a section and elevation of the same with the ends of the cuff secured together, and Fig. 14 a plan of the fastening-tab detached from the cuff.

A is a detachable cuff, having, as usual, in the end parts of its two lateral portions two pairs of button-holes, *b b* and *c c*, so that the two ends of the cuff can be secured together, as heretofore, by a cuff-button, *d*, engaging with either pair of the button-holes, as indicated in Figs. 3, 10, and 13. E is a tab arranged upon and secured to the back of the cuff, and having a button-hole, *f*, opposite to one lateral side part of the cuff, and at a suitable distance from the middle of the width of the cuff, so that when the ends of one side part of the cuff are secured together by a button, *d*, in the end button-holes of that side part, the cuff can then be very easily and quickly secured in the usual proper position to and upon the shirt-wristband *t*, Fig. 3, on a person, by merely engaging the button-hole *f* in the tab at the other side part of the cuff with the usual sleeve-button *s* on the wristband, as indicated in Fig. 3.

The cuff is to have either one or more of the tabs E secured to and upon any suitable part of the back of the cuff. I, however, commonly prefer to have each cuff furnished with only one tab, E, secured at one end to the back of the cuff at the middle part of its width, as at *g* in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, 4 and 5, and 11, 12, and 13, and capable of being reversed or turned to and fro about or on the fastening-place *g*, from one side of the cuff to the other, as indicated by the full lines and the dotted lines at E', whereby the one tab is adapted to engage with the sleeve-button on the shirt-wristband, and thereto secure the cuff in proper position, whichever of the two lateral side portions of the cuff shall be next to the wristband. I also generally prefer to arrange and secure the tab E to and upon one end portion of the back of the cuff, so that the tab shall cover an end button-hole, *b*, in the cuff, substantially as represented at the right hand in Figs. 1, 4, 8, and 11, and so that the tab can be turned away from that end button-hole in the cuff, as is the case with each of the tabs E at the right hand in Figs. 1, 4, 8, and 11, in order that the same cuff can be secured to one and the same stud or button *s* on the shirt-wristband *t*, either by the button-

hole *f* in the tab at the end of the cuff, or by the said end button-hole, *b*, in the cuff, and in each case have the connected ends of the cuff at the same place in respect to the said stud or button on the wristband, and in relation to the palm of the hand of a person wearing the wristband and cuff.

In carrying out this invention the tab E is to be secured to and upon the back of the cuff by any suitable means.

In manufacturing these improved cuffs of linen or other suitable woven fabric, I generally prefer to permanently secure and unite one end part of the tab E to the back of the cuff by a row or rows of stitching, as at *h* in Figs. 1 and 4.

In applying this invention to ordinary cuffs already made and stiffly laundered or finished, I commonly prefer to make the tab E detachable, and with two button-holes, *f* and *i*, in its end parts, as in Fig. 14, and then secure the tab to the back of the cuff by means of a button, *d* or *d'*, engaged with one of the button-holes of the tab and one of the end button-holes in the cuff, substantially as shown in Fig. 8, 9, and 10, and 11, 12, and 13.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A reversible cuff having a tab with a button-hole therein, and secured to the middle portion of the width of the back of the cuff, and capable of being turned to each side thereof, and of being engaged with a button on a shirt-wristband, so as to thereto secure the cuff, whichever side of the back of the cuff shall be next to the wristband, substantially as described.

2. A cuff having a tab with a button-hole therein, and secured to one end portion of the back of the cuff, and covering an end button-hole in the cuff, and capable of being turned away from that end button-hole, substantially as described, whereby the cuff can be secured in the same position to the button on a shirt-wristband by either the button-hole in the cuff or the button-hole in the tab.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses this 1st day of April, 1879.

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