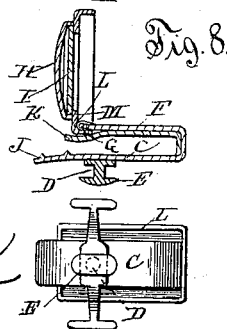
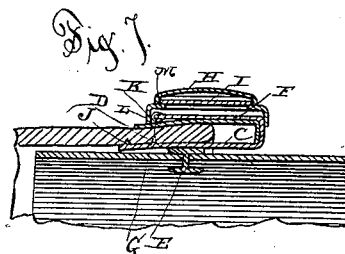
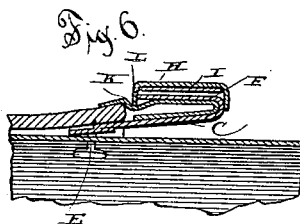
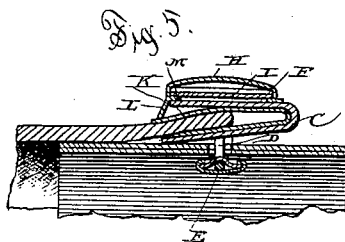
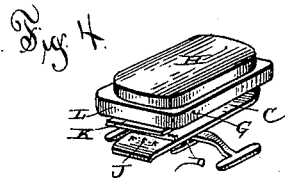
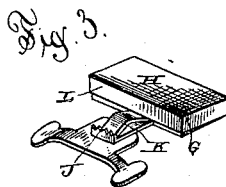
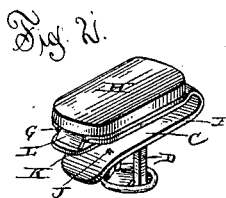
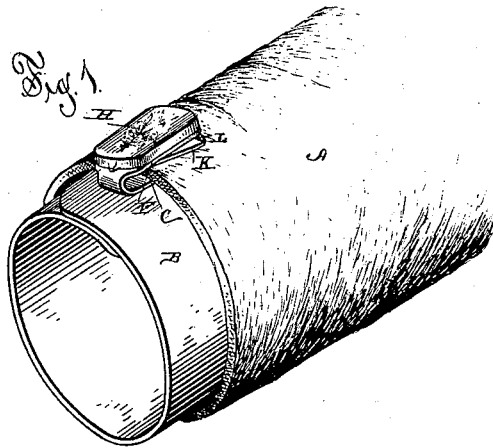


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY C. CROUP, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Butler, in the county of Butler and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cuff Buttons and Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the lower portion of a coat-sleeve, showing my improved cuff button and holder applied. Figs. 2, 3, and 4 are perspective views of different shapes of the cuff button and holder detached. Figs. 5, 6, and 7 are sectional views showing the buttons and holders applied. Fig. 8 is a sectional view of the button represented in Fig. 4, showing the hinged portion open and a view of the under side of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

My invention has relation to cuff buttons and holders; and it consists in the improved construction and combination of parts of a cuff-button having a clamp for securing the button to the coat-sleeve, and having a receptacle for a picture, the picture being revealed when the clamp for the coat-sleeve is released, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A indicates the lower portion of the coat-sleeve, and B indicates the cuff, to which the button and holder is applied.

C is a base-plate, to which the shank D of the button-plate E is secured, and this base-plate is provided with a portion, F, which is bent over the base-plate and formed with a hinge, G, at the end, by means of which hinge the cover H, within which the portrait I is secured, is attached at one end to the said portion. The upper side of the base-plate is provided with a transverse series of points or projections, J, near the free end, and a spring, K, is secured to the bent portion at the bend, projecting with its free end toward the series

of projections. A downwardly-projecting flange, L, extends from the hinged end of the cover bearing with its end against the free end of the spring, and it will be seen that when the hinged cover is turned up the flange will be turned parallel with the spring, and will allow the spring to bear against the under side of the bent portion, while, when the cover is turned down, the flange will bear against the end of the spring, pressing it against the projections. The downwardly-projecting flange at the rear or hinged edge of the cover may be a continuation of the entire flange of the cover, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, or it may be a flange added to the rear or hinged edge of the cover, as shown in Fig. 2, and the cover may be provided with a suitable frame, M, for holding a picture, or it may be a plain button-top.

The button may be formed with one shank and plate, as shown in Fig. 2, or it may have two shanks and two plates, as shown in Fig. 3, when the shanks and plates will be each secured in one button-hole of the cuff, or it may be formed as in Fig. 4, with two laterally-projecting shanks and with a central shank, all three shanks having plates upon their ends, and in this construction, which I prefer, the cuff may either be buttoned with the two plates and shanks in the separate button-holes, or the central shank and plate may be buttoned into the united button-holes. It will now be seen that, after having secured the cuff to the device, the cover may be tilted upward, whereupon the bent portion and the base-plate may be slid over the edge of the coat-sleeve, which will be clamped between the spring and the projections upon the base-plate, securing the cuff to the coat-sleeve.

The bent portion and the cover may either extend entirely to and over the series of projections upon the base-plate, or they may only extend a portion of the distance, the spring, however, extending the entire distance; and it will be seen that when the bent portion and the cover extend entirely to and over the projections a portion of the cover or top of the button will show over the coat-sleeve, while with the device having the bent portion and the cover only extending to a distance from

the projections the cover or top will appear a distance from the edge of the coat-sleeve, as the buttons will in the usual construction of cuff-buttons. In this manner the device will
 5 combine a cuff-button, a cuff-holder, and a medallion or locket for holding pictures, and the cuffs will be attached to the sleeves of the coat, so that on removing the coat the cuffs will be removed at the same time, while the
 10 cuffs may be removed from the coat-sleeves by simply tilting the cover or top upward.

The cover or top may be made in any different shapes desired, and the decorative design, as well as the button portion of the device, may be varied according to the taste of
 15 the wearer, and according to the cost at which it is desired to manufacture and sell the device.

The construction having the three shanks is the most preferable, as it allows the button to
 20 be secured in either two separate button-holes or in two united button-holes, giving the largest adaptability to cuffs of any construction.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the
 25 United States—

1. In a cuff button and holder, the combination of a base-plate having suitable shank or shanks provided with a plate or plates, and having a bent portion parallel to it, and a series of projections or points near the outer
 30 end upon its upper side, a spring secured to the inner end of the under side of the bent portion, and a cover or top hinged to the end of the bent portion, and having a downward-
 35 ly-projecting flange at the said hinged end bearing against the free end of the spring with its lower edge, as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

2. In a cuff button and holder, the combination of the button part having a base-plate
 40 upon its shank formed with a portion bent parallel to it above it, a spring secured at the

bent end of the upper parallel portion, and a cover or top hinged at the outer end of the parallel portion, and having a flange at its
 45 hinged edge bearing with its lower edge against the free portion of the spring, as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

3. In a cuff button and holder, the combination of a base-plate having a suitable button portion and formed with a series of projections or points near its outer end and with a portion bent over it parallel to it, a spring
 50 secured at its inner end to the inner end of the under side of the bent parallel portion, and a cover or top having a frame in its inner side and hinged to the free end of the bent parallel portion, and having a flange projecting downward from its hinged edge bearing
 55 against the free end of the spring with its free end, as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

4. A cuff-button having two laterally-projecting shanks provided with plates upon their slightly-inwardly bent ends, and having a central shank projecting inward at the middle,
 65 and provided with a plate, as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

5. A cuff button and holder consisting of a button portion having a suitable shank or
 70 shanks, and provided with a bent portion bent parallel to the plate of the button above the same, a clamping-spring secured under this bent portion, and suitable means for forcing the free end of this spring toward the plate
 75 of the button, as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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