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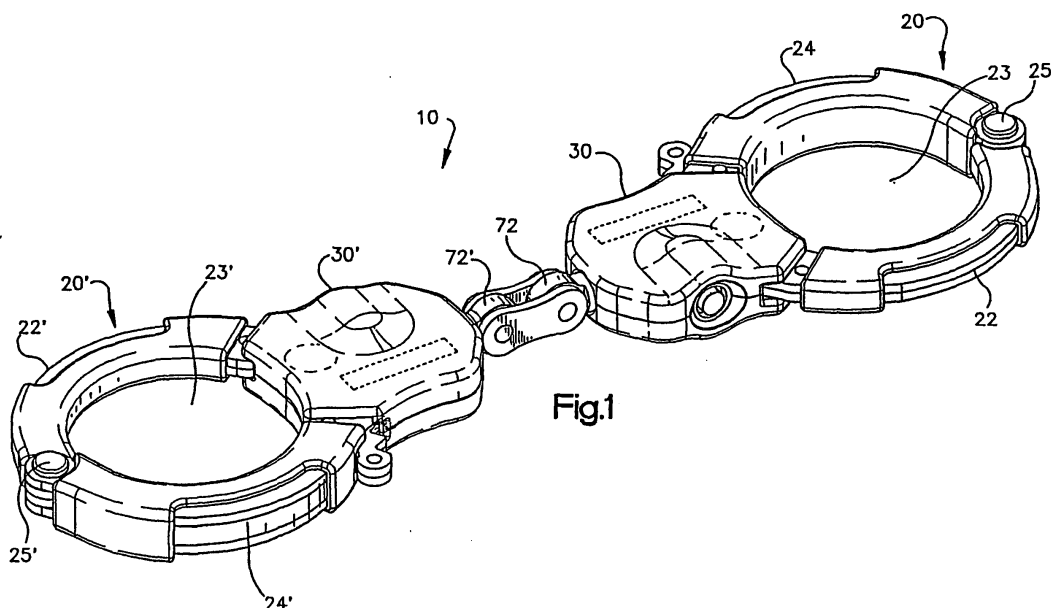
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(54) **Cuff lock and push button locking mechanism**

(57) The invention provides a pair of cuff locks (20,20') joined by a universal joint and linkage system (72,72') which provides for 360 relative rotation between the cuffs as well as allow the cuffs to be folded together into a compact position. The invention further provides for a push button cylinder lock which includes a rotatable

plug and a fixed plug each having a plurality of aligned bores for receiving one or more tumbler pins. The push button cylinder lock further includes a non-rotatable push button shaft which is slidably mounted within the housing. One or more retaining pins engage locking indentations of the push button shaft.



**Fig.1**

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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- ☐ Only part of the claims have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claim(s):
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**LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION**  
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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-7,27

a cuff lock with a particular joint between the pair of  
cuffs, further comprising any kind of locking cylinder  
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2. claims: 10-16,16-26, 28-46

Note: the number 16 for a claim appears twice:

- once a claim depending on independant claim 10
  - once as independantly formulated claim 16
- a further independant claim 28 equal to claim 10 has been  
added for the EP-regional file, with another number of  
dependant claims equally all copies of already existing  
dependant claims.

Independant claims 10, 16 and 28 all belong to the second  
group of inventions:

a push button cylinder lock of particular design  
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