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KEY.

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FIG. 1.

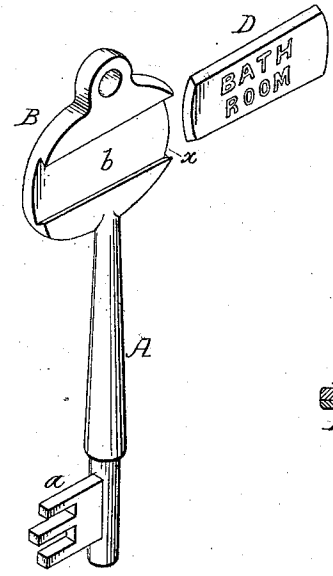


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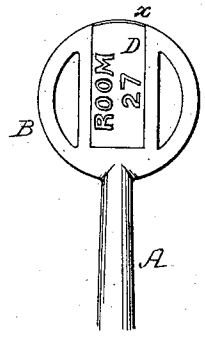
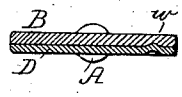


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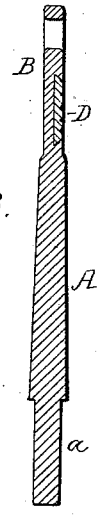


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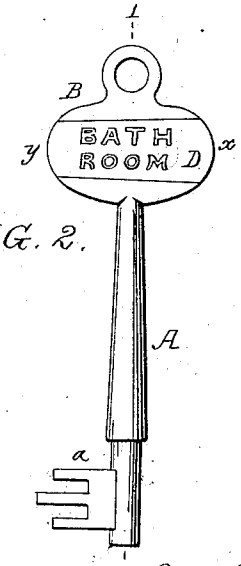


FIG. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HENRY ZEILIN, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a certain Improvement in Keys, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in providing a key with a detachable plate, to indicate the name of the owner or the room to which the key belongs.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a key with the name-plate detached; Fig. 2, a side view with the name-plate in position; Fig. 3, a section on the line 1 2, Fig. 2; and Figs. 4 and 5, views of modifications.

A is the shank of the key, *a* the bit, and B the head, which may be of any form desired. A tapered undercut groove, *b*, is formed in the head; and to this groove is adapted a plate, D, which is tapered and has beveled edges corresponding with the groove *b* in the head. On the plate D is stamped, cut, or cast the name or number of the room to which the key belongs, or the name of the owner of the key. The plate D is inserted in the groove and forced tightly into place in the head B. The edge *x* of the key may then be burred, which will prevent the plate from slipping out of place, or the end *y* of the plate may be burred with the same effect. Fig. 4 is a modification showing the plate D and groove *b* straight, but both having undercut edges, the end of the key in this case being burred at the point *x* to retain the plate in position.

In the modification Fig. 5, a recess, *w*, is made in the head; and the plate D is correspondingly indented by punching after it has been slipped into its place in the head of the key. The plate can be inserted in any portion of the head, according to the style of the key used.

By providing a key with the above-described name-plate a key belonging to a certain room can be marked as desired, and if the lock is changed or removed to another door the name-plate can be detached from the key and a new name-plate inserted.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, a key having a detachable name-plate, all substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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