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Fig. 1.

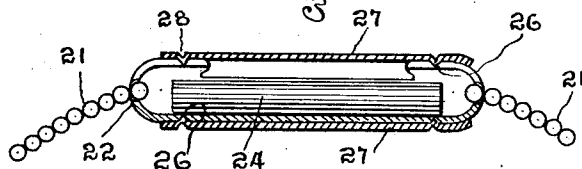


Fig. 2.

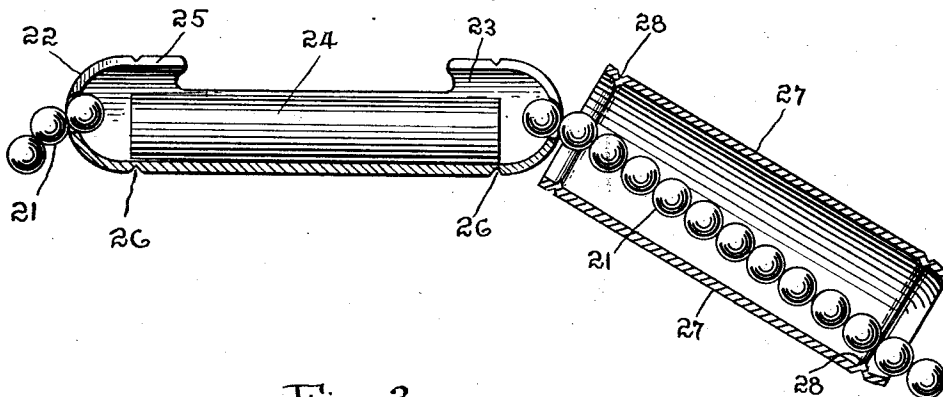
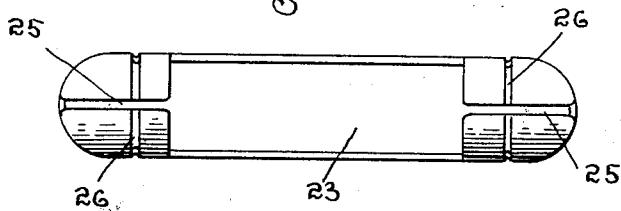


Fig. 3.



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## IDENTIFICATION DEVICE

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The invention relates to improvements in identification devices and has particular reference to means applicable to key-rings, umbrellas, dog-collars, wallets and other personal articles of use which are susceptible to being lost or misplaced.

The invention comprises a retaining chamber normally having disposed in it a small roll, cartridge or pellet of paper having indicated thereon means of identification including the owner's name, address and data directing the return of such article for a consideration.

It is a significant fact that many small articles of personal use such as umbrellas etc., actually have no means of identification on them and are seldom, if ever, recovered by the loser of such an article and it is therefore the object of this invention to provide means that may either be attached to such articles or form part thereof wherein the same are provided with positive means of identification to warrant their recovery.

In the following I describe the general embodiment of the invention, the features thereof being more particularly defined herein-after in the claims.

Fig. 1 is an elevation of a key-ring type of structure illustrating the reception chamber member and enveloping casing therefor in longitudinal section; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the reception member and casing means in distended or open position; and Fig. 3 is an elevation of the reception member showing the means forming part thereof for locking said member to the outer or enveloping casing member.

Similar numerals of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views of the drawings forming part hereof.

Referring specifically to Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of the drawings, the structure shown therein embodies a preferred form of device wherein the supporting chain member 21 is mounted in the ends of a reception chamber 22, the body of which has formed therein a cavity 23 arranged to receive the memoranda paper roll 24, the ends thereof being slotted at 25 and grooved at 26 to receive the enveloping casing 27 provided with ribs 28 for engaging

said grooves 26 the object of which is to provide interengaging means to lock said members together, casing 27 thereof being slidable with relation to said ring or chain 21 to permit of access to identifying means or memoranda roll 24.

By reason of the foregoing structure it is obvious that the structure may be applied or used as a key ring, it may be applied to luggage, wearing apparel, hand bags, and in fact every form of article of personal use. It provides a positive means of identifying the ownership of lost articles of every nature and secures to the user of such the safe recovery and return of property of value. The ends of casing 27 are so fashioned as to bind on said inner member to hold the respective ends of chain 21 in engagement with said inner member 22.

The structure as is herein shown and described defines an article of manufacture particularly applicable as an identifying means for various purposes and may also be employed as a clasp or coupler means for the ends of chains and similar devices.

The device as is herein shown and described has a multiplicity of uses other than the specific ones as set forth, and the form of structure employed may be varied in many ways without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed and desired to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:

1. A device of the character described comprising a ball-link chain, a reception member detachably connecting the ends of said chain, a chamber formed in said reception member, an inscribed identifying paper roll disposed in said chamber, slots cut in the ends of said reception member rendering a portion of said structure resilient, grooves cut in the resilient enveloping ends of said reception member, and an ensealing casing open at both ends engaging said reception member provided with internal ribs adapted to engage the grooves on the inner member for interlocking said members together yet allowing movement in both directions to permit of access to the identifying roll disposed in said reception member without breaking the conti-

nuity of the chain or clasp forming structure.

2. A device of the character described comprising a clasp of inner and outer chambered members, means for fastening a chain to said inner member thereof, grooves formed in the walls of said inner member, said outer member being arranged to envelope said inner member and provided with ribs engaging the walls of the grooves on said inner member to lock said members together, said outer member being manually removable from said inner member in either direction to dispose said outer member upon said chain.

3. A device of the character described comprising an identifying clasp for articles of manufacture consisting of a member provided with a reception chamber arranged to receive a paper roll provided with identification matter thereon and an inlet communicating with said chamber, said member having its ends formed to detachably connect the ends of a ball link chain and having formed therein locking grooves, and a sliding outer member open at both ends movably disposed around the first mentioned member normally closing said inlet, said outer member being provided with locking ribs for engaging the grooves on said inner member, and means on said outer member for keeping the ends of the chain connected to the ends of the first mentioned member.

4. A device of the character described comprising a clasp of inner and outer chambered members, means for fastening a chain to said inner member thereof, grooves formed in the walls of said inner member, said outer member being arranged to envelope said inner member to act as a keeper for the ends of said chain and being provided with ribs adapted to engage the grooves on said inner member to lock said members together, said outer member being removable from said inner member in relative directions upon said chain to dispose said member upon said chain, to permit access to said inner member.

5. A device of the character described comprising an identifying clasp for articles of manufacture consisting of a member provided with a reception chamber arranged to receive a paper roll provided with identification matter thereon and an inlet communicating with said chamber, said chamber having its ends formed to detachably connect the ends of a ball-link chain and having formed therein locking means, and a sliding outer member normally closing said inlet, said outer member being provided with means for engaging the locking means on said chamber, and means on the outer member for keeping the ends of said chain connected to the ends of the first mentioned member.

Signed at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 20th day of October, A. D. 1930.

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