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[54] CONTAINER FOR STORING KEYS

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[57] ABSTRACT

A folder type container for storing and readily identifying extra keys comprising a backing member having a fold line between two panels adapted to be folded inwardly upon each other, each of said panels having transparent sheets mounted on the inner side thereof and forming a plurality of key receiving pockets, and a card carrying key identification data disposed between the panel and said sheets to identify the key disposed in the pocket in front thereof.

2 Claims, 4 Drawing Figures

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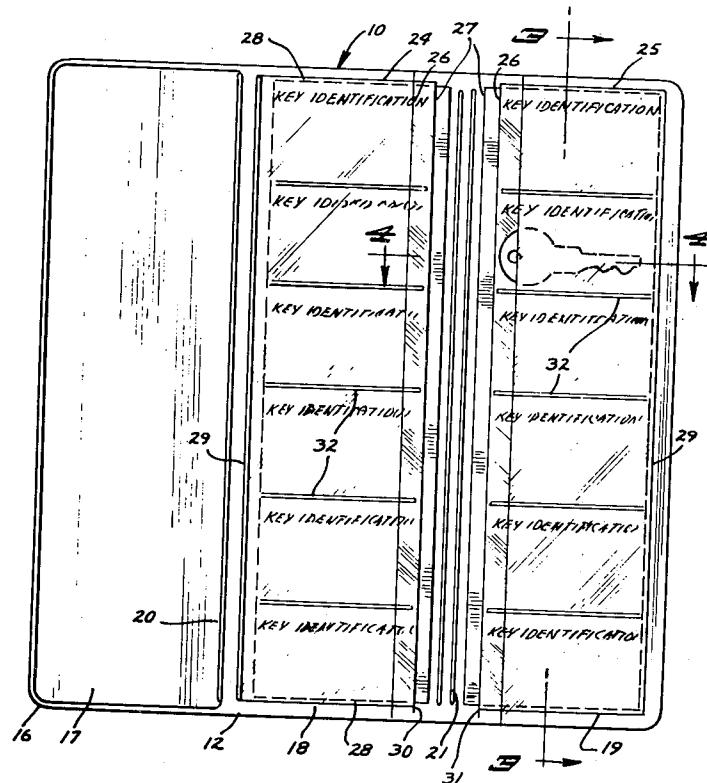


FIG. 2

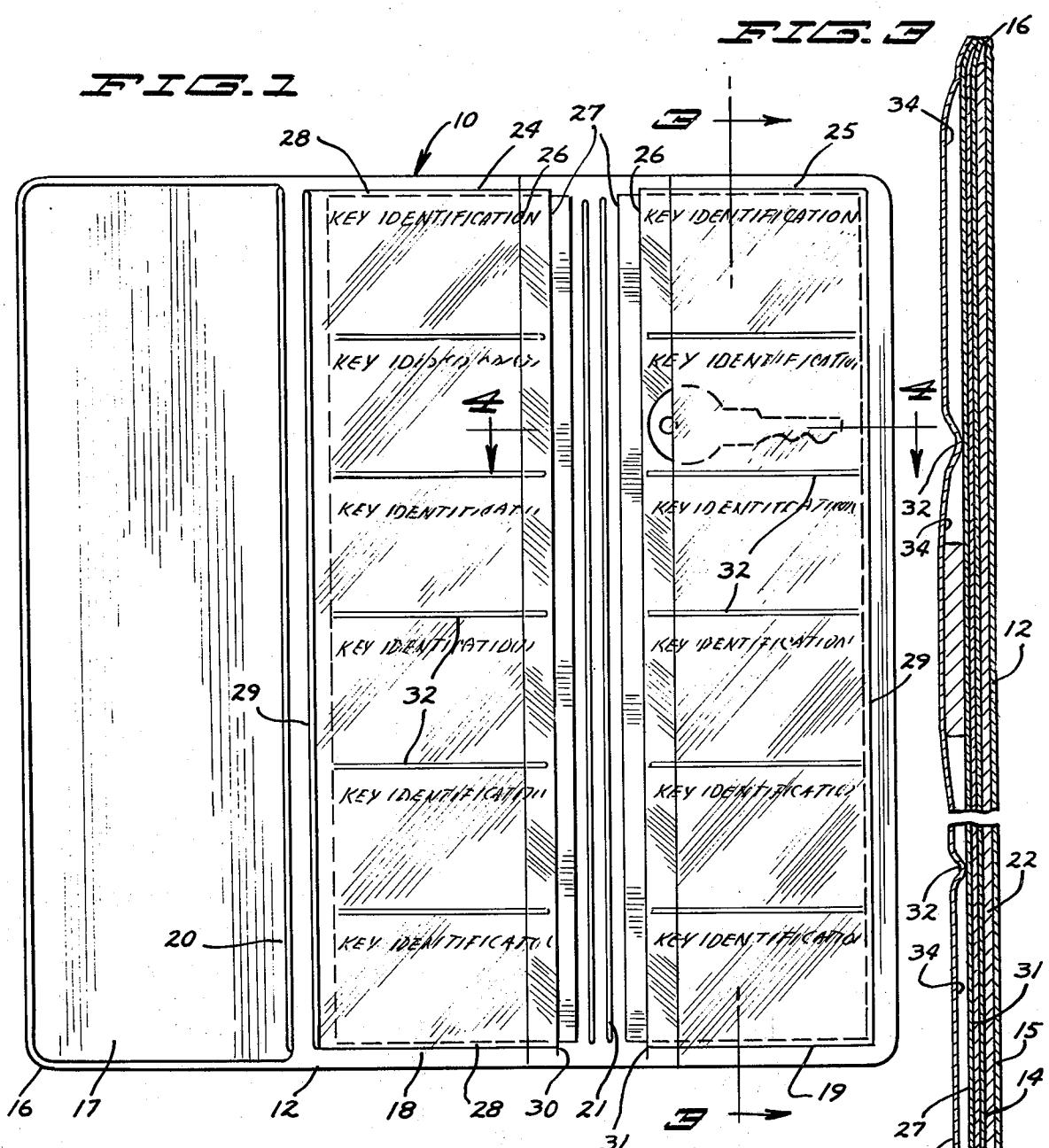


FIG. 2

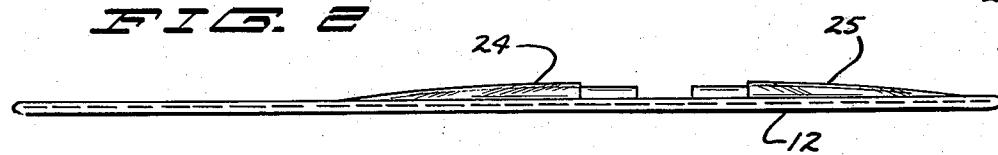


FIG. 4

CONTAINER FOR STORING KEYS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

It is customary for people to obtain and store extra keys for automobiles, building doors, desks or the like to be available in the event that the primary key is lost or misplaced. Such extra keys are in most instances stored in various forgotten places and are normally unmarked with the result that they are not readily locatable or identifiable when the need for their use arises.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The object of the present invention is to provide a folder type container for individually storing and identifying a plurality of different keys in a very compact manner.

With this and other objects in view the invention broadly comprises a generally rectangular backing member having parallel fold lines dividing the member into panels which may be folded inwardly upon one another, one or more of said panels having an inner wall or pocket liner mounted on the inner side thereof, each said liner being formed of inner and outer sheets of transparent plastic material being sealed to each other along a series of spaced lines to form a series of key receiving pockets between the sheets, and there being an identification card between the panel and liner and viewable through the liner for carrying data identifying the key disposed in each of said pockets.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 is a plan view of the folder container in open condition.

FIG. 2 is a bottom end view of the folder container in open condition.

FIG. 3 is an enlarged section partially broken away and taken through one of the panels along line 3—3 of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a section taken through one of the panels along line 4—4 of FIG. 1.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring now more particularly to the drawing reference numerals will be used to denote like parts or structural features in the different views. The container is denoted generally by the number 10. A backing member 12 is formed of inner and outer sheets denoted respectively at 14 and 15 (FIGS. 3 and 4) of pliable material such as plastic with said sheets being suitably sealed together as at 16 around their peripheral edges. The member 12 is divided into substantially equal elongated panels 17, 18 and 19 (FIG. 1) by parallel fold lines 20 and 21. Panels 17, 18 and 19 are each provided with stiffening sheets 22 between sheets 14 and 15 and which, of course, do not extend across the fold lines 20 and 21. The panels 18 and 19 may be referred to as key

holding panels with panel 17 being referred to as a cover panel. It will be understood that to close the container, the panel 19 is folded inwardly along fold line 21 against panel 18 and then the cover panel 17 is folded inwardly along fold line 20 against the back of panel 19.

The panels 18 and 19 are each provided with what might be referred to as inner walls or pocket liners denoted respectively at 24 and 25. These walls are reversely identical, each being formed of inner 26 and outer 27 sheets of transparent material. These sheets 26 and 27 in each inner wall are sealed together and to the panel which they overlay along their end edges as at 28 and their longitudinal edges remote from fold line 21 as at 29. This forms a compartment 30 between inner wall 24 and panel 18 and a compartment 31 between inner wall 25 and panel 19 both extending the length of said wall and opening toward the fold line 21.

Sheets 26 and 27 are also sealed to each other along a series of lines 32 spaced apart longitudinally of the inner walls to form a series of pockets 34 also opening inwardly toward the fold line 21. It will be noted that sheets 27 are slightly wider than sheets 26 permitting easy access to the pockets 34 from above. Each of the pockets 34 is of such a size as to receive one key K which is inserted into the pocket through the open end thereof.

Identical paper cards 35 are inserted into each of the card pockets 30 and 31. These cards are suitably lined so as to have a key identification section behind each of the pockets 34. Suitable identification data is written or printed on each section to identify the key K in the pocket 34 disposed immediately in front thereof.

Having now therefore fully illustrated and described my invention, what I claim to be new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. In a folder for storing extra keys,
 - a. a backing member having two equal panels foldable against each other along a center line,
 - b. an inner wall secured along three sides to the inner side of each panel to form a card pocket between the inner wall and panel,
 - c. said inner wall comprising two sheets of transparent material being secured together at spaced intervals to form a series of key receiving pockets opening toward the center line and each adapted to receive an individual key,
 - d. an identification card disposed between the inner wall and panel and extending the length of the inner wall and adapted to receive data observable through the inner wall to identify the key in each of said pockets.

2. The subject matter of claim 1 wherein the sheet of transparent material adjacent to the panel extends beyond the other sheet in a direction toward said center line to facilitate insertion of keys into the key receiving pockets.

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