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POCKET ARTICLE DEVICE

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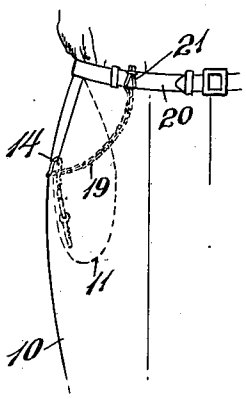


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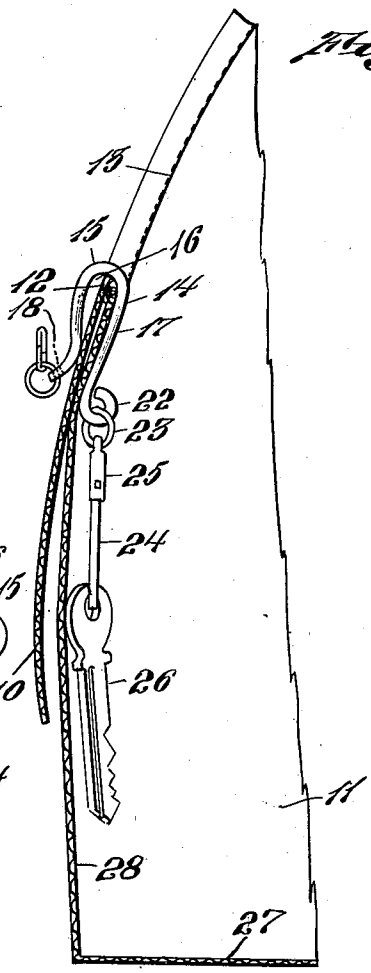


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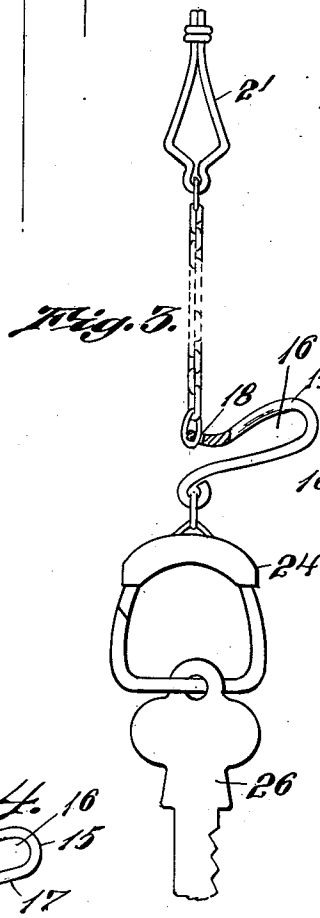
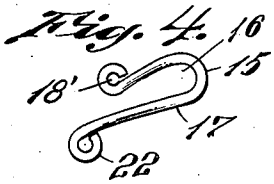


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to a device in connection with a garment, more particularly in connection with the pocket in the garment; and the invention has for one of its objects to provide an arrangement whereby an article may be supported in the pocket of the garment without resting upon the bottom of the pocket.

Another object of the inventiton is to support the article contained in the pocket from the edge of the pocket and yet maintain the article within the pocket.

Another object of the invention is to permit the article in the pocket to be suspended so as to loosely hang along the inner surface of the pocket and eliminate irregular positioning of an article or bunching of such articles as a plurality of keys which would otherwise bunch if permitted to rest upon the bottom of the pocket.

Another object of the invention is to provide such a device which may be inserted as a link in a chain which would tether the article to be supported.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device which while supporting the article may be easily detached from the edge of the pocket for removal of the article therefrom.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a man showing a trousers pocket, keys in the pocket, and key chain attached to the belt;

Fig. 2 is a fragmental sectional view of the trousers and pocket, illustrating the keys as supported by my novel device in position therein;

Fig. 3 is an elevation of the device in a key chain; and

Fig. 4 is a detail of the novel member alone.

In the use of some pocket articles, if permitted to rest on the bottom of the pocket, they will form a bunch and cause the clothing to protrude. Keys on a key ring or key chain are one of the articles usually carried by a man which, if allowed to rest on the bottom of the pocket, bunch up to some extent; and in order that an article of this character may hang loosely on the inside of the pocket so as to flatten out and eliminate bunching in the pocket or tangling among themselves, I have arranged a member having a hook to extend over the edge of the pocket to suspend the keys from this edge, this member being inserted in a key chain and being liftable from the pocket by pulling on the chain or otherwise as is usual in handling such a tethered article as is now in use, and in fact, making pulling of the article from the pocket much easier by reason of the suspension of the article on the inside thereof; and the following is a more detailed description of the present embodiment of this invention, illustrating the preferred means by which these advantageous results may be accomplished:

With reference to the drawing, 10 designates a man's trousers having a pocket 11 therein sewed along one edge as at 12 and 13. The device which is the subject of this invention is designated generally 14 and consists of a member which may take various different forms but is here shown as formed from wire. The member is provided with a hook 15 and when formed of wire may be bent to the hook form as illustrated in the drawing. This bend provides a space 16 between the hook 15 and the shank 17 for the reception of the edge of the pocket formed along the line of sewing or attachment 12 while suspending the shank 17 within the pocket 11. A suitable eye is provided on the hook 15 such, for instance, as by flattening the stock and piercing as at 18 or by bending the stock as at 18' for the attachment of a flexible element 19, here shown as a chain, for the tethering of the device to the clothing at the belt 20 by means of a clasp 21, as shown in Fig. 1.

At the other end of the shank 17 I have provided a means for attaching an article which will be of such an arrangement that the article will be suspended above the bottom of the pocket. In the particular illustration here shown, the shank is provided with an eye 22 to which there is attached the loop 23 and key ring 24 by means of the strap connection 25. The key ring 24 contains a plurality of keys 26, and the entire length of the connection between the keys and the eye 22 is of such a length that the keys will be supported above the bottom 27 of the pocket 11.

By this arrangement the keys will be permitted to adjust themselves so as to lie flat upon the inside wall 28 of the pocket and in a fixed relationship, thereby eliminating bunching in the pocket and tangling of the keys. Further, by hanging of the keys from the edge of the pocket, they may be much more easily withdrawn from the pocket, such, for instance, as by pulling on the flexible element or chain 19 and will always be withdrawn from the pocket in a uniform arrangement readily accessible for use. Further, by suspending the keys above the bottom of the

pocket from the edge of the pocket, there will frequently be more room in the clothing provided for the accommodation of the keys whereby their bulk will not protrude the clothing.

The foregoing description is directed solely towards the construction illustrated, but I desire it to be understood that I reserve the privilege of resorting to all the mechanical changes to which the device is susceptible.

I claim:

1. A device to be worn on the person comprising a supporting member for engaging the edge of a pocket and having a leg to extend along the inner surface of the pocket and a leg to extend along the outer surface of the pocket, an article-carrying member, means to connect said carrying member to said supporting member and so located and arranged as to suspend the article on said member within the pocket and relieve the bottom of the pocket from supporting the entire weight of the article, and a flexible tethering element connected to one of said members for attaching the device to the garment, said legs being so constructed and arranged as to permit of the supporting member being removed from the pocket edge by a pull on the tethering element.

2. A device to be worn on the person comprising a supporting member for engaging the edge of a pocket and having a leg to extend along the inner surface of the pocket and a leg to extend along the outer surface of the pocket, said legs being joined to limit the movement of the inner leg into the pocket, an article-carrying member, means to flexibly connect said carrying member to the inner leg of said supporting member and so located and arranged as to suspend the article on said member within the pocket and relieve the bottom of the pocket from supporting the entire weight of the article, and a flexible tethering element connected to the outer leg of said supporting member for attaching the device to the garment, said legs being so constructed and arranged as to permit of the supporting member being removed from the pocket edge by a pull on the tethering element.

3. A device to be worn on the person comprising a supporting member in the shape of a hook for engaging the edge of a pocket and having a leg to extend along the inner surface of the pocket and a leg to extend along the outer surface of the pocket, an article-carrying member, means to flexibly connect said carrying member to the inner leg of said supporting member and so located and arranged as to suspend the article on said member within the pocket and relieve the bottom of the pocket from supporting the entire weight of the article, and a flexible tethering element connected to the outer leg of said supporting member for attaching the device to the garment, said legs being so spaced as to permit of the supporting member being removed from the pocket edge by a pull on the tethering element.

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