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Fig. 1.

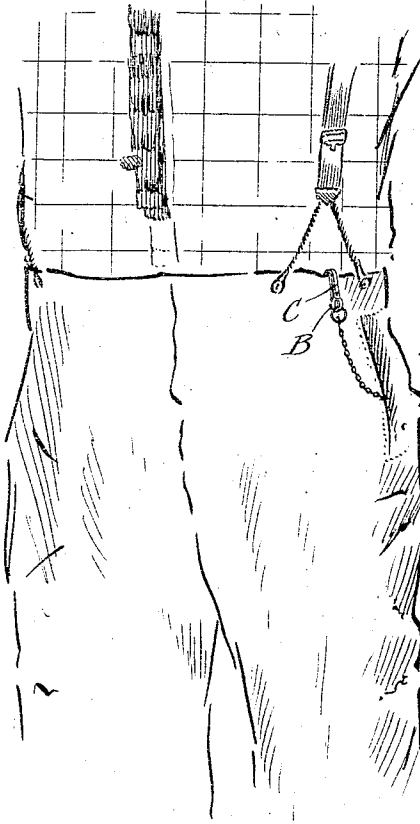


Fig. 4.

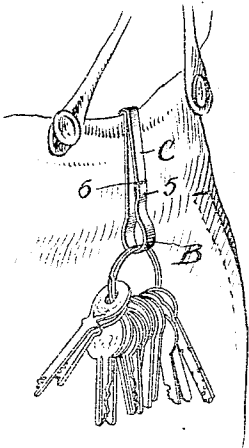


Fig. 2.

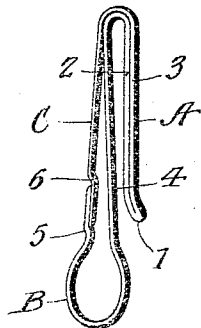


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCESCO A. TOCE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Lake Charles, in the parish of Calcasieu and State of Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Carrying Keys, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improvement in devices for carrying keys for which purpose it is especially designed, the device including means for hooking over the upper end of a pair of trousers and also for permitting the ready application and removal of a bunch of keys; and the invention consists in certain novel constructions and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawing Figure 1 is a front view of the invention as in use. Fig. 2 is a side view of the device. Fig. 3 is a front view of the device. Fig. 4 shows a somewhat different manner of using the device from that shown in Fig. 1.

The supporting device, which as before suggested, is especially adapted for holding keys, is made of a single strip of metal or other suitable material bent to form the hook A to engage upon a garment and the open hook B which is closed by the tongue C. In forming the supporting device I bend a strip of suitable material upon itself at 1 forming the inner and outer layers 2 and 3 of the hook A with the said layers 2 and 3 extended to form the shank 4 of the open hook B and the tongue C. At their engaging points the open hook B and its tongue C are slightly offset in opposite directions as shown at 5 and 6 forming a smooth surface at the front side of the device to avoid injury to the lining of the vest when the device is used underlying such a garment. By preference, the tongue C is made slightly thinner than the rest of the material in order to render the same sufficiently flexible

to permit the easy insertion and removal of the key ring.

By my invention, it will be noticed, I provide a holding or supporting device made from a single strip of material in which the open hook is integral with the spring tongue for closing the same and in which the spring tongue is a continuation of one of the layers or sections of the supporting hook, the whole furnishing a novel construction which can be cheaply made, will efficiently serve its purpose and will present a good appearance in use.

In practice the device, if made of metal, may be plated, japanned or otherwise finished or decorated in any suitable manner to suit the special market for which it is designed.

While the invention is especially designed for holding keys, it is manifest it may be utilized for supporting other objects, and I do not desire to be restricted in the broad features of my invention to any special use to which the device may be applied.

In Fig. 4 I show a bunch of keys suspended directly from the supporting device instead of indirectly by means of a chain, as shown in Fig. 1.

I claim:

A holding device for attachment to garments, comprising a single strip of resilient material, bent near its middle and folded flat upon itself to form a resilient gripping tongue, also bent at the termination of said tongue into two divergent arms, one of said arms being bent to form a U-shaped loop, and the other arm projecting into and engaging the free end of said U-shaped loop, thus forming a snap hook, substantially as and for the purposes described.

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