

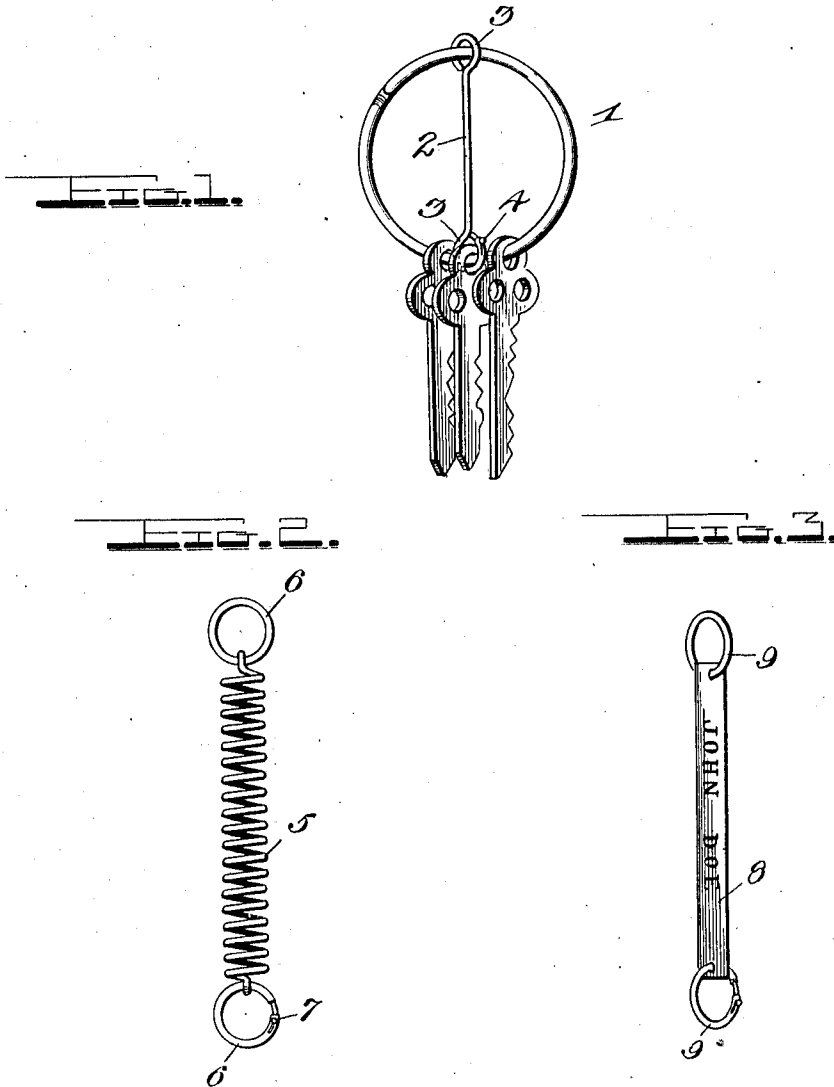
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. FORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lawrence, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Key-Rings, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a novel device for use on key rings to enable the user to readily locate a particular key by sense of touch, and the object is to provide a device for this purpose which may be sold in connection with a key-ring or separately for use on any key ring.

With the above object in view, the invention consists in the novel features of construction hereinafter fully described, particularly pointed out in the claims and clearly illustrated by the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a key ring of ordinary and well-known form, with one form of my invention applied thereto; Fig. 2, a view showing another form of the invention detached from the ring, and Fig. 3, a view of still another form of the attachment.

In the drawing, 1 is a key-ring of one well known style. Any form of key-ring may be used, as this does not constitute any part of my invention.

The form of my invention illustrated in Fig. 1 comprises a metal-bar 2 having loops 3 at its ends to receive the key-ring and to freely slide thereon. One of these loops is formed with an opening closed by a slide or latch 4, so that the key which it is desired to readily locate, may be inserted thereon. To locate the desired key, it is necessary, merely to run the finger along the bar to the end thereof.

In the form shown in Fig. 2, the bar 5 is of twisted steel, like a spring, and carries the loops 6 at its ends, one of which has the slide 7 to permit insertion thereon of the key.

The device illustrated in Fig. 3, consists of flat-bar 8, which may be adapted to receive the name of the owner or advertising matter. This bar carries loops 9 as has been heretofore described in connection with the other forms. The loops may be rigid with the bar as shown in Fig. 1, or loose thereon as in Figs. 2 and 3.

From the above description, it will be seen that I have provided a very simple and useful device in connection with key-rings by means of which a particular key may be readily located in dark hallways or at night, by sense of touch.

It will be understood that while I have described the bar to be of metal, it may be of any suitable material.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:

1. The combination with a ring for holding keys, of a device for the purpose described comprising a bar extending across the ring and slidably connected at each end thereto and means carried by one end of said bar for retaining a key.

2. The combination with a ring for holding keys, of a member extending across said ring and provided at its respective ends with means for slidably engaging said ring, and means carried by said member for retaining a key on the ring separate from the remainder of the keys carried thereon.

3. The combination with a ring for holding keys, of a device adapted to extend across the key-ring and having loops received by and slidable on the ring, one of said loops adapted to receive and hold a key.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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