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KEY HOLDER

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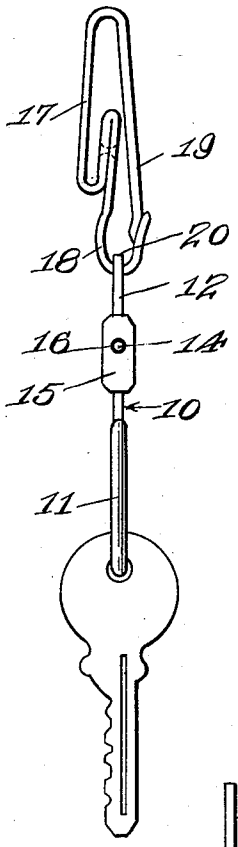


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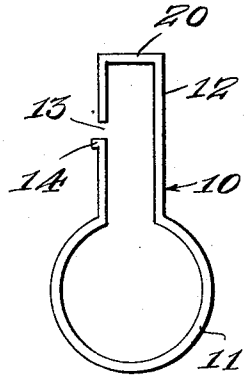


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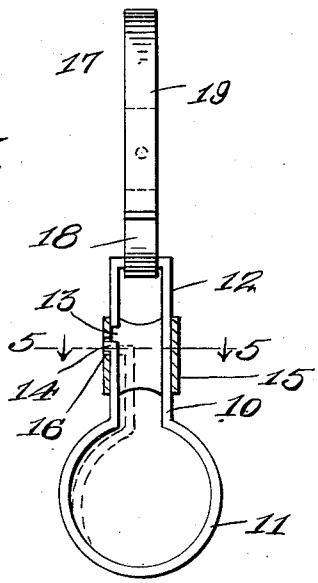


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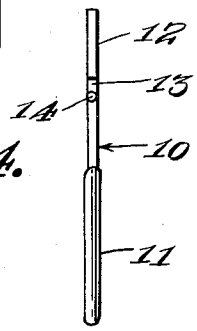
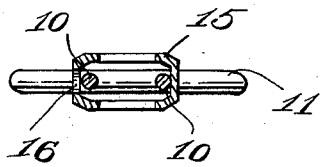


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The invention relates to a key holder, and has for its primary object to provide a device of this character, wherein a key or keys can be detachably coupled and the coupling element removably supported upon a fastener constituting a slide for a belt or other waist band or waist embracing element, the coupling and fastener being novel in form.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a key holder of this character wherein a key or keys, when coupled, will be firmly held, so as to avoid the accidental loss of the key from the coupling, yet said key can be readily detached at the will of the wearer or user of the holder.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a holder of this character wherein a group of keys, when coupled, can be individually separated or the group detached without the releasing of one or all of the keys in the group, the holder being of such construction that the coupling can be worn suspended from the waist of a person or carried within the pocket, at the option of the user of the holder.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a key holder of this character wherein the coupling is locked closed in a novel manner and one portion thereof constitutes a ring for a key or keys and the other an attaching terminal or loop, so that the said coupling can be detachably supported suspended from a slide upon a belt or other waist embracing element.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a holder of this character which is extremely simple in construction, strong, durable, adaptable for the grouping of one or a number of keys, thoroughly reliable and efficient in its purpose, neat and attractive in appearance and inexpensive to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described in detail, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and which discloses the perferred embodiment of the invention, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 is an edge elevation of a holder constructed in accordance with the invention, a key being carried thereby.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the holder, a portion thereof being in section.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the coupling of the holder detached.

Figure 4 is an edge elevation thereof.

Figure 5 is a sectional view on the line 5—5 of Figure 2, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawings.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the key holder comprises a coupling member 10 which in this instance is made from a single length of wire bent to effect a substantially keyhole shaped frame, the circular portion 11 thereof constituting the key receiving end, while the substantially rectangular shaped extension 12 has formed therein at one side a gap 13 to effect the mouth or opening to the coupling. The extremity of the wire forming the coupling member 10 confronting the gap 13 is bent outwardly to provide a bill 14 and embracing this extension 12 is a sleeve-like slide 15, the same being formed with an aperture 16 designed to receive the bill 14, which latter, when engaged in the aperture 16, holds said slide in a position to close the gap 13 and in this manner latch the coupling member 10 closed. On depressing the side extension of the extension 12, the bill 14 will be extracted from the aperture 16 and upon shifting the slide 15 on said extension 12, the cap 13 will be opened so that a key or keys can be threaded on to the coupling member to loosen or engage therewith in the ring 11 thereof.

Adapted to be mounted upon a belt or other waist embracing device is a hanger for the coupling member and this hanger comprises a loop 17, preferably made from a single piece of flat strip-like material, one end being bent on itself to effect a depending hook 18 and the other end bent to provide a closure tongue 19 for the hook 18, as is clearly shown in Figure 1 of the drawings. The loop 17 is

designed to embrace the belt or other waist engaging device so that the hook 18 depends therefrom in the position as shown in Figure 1 of the drawings, and engaged in this hook is the closed end 20 of the extension 12 of the coupling member 10 so that the latter can be detachably worn at the waist line of a user of the holder.

What is claimed is:—

A key holder of the character described comprising a coupling member formed from a single length of wire bent to provide a yieldable key receiving ring and a rigid loop-like extension open at one side, an outturned bill on one end of the wire, said bill being on the ring side of the opening, and a sleeve-like slide of a length fitted to the extension to close the side opening therein and having an aperture for the snapping engagement therein of the bill to lock the slide in closed relation to the opening in one side of the extension.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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