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Fig. 1.

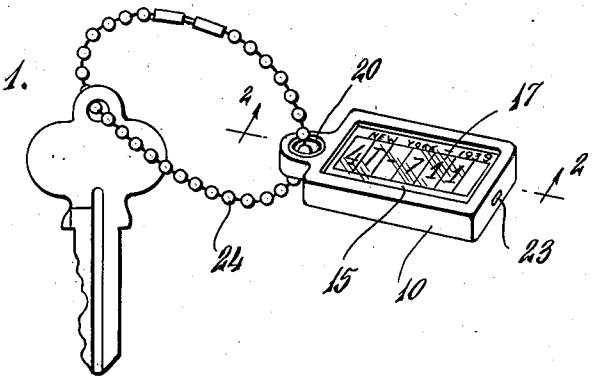
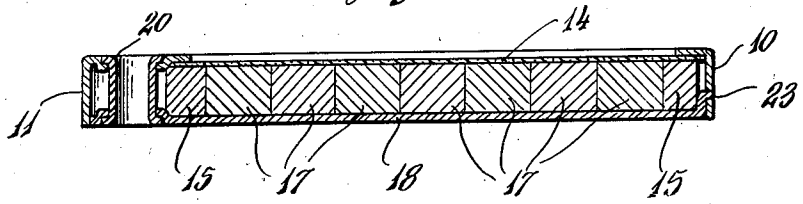


Fig. 2.



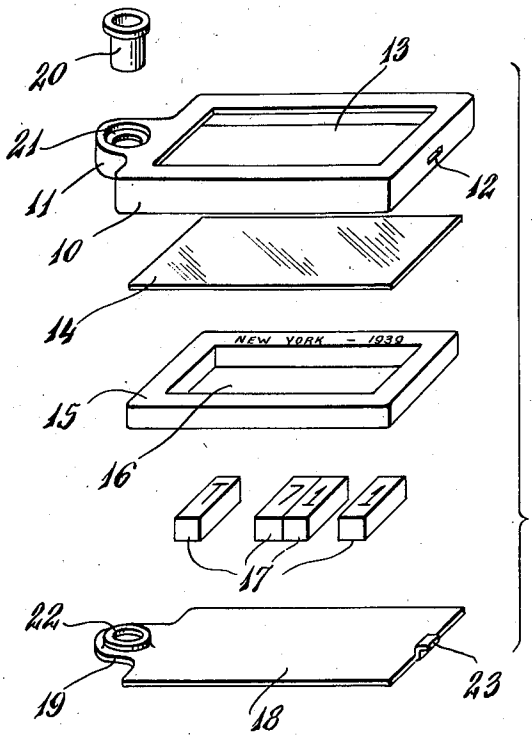
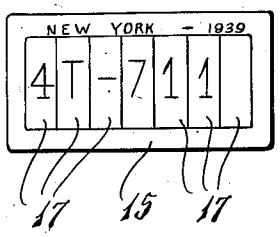


Fig. 4.

Fig. 3.



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The present invention relates to tabs to be carried on key rings, chains or in pendant fashion, and more particularly to the type for displaying a miniature replica of an automobile license plate, or an ordinary dog license or social security number and the like.

The object of this invention is to provide an article of the character mentioned of novel and improved construction, which can be readily and easily assembled with any desired combination of numerals or other characters at hand, without the need of any skill whatever, and which is cheap to manufacture and handily for the purposes for which it is intended.

In the accompanying drawing forming part of this application, similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Fig. 1 is a pictorial view showing an embodiment of this invention as carried on a key chain.

Fig. 2 is a section taken at line 2—2 in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 shows the assembly of the separate character or numeral cards, and if necessary, proper spacer cards, fitting in the opening of a frame member.

Fig. 4 is an "exploded" view showing the various components which comprise said embodiment.

In the drawing, the numeral 10 shows a bezel or flanged rim of rectangular shape, having an apertured reduced extension 11 at one end, and provided with a slot 12 through its flange portion, at its other end. Of course, said bezel and its window 13, may be of any desired shapes. First set within the bezel 10, is a transparent sheet member 14, which serves as a pane for the window 13. Then against said pane, is placed a frame 15, which may be of cardboard, Celluloid or other suitable substance. The opening 16 of this interior frame 15, is preferably, but not necessarily rectangular, but such uni-width opening permits the use of cards 17 of uniform width; said cards having printed or otherwise shown thereon, the numerals or characters comprising the license number to be displayed. Some of these cards may be blank, so as to serve as spacers in order that the entire opening 16 shall be filled co-planar with its frame 15. A back plate 18, of metal, or of substantially stiff transparent substance, is now set with the bezel 10, against all the components therein. Said back plate 18, being provided with an eye 19 at one end to be positioned so, that an eyelet 20, passed through holes 21 and 22 and clinched, will maintain the assembly, and also provided with a stepped lug or tooth 23, which is first set into slot 12, before assembly with the eyelet 20 as aforesaid. The surfaces about the holes 21 and 22, are dished, so that the assembled article presents a substantially flush job. It is apparent that the opening through the eyelet 20, serves to receive a key ring, key chain 24, or other means on which the article is to be carried.

For miniature reproductions of automobile license plates, the interior frame member 15, has printed or otherwise shown thereon, the name of the State and the year, all arranged as is the format of the license plates of such State. A dealer in these tab devices need keep a stock of frame pieces 15, which show only the State of his location, and perhaps also frame pieces for neighboring States. For purposes other than miniature automobile license plate representations, said frame pieces 15 may be blank, or have otherwise suitable inscription as the purpose of use will dictate. He also keeps on hand a font of cards 17, of the various letters, numerals and characters incident to license numbers generally, and blank cards to serve as spacers as aforesaid. An eyelet setting punch or plier is all the tools required. Convenience and ease of composition and assembly of the article is evident.

This invention is capable of numerous forms and various applications without departing from the essential features herein disclosed. It is therefore intended that the embodiment described herein be deemed illustrative and not restrictive, and that the patent shall cover all patentable novelty residing in this invention; reference being had to the following claims rather than to the specific description herein, to indicate the scope of this invention.

I claim:

1. In an article of the character set forth, a flanged rim provided with a slot in its flanged portion and an aperture in its rim portion, a transparent sheet member framed in said rim, a frame positioned within the flanged rim substantially parallel with said transparent member, a series of removable cards adapted to have characters thereon, within and coplanar with the frame, a back plate member positioned against the frame and cards, closing said rim; said back plate member being provided with a tooth and an aperture; said tooth lying in the slot aforesaid, and a fastening means positioned through the apertures in the flanged rim and back plate, maintaining the assembly of the article.

2. An article as in claim 1, wherein the tooth is stepped whereby the end of the frame rests against the riser of such step, and wherein the fastening means comprises an eyelet adapted to serve as the mounting means for the article.

3. An article as in claim 1, wherein the apertures are in reduced extensions of the rim and plate respectively thereby providing eyes, and wherein the fastening means comprises an eyelet to serve as the mounting means for the article.

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