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KEY TAG

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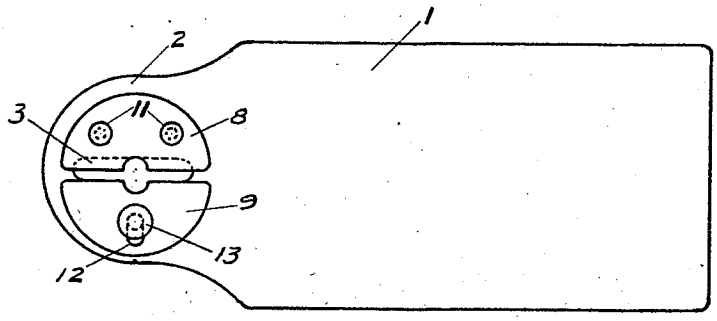


FIG. 1.

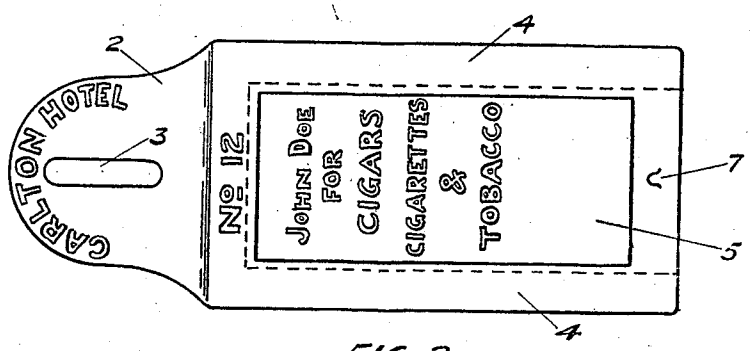


FIG. 2.

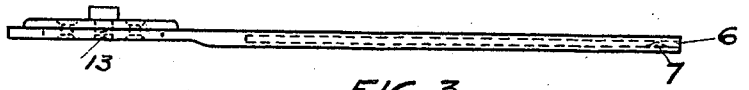


FIG. 3.

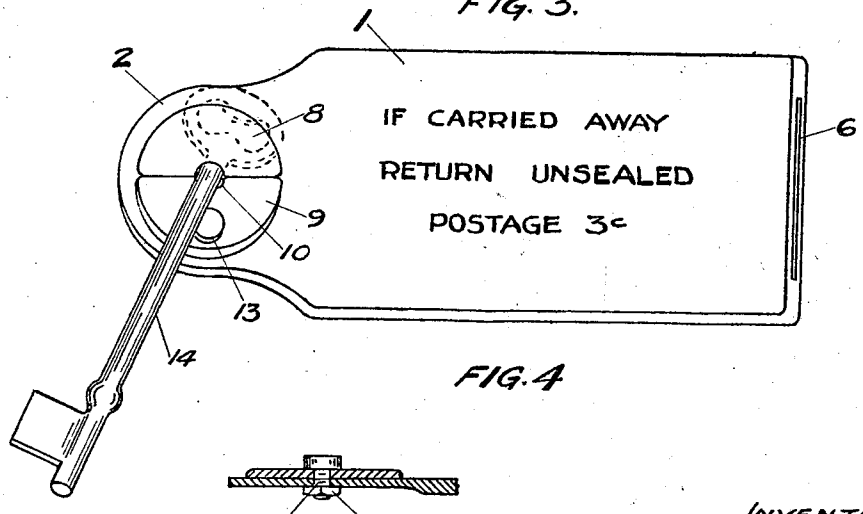


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT RALSTON, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and residing at 339d Panet Street, in the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada, have invented a new and useful Key Tag, of which the following is the specification.

The invention relates to a key tag as described in the present specification and shown in the accompanying drawings that form part of the same.

The invention consists essentially of the novel features pointed out broadly and specifically in the claims for novelty following a description in detail of the preferred form of the invention.

The objects of the invention are to furnish to hotels a tag for keys not readily forgotten and carried away by the guests; and to provide a very good advertising medium by means of which announcement may be made that must in the ordinary course of those handling the keys be prominently brought before them.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the back of the tag apart from the key.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the face of tag apart from the key and showing the inserted advertisement.

Figure 3 is a side view of the tag.

Figure 4 is a perspective view showing the tag and key assembled.

Figure 5 shows a modified fastener.

Like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the various figures.

Referring to the drawings, the plate 1 is formed with a reduced end 2 which is longitudinally slotted at 3, the other and larger portion is reduced in thickness to form the frame 4 adapted to contain the advertising or announcement card 5, which is inserted therein through the end slit 6 and held by the stop 7.

The slot 3 is partially closed in by the plates 8 and 9 forming the key stem hole 10 when moved together centrally over the said slot 3, the plate 8 being secured by the rivets 11 to the reduced end 2, and the plate 9 having a slot 12 through which the screw fastener 13 extends into the plate 1, so that the plate 9 can be moved to and from the plate 8 and rigidly held thereto by tightening up the said screw fastener 13 and this is done when the key 14 is inserted.

The fastener for the plate 9 may be made in various ways such as shown in Figure 5 in which 15 is the threaded pin and 16 a nut, or the pin may be splayed at the end, but in order to explain the invention clearly the simplest form of plain headed screw has been described.

What I claim is:—

1. In a key tag, a tag plate having a key slot and lock at one end thereof and a card retaining cover extending over the main portion and rigid therewith, and forming a permanent frame having a slit at one end for the insertion of the card between the back and the front.

2. A key tag comprising a plate reduced at one end and longitudinally slotted and in the main portion formed with a card frame communicating by passage with an end slot, a pair of plates closing over said slot and forming a hole for the key stem, one of said plates being rigid and the other slotted and slidable, a pin fastener extending through said slidable plate into the reduced end of the tag and tightening on said slidable plate, an announcement card in said frame, and a key in said stem hole.

Signed at Montreal, Canada, this 21st day of October, 1922.

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