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Fig. 1.

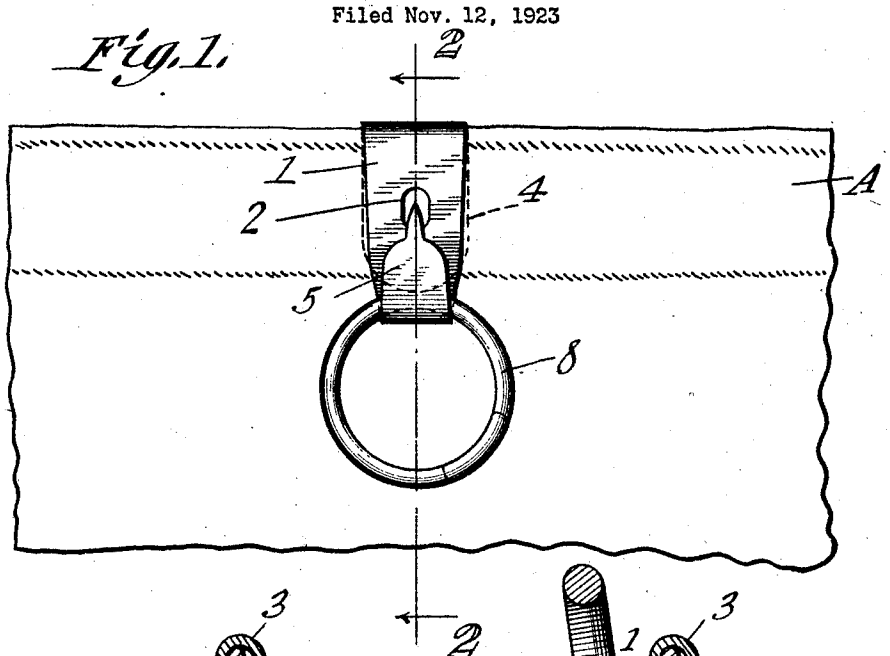


Fig. 2.

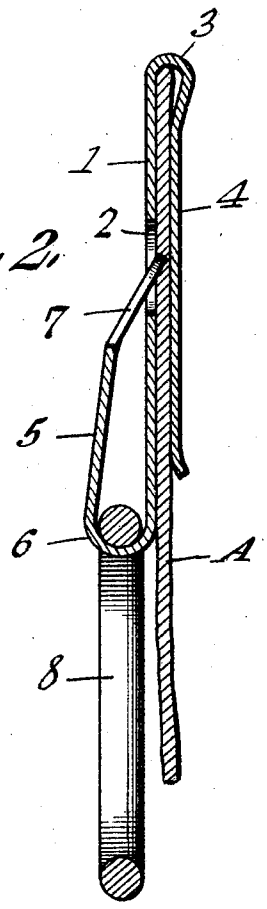
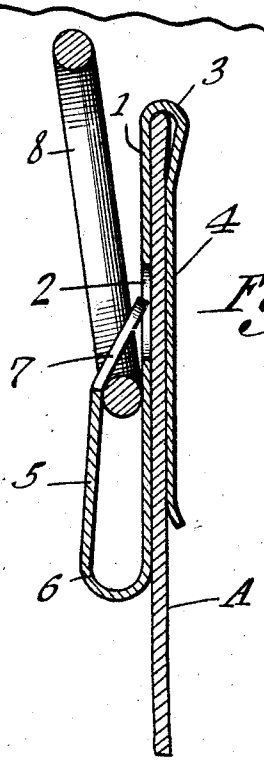


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT C. TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Thomasville, in the county of Thomas and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Key-Ring Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a key ring holder of that type adapted to be carried on the belt of the user, or to be applied to the waist band of a garment.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a device of this character which under normal conditions will prevent its removal from the engaged belt or waist band, thus avoiding danger of loss of a ring from the holder.

Another object is to provide a structure of this character, the parts of which are so shaped and assembled that by proper manipulation of the supported ring the holder can be disengaged readily from the belt or the like on which it is mounted.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the key ring holder in position upon a portion of the garment.

Fig. 2 is a section on line 2—2, Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the ring shifted for the purpose of disengaging the holder from the garment.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates a strip of spring metal or the like having a slot 2 therein. One end portion of this strip is bent downwardly as at 3 to provide a clamping tongue 4 adapted to extend substantially parallel with the slotted portion of the strip 1 and to cooperate therewith to form a loop into which the edge portion of a garment A can be inserted or in which a belt may be placed. The other end portion of the strip 1 is bent upwardly to provide a retaining tongue 5 cooperating with strip 1 to produce a loop 6. The free end of this tongue has a pointed finger 7 projecting therefrom at an obtuse angle, the sharp terminal of this finger normally projecting through slot 2 so as to bite into the garment A as shown particularly in Fig. 2.

A key ring has been indicated at 8 and by springing the tongue 5 away from the strip 1 so as to remove the end of the finger 7 from the slot 2 this key ring can be inserted into the loop 6 where it will hang freely as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The width of the loop 6 is greater than the thickness of the ring and, consequently, when tongue 5 is released the finger 7 will again project through the slot 2. Thus when the holder is slipped onto a garment A, or into a belt it will force the pointed end of the finger 7 outwardly into the slot so as to allow the garment or belt to reach a position against the bent portion 3. Thereafter, however, it is not possible to accidentally remove the holder because any effort to slide the same off of the supporting belt or garment will result in the pointed end of finger 7 biting into said belt or garment as shown in Fig. 2. The only way in which the holder can be removed is by withdrawing the finger from engagement with the garment or belt. This can be done by pulling upwardly on the ring 8. Tongue 5 normally converges upwardly toward strip 1 so that when the ring is pulled upwardly it will act as a wedge to shift the tongue 5 outwardly and disengage the finger as shown in Fig. 3.

What is claimed is:—

The combination with a resilient strip having an opening, of a garment engaging tongue at one side and integral with the strip, a key ring retaining tongue at the other side of and integral with the strip, said tongues being extended in opposite directions, the retaining tongue cooperating with the apertured strip to provide an elongated key ring holding loop, and a pointed

finger extending at an obtuse angle from the retaining tongue and normally projecting through the opening for engagement with a garment or the like seated between the apertured strip and the garment engaging tongue.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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