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 KEY RING HOLDER.
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Fig. 1.

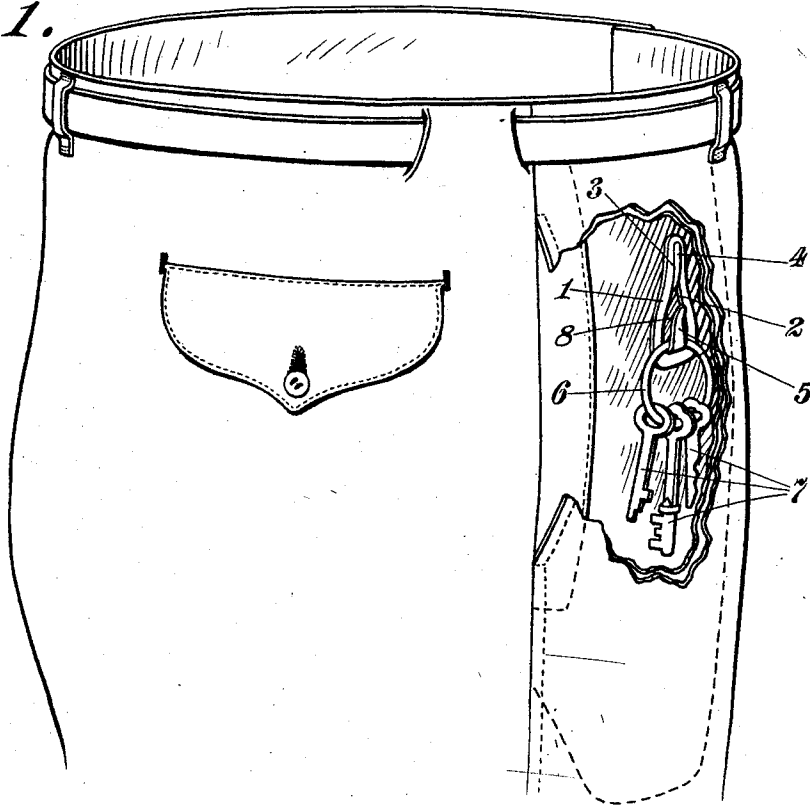


Fig. 2.

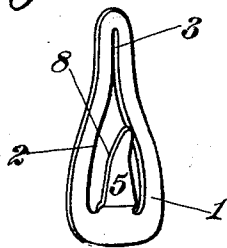
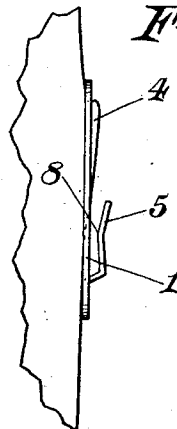


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT ELDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Key-Ring Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for holding a man's key-ring and keys thereon supported on the wall of the pocket of his trousers and has for its object to provide novel improvements in the key-ring holder which constitutes the subject-matter of my Patent No. 1,039,040, dated September 17, 1912, the novelty residing in the provision of a detachable device of this character that is simple and inexpensive to manufacture.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, in which like numbers of reference denote like parts wherever they occur, Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of a pair of trousers, part of same being broken away to reveal the rear part of the inner wall of one of the pockets with the device of the present invention attached thereto; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device; and, Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the device, showing same attached to part of a pocket.

The device consists of a plate 1 having somewhat of a triangular-shaped opening 2, which terminates at its upper apex in a slot 3, in which a small part 4 of either wall of the trousers pocket (preferably the rear wall) is caught and held as clearly illustrated in Fig. 1, so as to support the device on same. Extending outwardly and then upwardly from the lower edge of the opening 2 is a hook 5, which is preferably formed integrally with the plate 1 and is provided for supporting a key-ring 6 having keys 7 attached thereto. The hook 4 is preferably resilient and is bowed inwardly at 8 as best seen in Fig. 3, so that when the key-ring 6 is inserted between the plate 1 and the hook 5, said key-ring will press the hook 5 outwardly from the plate 1 while same passes the bowed part 8 of said hook, after which said hook resumes its normal position relative to said plate. By this

means, the key-ring 6 is prevented from being accidentally removed from the hook 5.

In order to attach the device in the pocket of a pair of trousers, the plate 1 is held in approximately an upright position and part of the wall of the pocket is inserted into the opening 2 after which the plate is moved downwardly, whereby the part of the pocket wall within the opening 2 becomes caught or wedged in the slot 3, as depicted in Fig. 1, and thereby supports said plate. The device can be readily detached from the pocket by merely moving the plate 1 upwardly so as to cause the slot 3 to release the part of the pocket wall that was caught or wedged within said slot. It should be understood that a key-chain or similar device may be substituted for the key-ring mentioned herein.

In actual practice it has been found that a bunch of keys suspended in a man's trousers pocket, as hereinbefore described, does not make its presence felt but its presence is practically negligible because of hanging in the depression between the leg and abdomen and, furthermore, in actual practice it has been found that the weight of the bunch of keys seems unnoticeable due to the different point on which such weight is borne. Because of the presence of the keys and their apparent weight being negligible when suspended by the present invention, the comfort of the wearer is greatly enhanced.

The fact that the device can be readily attached to the wall of a trousers pocket without the necessity of sewing same in the pocket and, also, that the device can be readily detached from the wall of the pocket renders same more advantageous than other devices of its character now in use. By reason of its simplicity the cost of manufacturing the device of the present invention is reduced to the minimum.

I claim:

A key ring holder consisting of a plate formed with a central opening, said opening being of greatest width at the lower end of the plate and having its sides converging toward the upper end of the plate and ter-

minating in a contracted portion adapted to
receive part of the wall of a trousers pocket,
and a hook formed integral with the plate
and extending upwardly from the widest
5 end of the opening and outwardly from the
plate opposite to the opening to receive a
key ring.

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

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