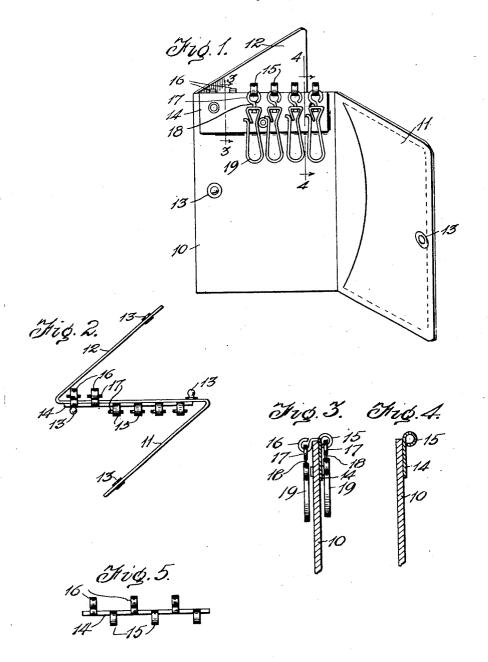
KEY CASE

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special reference to a double key case designed to carry keys on opposite sides of a central partition.

Still further the invention relates to a key plate having means by which certain keys may be carried in front of the plate and parti-

tion and others to the rear thereof.

One important object of the invention is to 10 provide an improved key plate for such key cases having swivel ring attaching means certain of which project forwardly from the plate and the remainder of which project rearwardly thereof.

A second important object of the invention with separate covering means for the keys

on each side of the plate.

A third important object of the invention 20 is to so arrange the swivel ring carrying eyes of such a plate that the keys in the case may lie flat on both sides of the central part of the case.

With the above and other objects in view is claimed as new, is: 25 as will be hereinafter apparent, the invention consists in general of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and specifically so claimed.

In the accompanying drawings like characters of reference indicate like parts in the several views, and:

Figure 1 is a front view of the improved 35 key case and plate.

Figure 2 is a top edge view thereof.

Figure 3 is a section on the line 3-3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a section on the line 4-4 of

**∞** Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a detail edge view of a modified

form of plate.

The key case of this invention has the case proper made of some such material as leather or the like and includes a central portion 10, a front cover 11 and a rear cover 12. The usual snap button parts 13 may be provided to hold these parts closed.

On the upper portion of the part 10 and on the front thereof there is secured a plate 14 having at its upper edge a series of tongues bent to provide eyes 15 projecting forwardly of the plate and other eyes 16 projecting rear-55 lie substantially as far to the rear of the rear eyes extending over the upper edge of 110

This invention relates to key cases and has face of the part 10 as the former lie in front of the plate.

Engaged in each of these eyes is the ring 17 of a swivel ring having a shank 18 on which is swiveled a key hook 19.

It will be observed that the eyes 15 and 16 may be either grouped as in Figure 2 or alternated as in Figure 5.

By this means certain keys may be kept in one side of the case while others may be kept 65

in the other side.

There has thus been provided a simple and efficient device of the kind described and for

the purpose specified.

It is obvious that minor changes may be 70 is to provide a key case having such a plate made in the form and construction of the invention without departing from the material spirit thereof. It is not, therefore, desired to confine the invention to the exact form herein shown and described, but it is desired 75 to include all such as properly come within the scope claimed.

Having thus described the invention, what

1. In a key case, a key plate having a series 80 of swivel ring engaging eyes spaced along its upper edge, certain of said eyes projecting forwardly of the plate and others rearwardly thereof.

2. In a key case, a key plate having a series 85 of swivel ring engaging eves spaced along its upper edge, certain of said eyes projecting forwardly of the plate and others rearwardly thereof, the rear eyes projecting rearwardly to an extent greater than the forward 90

projection of the front eyes.

3. In a key case, a key plate having a series of swivel ring engaging eyes spaced along its upper edge, certain of said eyes projecting forwardly of the plate and others rear- 95 wardly thereof, and a key case having a central portion and front and back cover flaps, said plate being fixed to the front face of the central portion at the top thereof with the rear eyes extending over the upper edge of 100 said central portion.

4. In a key case, a key plate having a series of swivel ring engaging eyes spaced along its upper edge, certain of said eyes projecting forwardly of the plate and others rear- 105 wardly thereof, and a key case having a central portion and front and back cover flaps, said plate being fixed to the front face of the wardly thereof, the latter being extended to central portion at the top thereof with the

said central portion, the rear eyes projecting rearwardly to an extent greater than the forward projection of the front eyes to project as far behind said central case portion as the 5 front eyes project forwardly of said plate.

5. In a key case of the class described, a case proper consisting of a strip of foldable material having a central portion and end flaps foldable on opposite sides of the central portion, a supporting plate carried on 10 one side of the central portion at the upper end thereof and provided with key hook attaching means arranged to hold keys on opposite sides of the central portion whereby certain of the keys are covered by one flap and 15 the remainder by the other flap.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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