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Fig. 2.

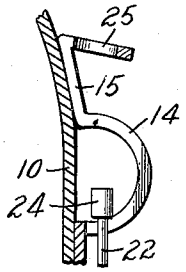


Fig. 3.

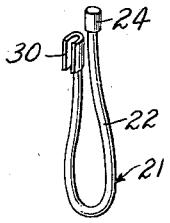
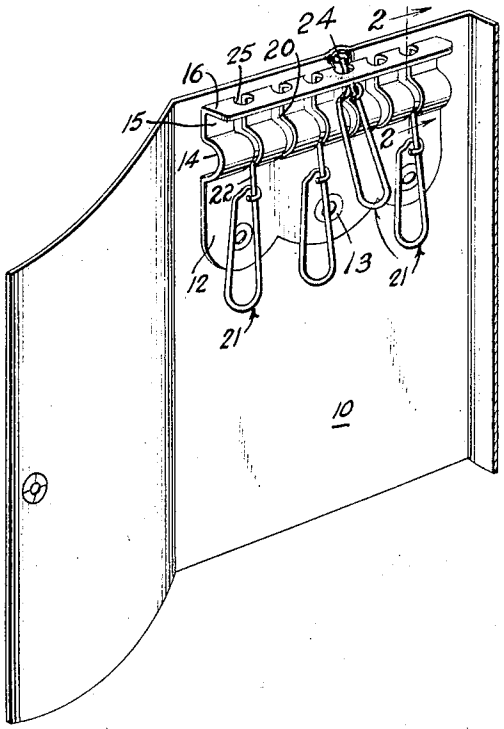


Fig. 1.



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This invention relates to key holders and more especially a holder for a plurality of keys usually secured to hooks in a leather case adapted to be carried in one's pocket.

One of the objects of the present invention is to provide a metal stamping mounted on a flexible cover to which a plurality of keys may be easily and quickly detached or attached, as desired, the cover forming a suitable casing of flexible material such as leather or leatherette composition to protect a man's pocket from wear.

A further object is to provide a key holder of the above character adapted to hold securely the key hooks or individual attaching members in position.

A further object is to provide a key holder of the above character with improved key hooks that will lock the keys in attached position so far as the attachment between the hook and the key is concerned.

Other objects will be in part obvious from the annexed drawings and in part hereinafter indicated in connection therewith by the following analysis of this invention.

This invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combination of parts, and in the unique relation of the members and in the relative proportioning and disposition thereof, all as more completely outlined herein.

To enable others skilled in the art fully to comprehend the underlying features of this invention, that they may embody the same by the modifications in structure and relation contemplated by the invention, drawings depicting the preferred embodiment of the invention form a part of this disclosure, and in such drawings like characters of reference denote corresponding parts throughout the several views in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my new key holder;

Figure 2 is a cross-sectional detail view taken along the line 2—2 of Figure 1; and

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a different type of hook.

We now turn to the drawings in detail. 10 is the key holder which is usually made of leather or imitation leather composition. Across the top of the surface of the holder, as shown in Fig. 1, is a metal stamping 12, the lower half of which is secured as by means of rivets 13 to the holder while the upper half is provided with a semi-tubular portion 14 with a flat neck portion 15 and a flange part 16. The semi-tubular portion 14 of the stamping 12 has a plurality of slots 20 adapted to receive the key hooks 21. These key hooks may be any one of a plurality of shapes, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. Each wire hook 21 is attached to the holder by first passing the head 24 through one of the openings 25 in the flange 16 from beneath, thus pressing the cover away

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from the neck portion 15, as shown in Figure 1. The head 24 is then drawn down between the cover 10 and the neck portion 15, the shanks of the hooks passing through the slots in the neck portion, until the head slips into the recess formed between the semi-tubular portion and the cover. It will thus be seen that my keyholder does not require the customary locking bar as the neck 15 of the plate 12 is sufficiently close to the cover of the keyholder to prevent slipping out of the head 24.

The form of the key hook shown in Fig. 1 has a closure similar to a safety pin, while in Fig. 3 the free end 30 embraces the shank 22 just below the head 24 to permit separation and the removal of a key from the holder when necessary.

While it will be apparent that the illustrated embodiment of this invention herein disclosed is well calculated adequately to fulfill the objects and advantages primarily stated, it is to be understood that the invention is susceptible to variation, modifications and changes within the spirit and scope of the following claim.

I claim:

A metal plate adapted to be secured to a folding cover, said plate having a substantially flat base portion surmounted by a semi-tubular portion, a neck portion located above said semi-tubular portion in the plane of said base portion, and a flange above and angularly disposed with respect to the plane of said neck portion extending over said semi-tubular portion, openings in said flange near said neck portion, slots extending downwardly from said openings through said neck and semi-tubular portions, the width of said slots being less than that of said openings, and key hooks having shank portions and enlarged heads at one end thereof, the diameters of said heads being greater than the width of said slots but less than the width of said openings, said heads being adapted to be projected through said openings, from beneath said flange against said folding cover, whereupon said shank portions may be passed down through the slots and the enlarged heads retained in said semi-tubular portion.

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