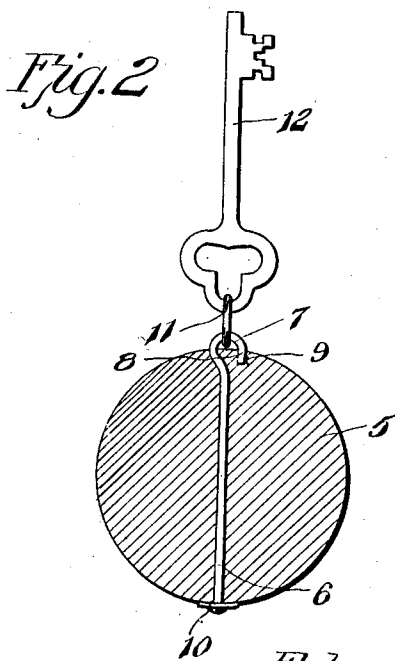
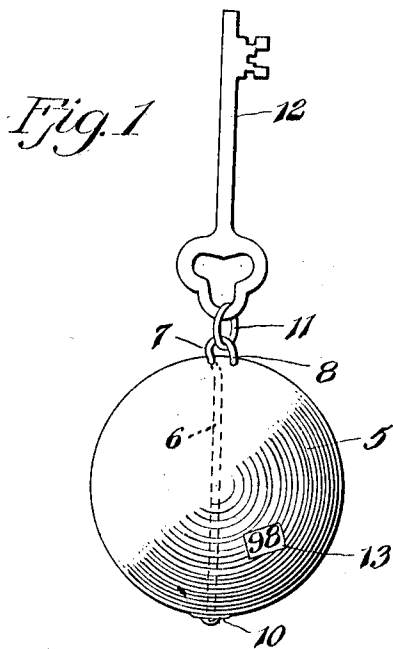


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD G. PATTERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bismarck, in the county of Burleigh and State of North Dakota, have invented new and useful Improvements in Key-Tags, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to tags and more particularly to the class of key tags.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a tag in which a door key may be attached thereto, so as to prevent the user of the key from placing it within a pocket, thereby overcoming the possibility of the loss of the same by a transient inadvertently carrying it away on departure.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a tag of this character in which a door key may be carried thereby, so that the latter may be freely manipulated upon the locking and unlocking of such door, and that will avoid the placing of such key in the pocket of the clothing of a person, so that there will be the least possibility of the loss of the same, or the carrying away of the same by the possessor, the tag being useful for boarding houses, hotels or the like.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a tag of this character which is simple, strong, durable, efficient in its purpose, and inexpensive in manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the tag with a key carried thereby. Fig. 2 is a sectional view through the tag.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, 5 designates a spherical-shaped body which may be constructed from any suitable material, although it is desirable that the same be constructed from composite substances, thereby making it inexpensive and economical in manufacture.

Formed centrally in the spherical body 5

is a suitable bore, through which is passed a pin 6, the same being provided at one end with a hook 7, the bill 8 of which is adapted to fit in a socket 9 formed in the said body 5, while its opposite end is riveted or otherwise secured to a bearing disk or washer 10 engaged or contacting with the outer face of the body 5 at a point diametrically opposite the hook 7, thus in this manner, the said pin 6 will be securely fastened within the spherical body, for a purpose, as will be hereinafter more fully described. The upper end of the bore is curved in an outward direction with respect to the socket 9, whereby the pin 6 will be more securely held in the body 5. From this construction of the bore, it will be seen that, should the lower end of the pin which is riveted to the washer 10, become damaged or mutilated so that it could not perform its function, the pin would still be retained by the body 5 owing to the curvature of the bore at its upper end with relation to the socket 9.

Engaged with the hook extremity 7 of the pin 6 is a ring 11, to which is connected an ordinary latch key 12, the ring being held against detachment from the hook 7 by reason of the fact that the bill 8 of the said hook engages in the socket 9, thereby closing the said hook end.

Of course, it is to be understood that the spherical body 5 may be increased or decreased in size as deemed desirable.

The tag is of light weight, readily and conveniently handled, although it will be too bulky to carry away in the pocket of the clothing of a person. Thus, the tag, when carried by a key, will be useful for hotels, boarding houses, or other like abiding places.

Suitably formed in the outer face of the spherical body 5 is a rectangular shaped flat face 13 in which is inscribed suitable indicia, such as the numeral "98," the same corresponding to the room number for which the key is designed to lock and unlock the latch of the door thereof.

What is claimed is:

A tag comprising a spherical shaped body having indicia placed thereon, having a central bore therethrough terminating in a curvature at one end, the said body being further provided with a socket spaced from

the curved end of the bore, the curve of the bore being in a general direction inclined away from the socket, a hook-like pin passed through the bore in the body and secured to  
5 the latter, the bill of the hook-like pin being engaged in the socket, a ring engaged with the hook of the pin for the connection of a key with the body, the curvature of the bore

and the said socket serving to securely hold the pin within the body.

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

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