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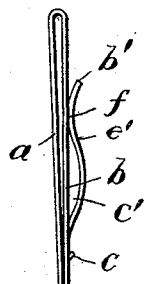
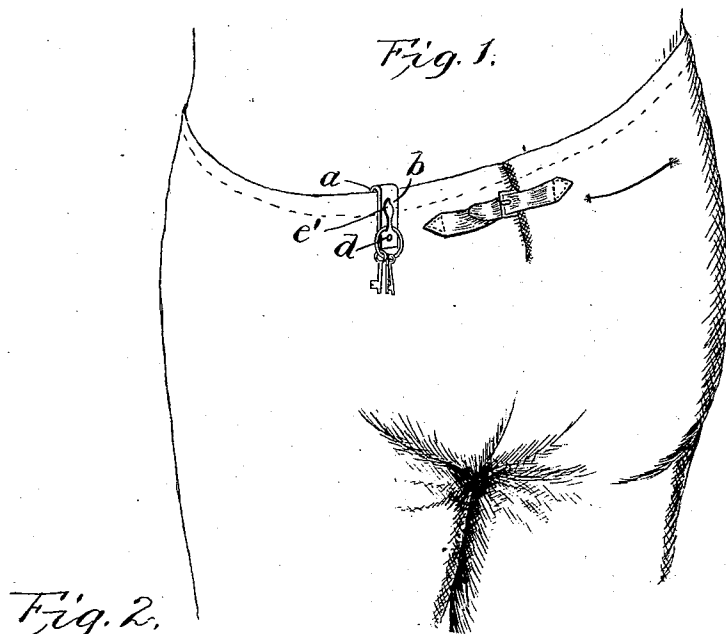
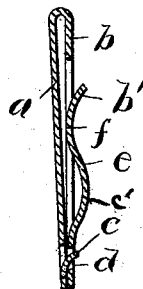


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES C. TAYLOR, of Chattanooga, in the county of Hamilton and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Carrying Keys; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in devices for carrying bunches of keys, &c.

The object of the invention is to provide an improved device exceedingly cheap, simple, and durable in construction for use by persons who carry large bunches of keys or the like for supporting the keys so that the bunch can be easily attached or detached.

The invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangements of parts, more fully described hereinafter, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my invention as in use. Fig. 2 is an edge view thereof. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of the device.

My invention consists of what might be termed a "double hook" formed in a single piece of metal. One hook is adapted to embrace the waistband of the trousers of the user, preferably above the hip-pocket, and the other hook is adapted to receive and support a key-ring carrying a bunch of keys, so that it will be retained in position against accidental withdrawal or loss and so that the bunch can be readily attached or detached.

The device shown is bent from a single piece of flat spring metal to form the straight flat length *a*, adapted to engage the inner surfaces of the waistband of the trousers, and the length *b*, which forms the opposite leg of the main hook and which engages the outer side of the waistband, so that the upper closed end of the hook rests on the upper edge of the waistband. The legs are so formed

that their ends tend to spring together and tightly grasp the cloth, which is firmly held between them by means of a three-cornered projection *c*, punched out from the lower end of the leg *a*, so as to project inwardly and upwardly toward the closed end of the hook and so as to enter a corresponding opposite transverse aperture *d*, punched in the lower end of the leg *b*. The cloth is thus grasped by the inclined projection and forced into said aperture, and the article is thus prevented from being drawn off the pants. The greater the upward pull exerted on the article the more tightly it grasps the cloth. The two legs of this U-shaped clamp or hook which grasps the cloth of the trousers are preferably of about the same length and are formed flat and tend to spring together at the short free ends. The key-ring-receiving hook *e'* is stamped out directly from the outer leg of said U-shaped clamp in the form of a tongue which has its inner end projecting outwardly to loosely hold the key-ring and its upper outer end also bent outwardly, so that the key-ring can be easily slipped on to the hook. This hook is stamped out between the ends of said outer leg of the clamp above the transverse opening therein, as shown. The tongue *e'* at its lower end is bulged outwardly at *c'* to loosely receive the key-ring, and between its upper and lower ends is bent inwardly, so as to spring at *f* into the opening formed by cutting out the tongue. The upper end *b'* of said tongue is bent out, as shown, so that the ring can be easily slipped on. The tongue or hook is thus substantially S-shaped, and accidental release of the ring is prevented.

The great utility and extreme cheapness of this article are obvious. It can be very quickly and easily made of suitable spring material or other desirable metal, and is of the greatest advantage and utility to persons compelled to carry large bunches of keys around with them and other articles which are hung on a ring and which they have to frequently remove for use.

It is evident that the article can be used and attached to any part of the clothing desired.

Having thus fully described my invention,

what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The herein-described key-carrier, consisting of the **U**-shaped clamp which grasps the waistband of the trousers, the legs of the clamp tending to spring together at their lower ends and provided with means to grasp the cloth, and the key-ring-receiving hook stamped out from the metal outer leg of said clamp in the form of an **S**-shaped tongue

having its upper and lower ends bulged outwardly, as shown.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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