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PURSE LINING SUPPORTED KEY HOLDER

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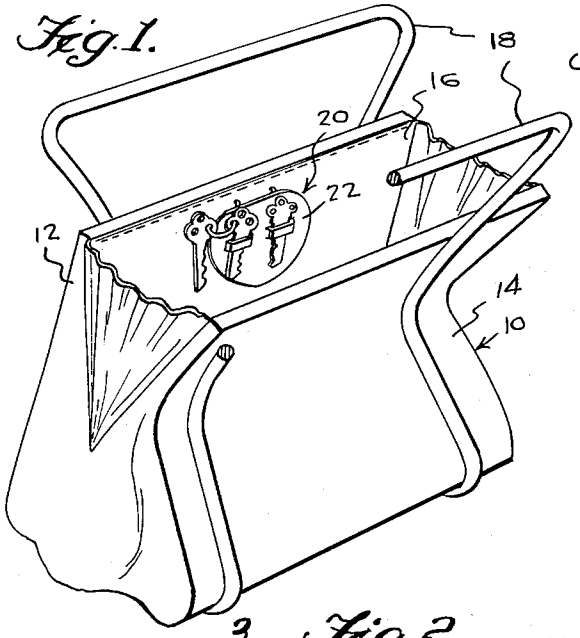


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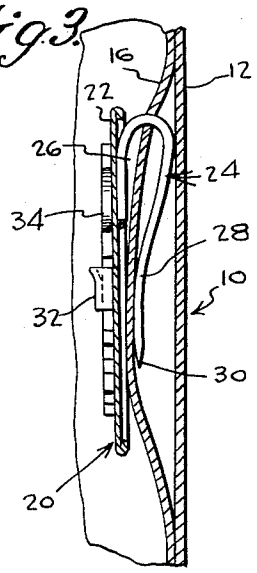


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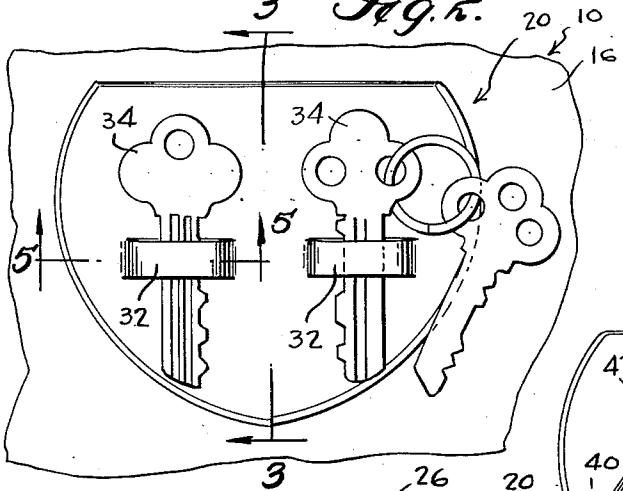


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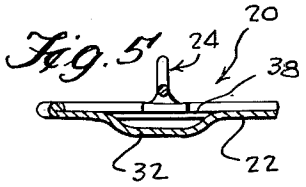


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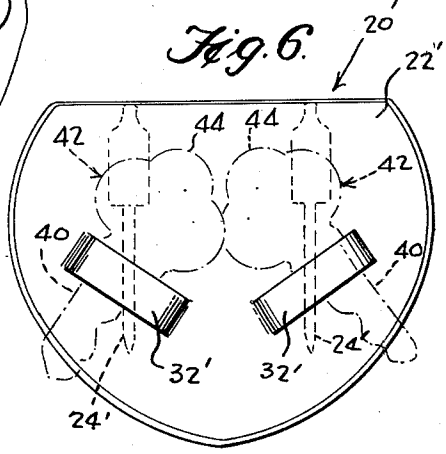
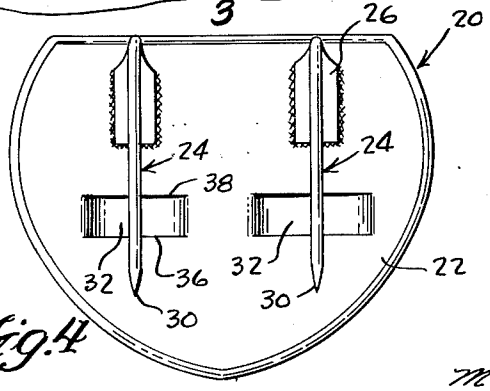


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The present invention relates to a key holder for attachment to the lining of a purse.

Ladies' purses presently in use are employed to contain a relatively large number of articles deemed necessary to the daily habits of the owners. Key supports in cases or in the form of rings and the like, are in common use and are generally employed to keep together keys, commonly used every day, such as the keys to an automobile. An infrequently used key, such as a key to an office, church, or the like, and not generally in the custody of the owner of such a purse, is most conveniently kept separate and not attached to a support in a case or on a ring as it is desired to avoid confusion in the identity and use of such a key. However, when a single key is dropped into such a purse, the key frequently becomes lost among the numerous articles contained in the purse.

An object of the present invention is to provide a key holder for attachment to the lining of a purse which will support a single key or a pair of keys in a convenient location readily accessible to the user of such a purse and in a position where it will not become lost among the numerous articles contained in such a purse.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a key holder for attachment to the lining of a purse which lends itself to attachment to the lining of a purse with ease and facility and in such a manner as to become a permanent fixture within the purse, and one easily transferred to another purse.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a key holder for attachment to the lining of a purse which lends itself to manufacture in many forms and at reasonable cost, one sturdy in construction and having relatively long-life characteristics, and one which is economically feasible.

These and other objects and advantages of the present invention will be fully apparent from the following description when taken in conjunction with the annexed drawing, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a lady's purse with the key holder of the present invention installed therein on the lining within the purse, the purse being shown in open condition;

FIGURE 2 is an elevational view of the key holder attached to the lining of a purse, the purse being shown broken away, with three keys supported in the key holder;

FIGURE 3 is a view taken on the line 3—3 of FIGURE 2;

FIGURE 4 is an elevational view of the reverse side of the key holder removed from the purse;

FIGURE 5 is a view taken on the line 5—5 of FIGURE 2; and

FIGURE 6 is an elevational view of the front side of a modified form of the key holder according to the present invention.

Referring in greater detail to the drawing in which like numerals indicate like parts throughout the several views, the reference numeral **10** designates generally a lady's purse having upstanding sides **12** and **14** and a lining **16** extending about the interior of the sides and bottom of the purse **10**. Handles **18** project upwardly from the exterior walls of the purse **10** above the open top of the latter.

The key holder of the present invention is designated generally by the reference numeral **20** and comprises a

backing member in the form of a rigid plate **22** fabricated of metal, plastic, or the like.

A prong element in the form of a resilient pin **24** is positioned inwardly of each side edge of the plate **22** on one face of the backing member or plate **22**. The pins **24** are in parallel spaced relation and have, as seen in FIGURE 4, their upper end portions flattened as at **26**, and secured by welding or soldering to the one face of the plate **22** adjacent the upper edge of the latter.

A midpart, as at **28** in FIGURE 3, of each pin **24** curves backwardly toward the one face of the plate **22** so as to frictionally engage the lining **16** when the point **30** of the pin **24** has penetrated the lining **16** and the plate **22** positioned in abutting face to face relation with respect to the lining **16**.

Abutting means, in the form of a pair of elongated horizontally disposed loops arranged in end to end relation, as designated by the numeral **32**, are positioned on the face of the backing member or plate **22** opposite to the pins **24** and each is adapted to have the shank of a key **34** inserted and supported therein when the plate **22** is positioned in abutting relation with respect to the lining **16** of the purse **10**.

Each of the loops **32** is formed by providing parallel slots in the plate **22** and deforming forwardly the material of the plate **22** between the slots, as shown most clearly in FIGURE 5.

In FIGURE 4, showing the reverse face of the plate **22**, the reverse side of each loop **32** is shown, and the slots are designated by the numerals **36** and **38** defining the bottom and upper edges of the loop **32**.

In FIGURE 6 is shown a modified form of the key holder of the present invention, designated generally by the reference numeral **20'** and in which on one face of the plate **22'** are loops **32'** arranged at opposite angles to the horizontal and each adapted to have the shank **40** of a key **42** inserted and supported therein with the heads **44** of the keys **42** converging toward each other. The other side of the plate **22'** is provided with pins **24'** identical in respect to the pins **24** previously described.

In use, the key holder **20**, **20'** of the present invention is readily attached to the lining **16** on either the side **12** or side **14** of a purse **10** with the pins **24**, **24'** penetrating the lining **16** and with the respective parts **28** of the pins **24**, **24'** frictionally engaging the lining **16** and securing the plate **22**, **22'** in abutting relation with respect to the lining **16**.

A key **34**, **42**, is easily inserted into one of the loops **32**, **32'** so that the shank of such key extends through the loop **32**, **32'**, or one key of a pair of attached keys may be supported on the plate **22**, **22'** with the shank of one key inserted in one of the loops **32**, **32'**.

When so used, the key holder **20**, **20'** of the present invention supports one or more keys in a position readily accessible to the user of the purse **10** and avoids the losing of the key among the numerous articles contained within the purse **10** as would happen if a single key were dropped into the purse **10** among such articles.

The resilient pin **24** may be omitted from the backing member and the device attached to the inside of a purse made of leather or other material by use of an adhesive or other appropriate attachment or made as a component part or member of the purse.

What is claimed is:

For use with the lining of an upstanding side of a purse, a key holder comprising a rigid backing member adapted to be positioned so that one face abuts said lining, a prong element embodying a resilient pin carried by said backing member one face and penetrating said lining when the backing member is positioned in abutting relation with respect to said lining for retaining said back-

ing member in position on said lining, the mid-part of said pin being curved backwardly toward said member one face and frictionally engaging said lining when the pin has penetrated the lining and the member is positioned in abutting face-to-face relation with respect to the lining, and supporting means embodying a pair of elongated loops arranged at opposite angles to the horizontal projecting from the other face of said backing member and each adapted to have the shank of a key inserted and supported therein with the heads of the keys converging toward each other when said backing member is positioned in abutting relation with respect to said lining.

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