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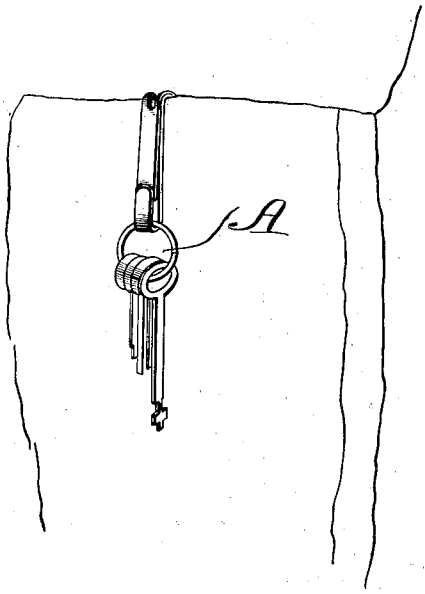
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Fig. 1.



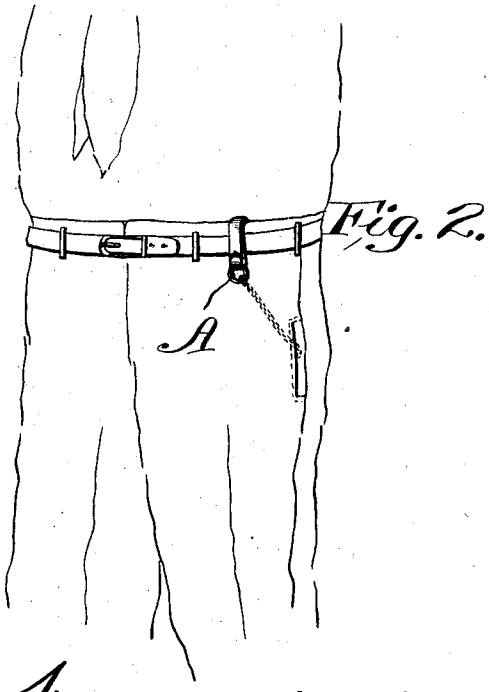


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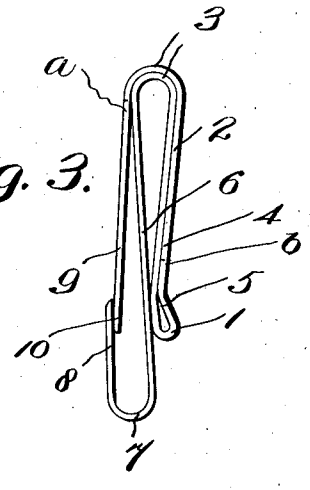


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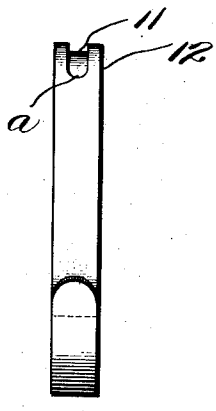
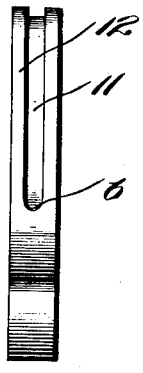


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCESCO A. TOCE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lake Charles, in the parish of Calcasieu and State of Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Key-Ring Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The present invention relates to devices for holding key rings or the like, and of the type designed to be attached to the garment of the wearer, and has for its purpose to provide a device of that character which is of extremely simple design, which may be readily attached or removed from the garment, and worn without discomfort or inconvenience; and one wherein the key holding member will be securely held against displacement.

The invention has for its further purpose to construct a device of this character from a single strip of metal having the same thickness throughout, and which is designed to have sufficient resiliency for holding itself in applied position, and permitting of the ready attachment or removal of the key ring or other article to be carried.

The invention is further proposed as an improvement over the key ring holder disclosed in my U. S. Patent No. 1,042,843, dated October 29, 1912.

Referring to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification in which like numerals designate like parts in all the views: Figure 1 illustrates the application of the device for supporting a bunch of keys. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the device securing the key ring when the keys are carried in the pocket of the wearer. Fig. 3 is a side elevational view of the article. Fig. 4 is a front view thereof, and Fig. 5 is a rear view of the same.

Referring to the construction in further detail, the device consists of a single strip of metal of uniform thickness, and substantially uniform width throughout, and which is bent intermediate its ends, as at 1, to provide the layers 2 which are disposed in close contact and bent, as at 3, to provide a garment-engaging hook 4. And the end portion of said hook is slightly bent, as at 5, to provide for the ready attachment of the article to the waist band of the trousers, as will be understood.

The inner layer of the hook member 4 has a straight and downwardly extended portion or shank 6 which projects beyond the hook end 1, and is thence bent with a gradual curve 7 to provide the hook 8 to which the key ring A or other article to be carried is attached. The shank 6 is disposed to contact with the end of the garment-engaging hook 4, and thereby provides the required resiliency for gripping the fabric to hold the article in applied position. The outer member or layer 2 of the garment-engaging hook is extended downwardly and angularly with respect to the shank 6 to provide a tongue or hook guard 9, and the end 10 of said tongue is disposed in contact with the inner surface of the end of the hook 8.

The necessary resiliency for the tongue or hook guard 9 is provided for through the medium of the slot or cut-away portion 11 formed in the outer layer 2 of the hook 4 and extending from approximately the point *a* adjacent the bend 3 to the point *b* adjacent the bend 5 (see Figs. 3 and 5). By reason of the uniform thickness of the metallic strip said slot forms the pair of narrow metal strips 12, which, through the medium of their bent portions at the place 3, afford the necessary resiliency for keeping the tongue 9 in engagement with the hook 8, as above stated.

From the foregoing it will be seen that a key ring holder is devised which will securely hold the article against loss, and that said holder may be conveniently worn at any point on the waist line of the trousers, and it will be further noted that the peculiar design of the article avoids or conceals any projecting part which would offer an obstruction and possibly tear the clothes of the wearer.

In practice the article is to be constructed of metal, but it is proposed that the same may be plated, japanned, or otherwise finished or decorated to suit the special market for which it is designed.

It is obvious that those skilled in the art may vary the details of construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of my invention, and there-

fore I do not wish to be limited to such features except as may be required by the claim.

I claim:

A device of the character described comprising a single strip of metal of uniform thickness throughout bent intermediate its ends and folded upon itself for a portion of its length to provide a garment-engaging member, the end of said garment-engaging member being angularly disposed to provide for ready attachment to the garment; one end portion of the strip being bent to provide a supporting hook, the other end portion of the strip formed continuous with said garment-engaging member and providing a tongue guard engaging the hook, said tongue guard immediately adjacent said garment-engaging member being cut-away intermediate its sides to provide for resiliency, and said angular end portion of the garment engaging member being disposed in close contact with one face of the shank of said hook portion whereby to provide gripping means, substantially as described.

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

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