

W. Lindon.

Watch Key.

N^o 84,558.

Patented Dec. 1, 1868.

Fig. 1.

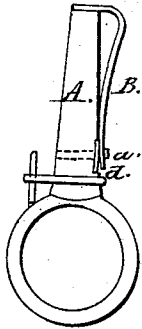
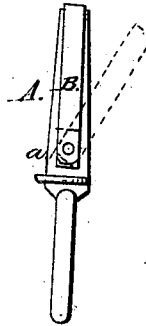


Fig. 2.



Witnesses:
J. H. Thurman
A. J. Tibbels

Inventor:
William Lindon
PER
Thos E. Carle
Attorney



WILLIAM LINDON, OF NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.

Letters Patent No. 84,558, dated December 1, 1868.

IMPROVEMENT IN WATCH-KEYS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM LINDON, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Watch-Keys; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in

Figure 1, a side view, and, in

Figure 2, a side view, turned one-quarter from the position of fig. 1.

The object of this invention is an attachment to a key, whereby the barrel may be closed when not in use, to prevent the entrance of any substance into the barrel; and consists in the arrangement of a spring or plate upon the outside of the barrel, so as to be turned up over and cover the end of the barrel when not in use, and which, when turned to one side, uncovers the barrel for use.

In order to the clear understanding of my invention, I will fully describe the same, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

A is the barrel of an ordinary watch-key, upon one side of which is pivoted a plate, B, extending up and turned over, so as to cover the end of the barrel, as in fig. 1.

It is pivoted to the barrel at *a*, a convenient distance from the end of the barrel, so as to be turned from the barrel, as in fig. 2, and back over the barrel, as in fig. 1.

To produce a sufficient amount of friction to hold the plate B in its position when turned away, I arrange an elliptic spring, *d*, (see fig. 1,) between the body of the key and the plate B, which presses against the plate B with sufficient force to retain it in any position to which it may be turned.

The end of the plate B, which covers the barrel, may have upon its under surface a projection or indentation, so that, when turned over the key, the said projection will snap into the barrel, and thus hold the cover in that position.

Having thus fully described my invention,

What I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In combination with the key A, the plate B, pivoted to the key, and bent so as to cover the barrel, and arranged thereon so as to be turned to and from the barrel, as and for the purpose specified.

WILLIAM LINDON.

Witnesses:

J. H. SHUMWAY,
A. J. TIBBITS.