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KEY HOLDER

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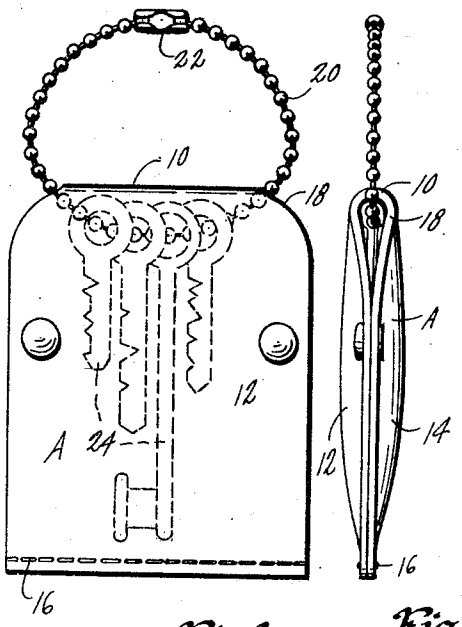


Fig. 1.

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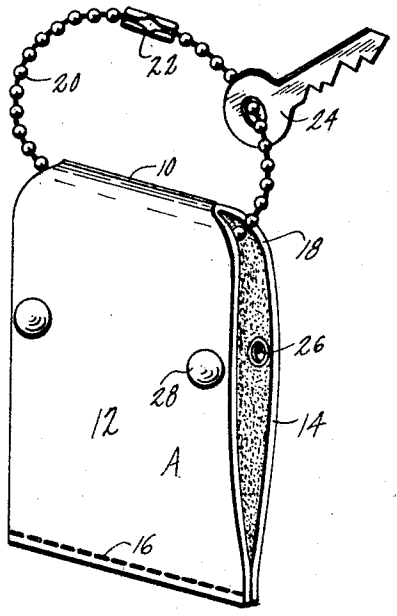


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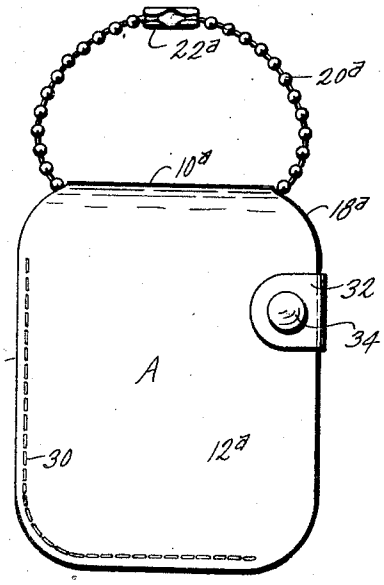


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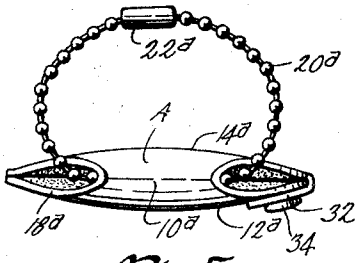


Fig. 5.

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KEY HOLDER.

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The object of my invention is to provide a key holder of very simple, durable and inexpensive construction.

More particularly it is my purpose to provide a key holder of novel construction which can be made at a low cost and is so constructed that the keys may be protected from contact with the pocket when the device is carried in the pocket and yet each key can be readily separated from the others when it is desired to use it.

With these and other objects in view my invention consists in the construction, arrangement and combination of the various parts of my device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a key holder embodying my invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the same.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the key holder.

Figure 4 is a plan view of a modified form of the holder; and

Figure 5 is an end elevation of the holder shown in Figure 4.

In the accompanying drawings, I have used the reference character A to indicate generally the pocket or receiving portion of my holder. This comprises a strip of material preferably leather, folded over along a central transverse line as at 10 to form top and bottom members 12 and 14 superposed one upon the other.

The free edges of the holder thus formed are preferably fastened together as by stitches 16 illustrated in Figures 1 and 3. There is thus formed a holder open at its sides and closed at its ends. At the corners of the holder A at the ends of the fold line 10, portions are preferably cut away as at 18.

I provide a suitable chain or the like 20 having any proper means 22 for fastening its ends together. The chain is inserted through the holder A and its ends are then fastened. As many keys 24 may be placed on the chain 20 as is desired.

It will be seen as illustrated in Figure 1, that the keys 24 may be placed between the members 12 and 14 of the holder. Suitable snap fastening devices 26 and 28 may be fastened to the members 12 and 14 near the side edges thereof in proper coacting position so that the side edges may be fastened together if desired.

There is thus provided a very simple key holder of such a kind as will permit the keys to be easily put into the holder A where the pocket will be protected against the keys. The projecting portion of the chain or flexible device 20 can be hung on the belt or allowed to hang free.

When it is desired to use any of the keys, any one of them can be slipped out of the holder and slid along the chain to any desired position. Each key will be free enough from the others to permit its most convenient manipulation. Such a device does not usually get out of order.

If the user desires to keep out one or two keys which are most frequently used, they can be allowed to hang on that portion of the chain 20 outside the holder A. In Figures 4 and 5 I have shown a slightly modified form of the holder. I provide a strip holder A similar in construction to that already described, except that the stitches or fastening means are extended around one side and across the bottom as at 30.

At the other side, a flap 32 is fastened to the member 14^a which corresponds to the member 14 already described and is adapted to fold over the member 12^a and to be fastened thereto by suitable snap device 34. The chain 20 is used with the form of holder shown in Figures 4 and 5. Such a device as is here mentioned, may be made at a minimum of expense.

A blank for the holder A may be cut at one operation of the die, the leather is then folded over and stitched along the line 16 or along the line 30.

In the form of device shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3, the snap fastening means may be installed before or after the sewing operation. A chain 20 is easily installed and is very inexpensive. It may be replaced in case it should break.

In the form of device shown in Figures 4 and 5, the flap 32 may be formed as a part of the member 14^a or fastened thereto.

Some changes may be made in the details of the construction of my key holder without departing from the real spirit and purpose of my invention and it is my purpose to cover by the claims hereinafter written, any suitable materials, any modifications in shape, form or arrangement of parts which may be

reasonably included within the scope of my claims.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A key holder comprising a flexible strip folded over along a transverse median line and having its edges at the end opposite the fold fastened together, a flexible key member extended between the sides of said strip having its ends detachably connected together, whereby keys on the flexible member may be conveniently held in the complete holder between the sides of the flexible strip, and any or all of the keys on the flexible member may be quickly and easily removed from the holder for use.

2. A key holder comprising a flexible strip folded over along a transverse median line and having its edges at the end opposite the fold fastened together, a flexible key member extended between the sides of said strip having its ends detachably connected together, whereby keys on the flexible member may be conveniently held in the complete holder between the sides of the flexible strip, and any or all of the keys on the flexible member may be quickly and easily removed from the holder for use, said holder having means for fastening its sides together.

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