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Fig. 1

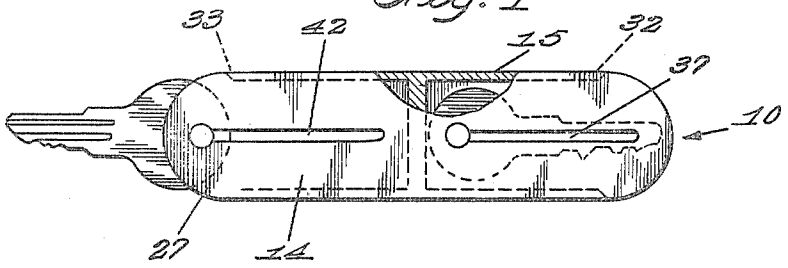



Fig. 2

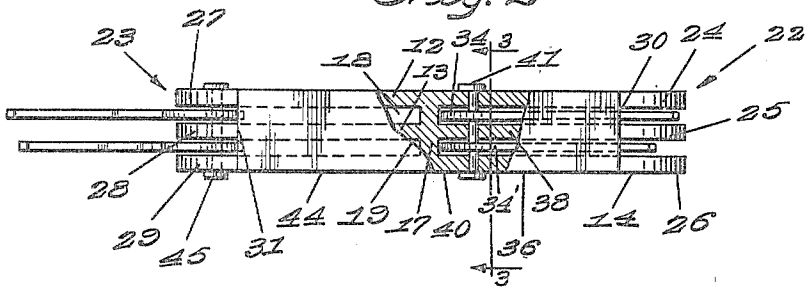



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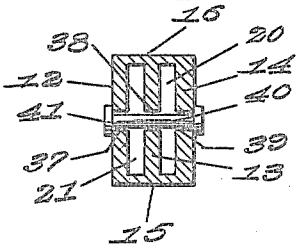
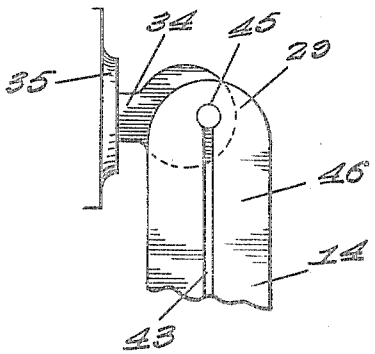



Fig. 4




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There is disclosed in the following specification and the drawings accompanying the same and forming a part of this application for patent, an invention the primary purpose of which is to provide an automobile key container so arranged as to contain four keys, the common number usually required for an expensive type car and upon the outer wall of each pocket of the container may be inscribed the particular lock to which each key belongs.

Another object of the invention is to provide a key case having a plurality of independent pockets within which keys may be slidably contained.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a key case provided with individual pockets for each key and means whereby the keys are movable in or out in pairs.

Other features and advantages will become more readily apparent from the following description and the accompanying illustrative drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a broken away plan view of the invention,

Figure 2 is a broken away elevational view thereof,

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2, and

Figure 4 is a diagrammatic view illustrating an application of the invention.

While one embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the above referred to drawings, it is to be understood that they are merely for the purpose of illustration and that various changes in construction may be resorted to in the course of manufacture in order that the invention may be utilized to the best advantage according to circumstances which may arise, without in any way departing from the spirit and intention of the device which is to be limited only in accordance with the appended claims. And while there is stated the primary field of utility of the invention it remains obvious that it may be employed in any other capacity wherein it may be found applicable.

In the accompanying drawings, and in the following specification, the same reference characters are used to designate the same parts and elements throughout and in which 10 has reference to the complete invention which consists of a case or key container formed of preferably three like parallel walls 12, 13, and 14 connected and suitably spaced by side walls 15 and 16 and a central wall 17 dividing the case into four separated pockets 18, 19, 20, and 21 open at the

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extreme ends 22 and 23 of the case. The extending outer ends 24, 25, 26, and 27, 28 and 29 of the walls 12 to 14 are formed arcuate between the edges 30, 31, and 32 and 33 of the side walls 15 and 16 in order that when the keys 34, etc., when inserted in a lock 35, will not prevent the case 10 from swinging down at right angles to the key as indicated in Figure 4 of the drawings.

Each of the walls 12 to 14 on one side 36 of wall 17 are provided with longitudinal aligning slots 37, 38, and 39, through which a pin 40 projects and upon which keys 34 may be pivoted. One end of the pin is threaded to receive a nut 41 and along which slots the pin 40 is slidable for moving in pairs keys 34 and 34' into or out of their respective pockets 20 and 21. Similar slots 42, 43, etc., are provided in the walls 12 to 14 on the opposite side 44 of said walls for the pin 46.

Ordinarily an automobile requires a key for the ignition, one for the doors, one for the trunk, and one for the door between the trunk and seating compartment of the car. A plurality of keys of this nature often becomes a nuisance as several keys may have to be tried for a particular lock before the correct one is found. However, with my above described key container the proper key to be used may be instantly ascertained by merely looking at the inscriptions on the outer walls of the case.

From the foregoing specification it will become apparent that the invention disclosed will adequately accomplish the functions for which it has been designed and in an economical manner and that its simplicity, accuracy and ease of operation are such as to provide a relatively inexpensive device considering what it will accomplish and that it will find an important place in the art to which it appertains when once placed on the market.

It is thought that persons skilled in the art to which the invention relates will be able to obtain a clear understanding of the invention after considering the description in connection with the drawings. Therefore, a more lengthy description is regarded as unnecessary.

Changes in shape, size and rearrangement of details and parts such as come within the purview of the invention claimed may be resorted to, in actual practice, if desired.

Having now described the invention, that which is claimed to be new and desired to be procured by Letters Patent is:

1. A key retainer comprising a casing having parallel side walls and an intermediate wall

therebetween, a transverse partition connecting all of said walls intermediate their extremities, said walls and partition defining a plurality of pockets each open at both sides and one end of the walls, said walls having registering slots extending longitudinally thereof on each side of said partition and a key retaining means extending through and slidable in said registering slots for simultaneously selectively advancing and retracting a pair of keys from said pockets.

2. A key retainer including a casing, a pair of pockets in said casing, common means for pivotally supporting a key in each pocket, the walls of said pair of pockets having longitudinally extending registering slots therein, said common means comprising a pin extending transversely of said casing and slidable in said registering slots.



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