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Fig. 1.

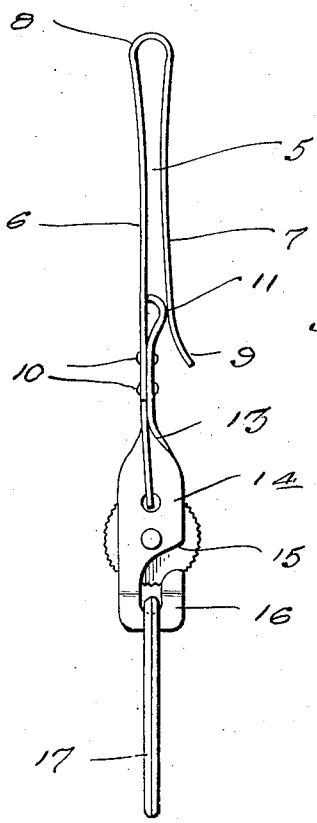


Fig. 2

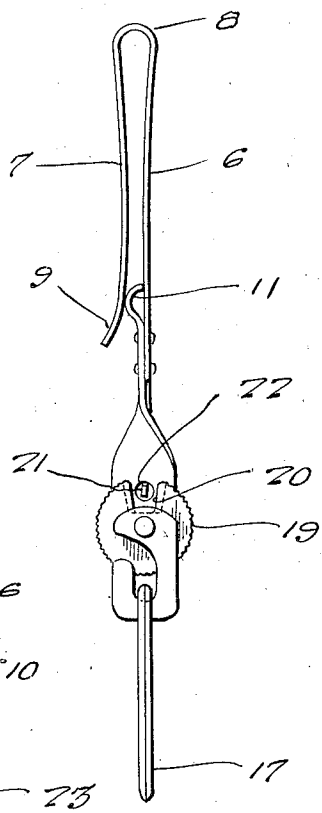
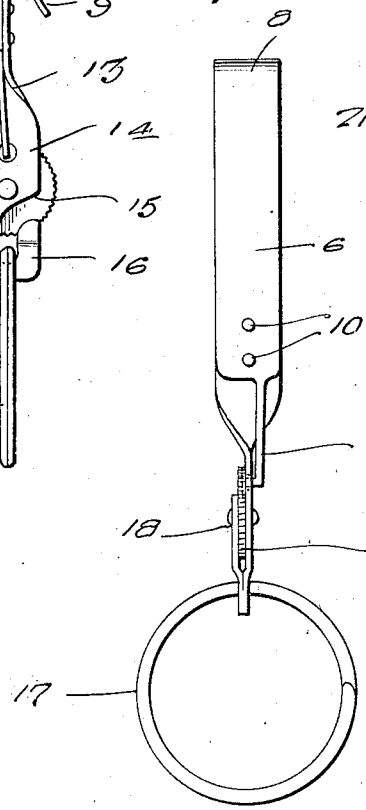


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. GNEGY, citizen of the United States, residing at Blaine, in the county of Mineral and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Belt Clasps and Key-Ring Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to belt clasps and key ring holders and has for its primary object to provide a belt clasp and key ring holder so constructed as to produce but a single article.

An additional object of this invention resides in the provision of a composite article of the above character, wherein the key ring holder is provided with a highly novel locking means that makes it almost an impossibility for the key ring to be accidentally displaced with respect to its holder.

A still further object is the provision of an article of the above character that may be manufactured and marketed at relatively small cost, the same comprising but few parts and these co-related in such a manner as to reduce the possibility of disarrangement to a minimum.

With the above and other objects in view, as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same comprises the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing wherein like reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the three views:

Figures 1 and 2 are elevational views of opposite edges of the combination belt clasp and key ring holder constructed in accordance with the invention, and

Figure 3 is an elevational view of the front side of the present article.

Now having particular reference to the drawing, my novel composite article includes the provision of a single length of strap metal, preferably spring steel reversely bent upon itself to provide a relatively long spring clasp 5, that includes spaced parallel leg portions 6 and 7, joined together at one end by a loop portion 8.

The free end of the leg 7 is bent outwardly at its lower end as designated by the reference character 9 for allowing of the easy application of this clasp to the belt while riveted to the inner face of the leg 6 and this adjacent the lower end thereof as at 10, is the upper curved end 11 of a relatively elongated strip of metal 13. It will therefore be seen that this upper curved end 11 of said strip of metal affords an effective stop for the belt that engages between the legs 6 and 7 of the clasp and this above said stop, it being necessary when it is desirable to remove the clasp from the belt that the outermost leg 7 will have to be sprung manually slightly outwardly.

Directly beneath the point of connection of the leg 6 to the clasp 5, said strip of metal 13 is given a one-fourth twist to provide a right angular plate portion 14, that is formed at its lower end and at one of its edges with a curved slot 15 for providing a hook 16 for the usual key ring 17.

The lower hooked end 16 of this plate 14 is formed with an upwardly bent portion 18 that is also formed with a curved notch registering with said notch 15 of the plate, and between which and the plate is rotatably mounted a ring locking disc 19 which is milled at its periphery for facilitating the rotation thereof. This disc 19 is provided with a notch 20 that opens at the periphery of the disc and the edges of which are bevelled at the side adjacent the plate 14 for allowing the same to be manually forced over an inwardly extending pit 21 that projects through an inwardly extending pit 21 that projects thru an opening 22 in the plate 14 and that is formed upon the lower end of a pendant spring finger 23, that is also formed upon the lower end of the leg 6 of said spring clasp 5. It will be obvious that this means prevents any accidental rotation of said disc 19.

It will therefore be seen that by forcibly rotating the disc 19 so as to bring the notch 20 in alignment with the registering notches in the plate 14 and upwardly bent portion 18, the key ring 17 may be engaged within the hooked end of the plate, after which said disc may be further rotated to the position shown in the several views for preventing accidental displacement of the key ring.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a highly novel and useful combination belt clasp and key ring holder, and one wherein the liability of the belt clasp from becoming disengaged from the belt will be reduced to a minimum, and wherein there will be little or no liability of the key ring becoming displaced with respect to its hook.

Even though I have herein shown and

described, the most practical embodiment of the invention with which I am at this time familiar, it is nevertheless to be understood that minor changes may be made within the invention without departing from the spirit and scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

In a combination article of the character described, a clasp element, a loss preventing device forming a part of said clasp element, a plate formed upon the lower end of said loss preventing device, and formed with a notch adjacent its lower end, said notched plate providing a hook for the reception of a key ring, means carried by said plate for preventing disengagement of the ring with respect to the hook, and means carried by said clasp element for cooperation with said first mentioned means for preventing accidental operation of said first mentioned means.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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