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POCKET KEY CASE.

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Fig. 1.

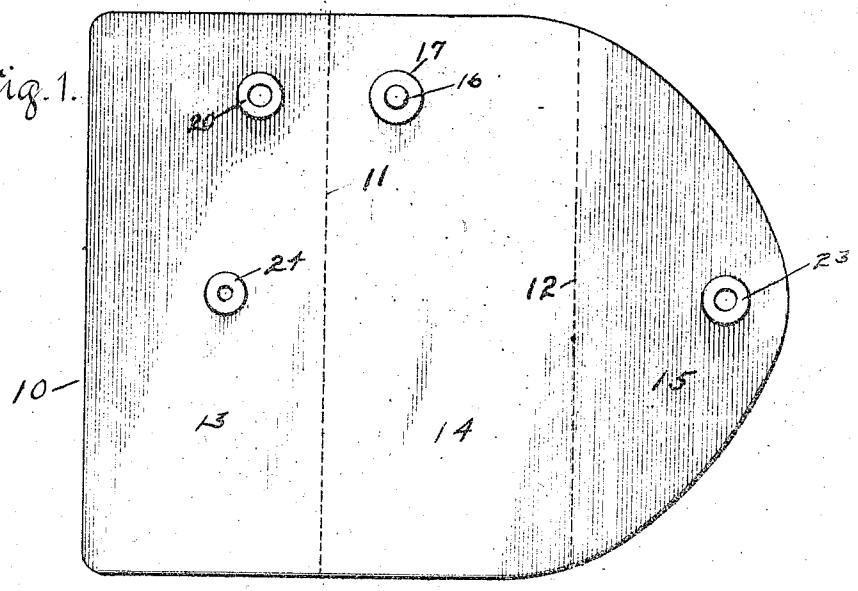


Fig. 2.

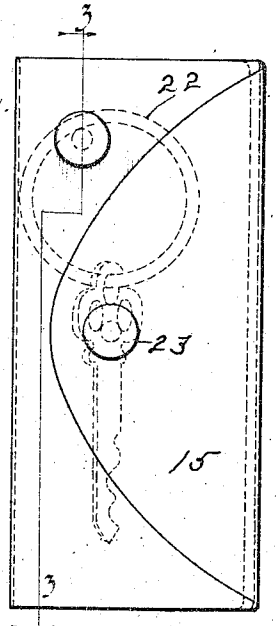
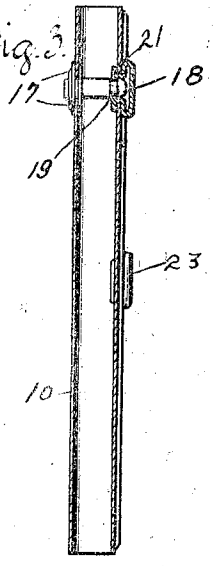


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT C. McFARLAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Pocket Key-Cases, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in pocket key case.

An object of the invention is, to provide a case suitable for holding a bunch of keys, which may be cheaply manufactured, which incloses the keys, which permits of the removal of the key ring with the keys whenever it is desired to add more keys to the key ring, and which may be conveniently opened to permit the use of the keys carried therein.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved key case, and showing the same spread open; Fig. 2 is a plan view of the case as the same appears when folded, and indicating in dotted lines the position assumed by the key ring and keys; and Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken substantially on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

In carrying out my invention, I provide first a piece of pliable, foldable material 10, which may be of leather or other suitable fabric, cut to the shape indicated in Fig. 1, and foldable about the lines 11 and 12, thus forming three portions 13, 14 and 15, of which the portions 13 and 14 form the case proper, and 15 is a flap. The case is provided with a post or stud for the key ring, which, as shown, comprises a stud or pintle 16 permanently attached to the portion 14 by means of suitable washers 17—17. The post 16 is rounded at its free end, as indicated at 18, and is also grooved as indicated at 19. The case 10 is provided with a snap fastener 20 located on the opposite side of the line 11 to that on which the post 16 is located, the fastener 20 being permanently secured to the portion 15, as clearly indicated in Fig. 3, and adapted to snap over the rounded head 18 of the post. Said fastener 20 is provided with a rib 21 (see Fig. 3) which engages with a yielding pressure in the groove 19, in a well known manner.

In using my device, the key ring 22 is placed over the post 16, and the fastener 20 snapped thereon, as shown in Fig. 2. To keep the key ring with its keys in place while the case is being carried in the user's pocket, the flap 15 is folded over the portion 13, and detachably held in place by means of coöperating snap fasteners 23—24.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that the keys and key ring are completely enveloped by the case, thus minimizing wear of the user's pockets in which the keys are ordinarily carried. The ring and keys are substantially permanently attached to the case, but may be removed at any time when desired to add additional keys to the ring, or take off keys not used. By unfastening the flap, the keys are always readily accessible, and can be swung out of the case about the post as a pivot.

I claim:—

1. A key case comprising a single piece of foldable material having a post permanently attached thereto, said material being provided with a snap fastener attached thereto at a point spaced from the post, said fastener coöperating with the end of the post to detachably hold a key ring or the like on said post.

2. A key case comprising a piece of material provided with portions forming the case proper and a flap, a post attached to one portion of said material, a snap fastener cooperable with said post and attached to the material at a point spaced from the post, the material being foldable about a line located between the post and said fastener, and means for detachably holding said flap in closed position.

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