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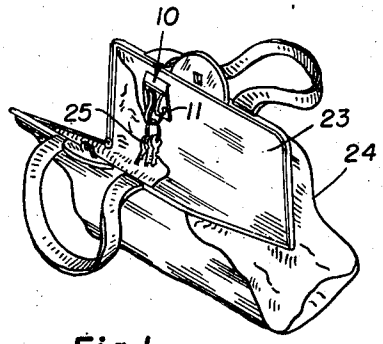


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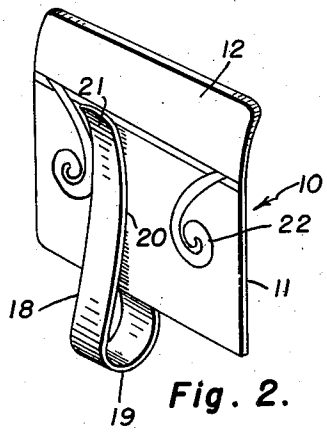


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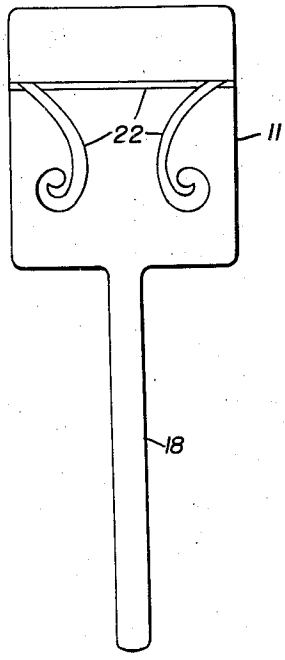


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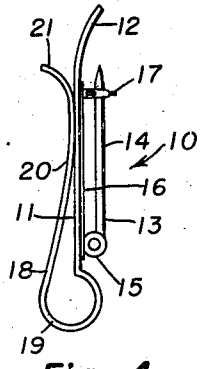


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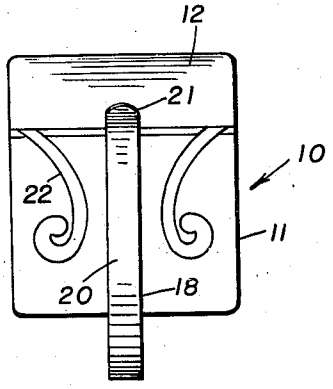


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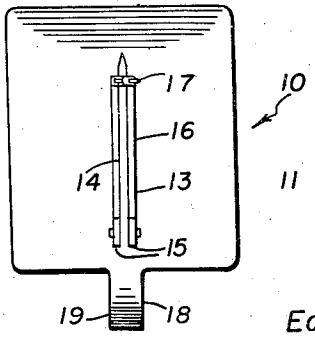


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements and structural refinements in key holders, and the principal object of the invention is to provide a device of the character herein described, which may be conveniently and effectively employed for removably securing keys in ladies' handbags or purses, so as to eliminate the conventional annoying experience of attempting to find the key among various other articles which are usually carried in such bags or purses.

A further object of the invention is to provide a key holder in which the key may be readily applied or removed, and which, as a whole, may be quickly and easily attached to or detached from the purse or handbag.

Another object of the invention is to provide a key holder which is simple in construction, pleasing in appearance, and which will readily lend itself to economical manufacture.

With the above more important objects in view and such other objects as may become apparent as this specification proceeds, the invention consists essentially of the construction and arrangement of parts as shown in the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the invention in situ in a purse;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the invention per se;

Figure 3 is a developed plan view of the blank from which the invention is formed;

Figure 4 is an end view of the subject shown in Figure 2;

Figure 5 is a front elevational view thereof, and

Figure 6 is a rear elevational view of the same.

Like characters of reference are used to designate like parts in the specification and throughout the several views.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings in detail, the invention consists of a key holder designated generally by the reference character 10, the same embodying and in its construction a vertically disposed plate 11, the upper edge portion of which is rearwardly arcuated as indicated at 12.

A clasp designated generally by the character 13 is mounted on the back or rear surface of the plate 11, the clasp 13 being of more-or-less conventional construction and including, inter alia, a vertically disposed pin 14 which is hingedly mounted at one end thereof in a fork or bracket 15, the latter being provided at one end of a mounting strip 16 secured to the plate 11 in any desired manner. The remaining end of the strip 16 is equipped with a detent 15 which is adapted to engage the free end portion of the pin 14, as will be clearly apparent.

A strip-like extension 18 is formed integrally at the lower edge of the plate 11 and is arcuated to provide what may be referred to as a keeper seat 19 and an upwardly extending, resilient tongue 20.

It will be noted that the upper end portion of

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this tongue is forwardly arcuated as indicated at 21, and if desired, a suitable design 22 may be inscribed on the front surface of the plate 11 for purposes of ornamentation.

When the invention is placed in use, the holder, as a whole may be secured to the lining 23 of the handbag 24 by means of the clasp 13, preferably adjacent the mouth of the handbag, as illustrated in Figure 1.

In this connection, it will be noted that the rearwardly arcuated portion 12 of the plate 11 will bear, as it were, against the lining of the purse, and in this manner, will effectively prevent the entire holder from twisting, additional bearing being afforded by the keeper seat 19.

The keys 25, either singly are mounted upon a ring or chain, may then be removably applied to the upwardly extending hook constituted by the keeper seat 19 and the tongue 20, thus rendering the keys immediately accessible, in place of the conventional practice of attempting to find them among other articles positioned in the handbag.

While in the foregoing there has been shown and described the preferred embodiment of this invention it is to be understood that minor changes in the details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A key holder comprising a vertically disposed, substantially rectangular plate, a vertically extending pin hinged at its lower end to the rear face of said plate, a detent carried by the rear face of said plate at the upper end of the pin for engaging the free end thereof, the upper end of said plate being arcuate to extend over the free end of the pin to shield the same, and a strip-like extension at the lower end of said plate bent back upon itself to provide a keeper seat.

2. The combination of claim 1 wherein said strip includes a spring loop formed adjacent the lower end of said plate having a rearwardly projecting portion extending beyond the rear face of the plate.

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