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Fig. 1.

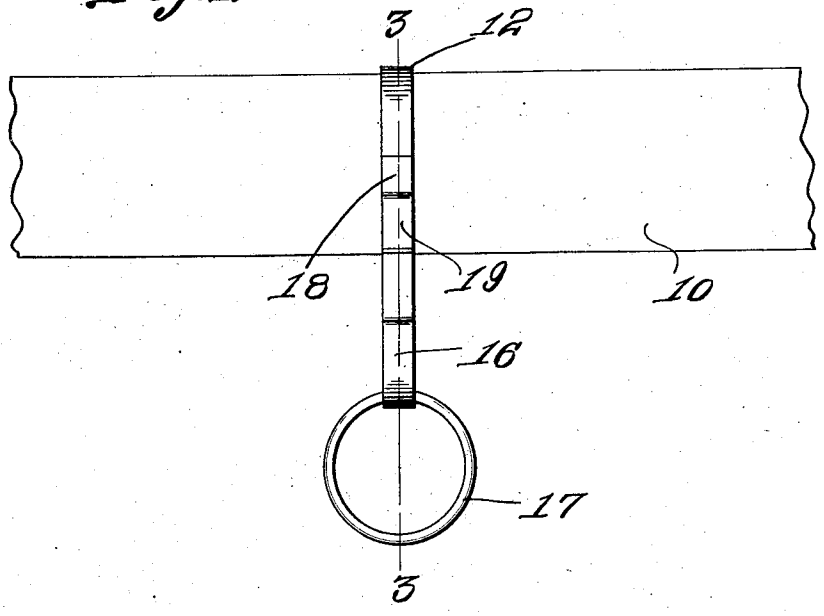


Fig. 2.

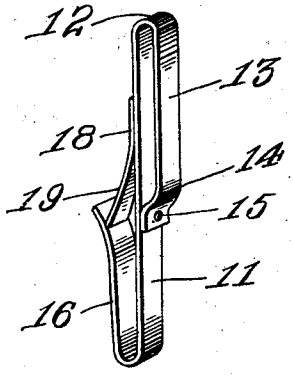
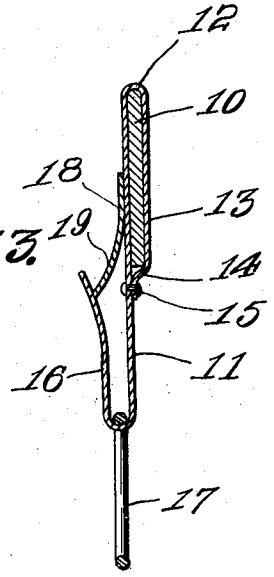


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to improvements in key ring holders and contemplates the provision of an elastic strip of material bent upon itself in forming an attaching loop wherein a portion of the wearer's belt may pass therebetween in securing the holder thereto against accidental displacement but allowing the necessary sliding movement thereon for positioning the holder at any desired point in the length of the user's belt.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a hook formed upon the lower portion of the strip and having its upper end substantially offset and adapted for frictional and contacting engagement with a spring finger struck from the major portion of the strip whereby the key ring thus supported upon the hook may not become accidentally displaced therefrom or lost.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention further includes the following novel features and details of construction, to be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a fragmentary side elevation of a belt showing my present invention applied thereto.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of my invention per se.

Figure 3 is a vertical sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawing in detail, wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts, the reference character 10 indicates a fragmentary portion of a belt to which my present invention is applied and has application upon.

The invention residing in the provision of a relatively flat resilient strip of metal as indicated at 11 being bent upon itself upon its upper end as indicated at 12 in forming a spaced parallel strip 13 extending rearwardly of the strip 11 and being substantially offset adjacent its lower end and secured to the corresponding rear side of the strip 11 as indicated at 15.

The lower free end of the strip 11 terminating in an upwardly and outwardly extending hook 16 for the reception of a key ring of the usual and conventional form as indicated at 17 thereon.

In order to provide a locking means upon the strip 11 for association with the hook 16 in retaining the ring 17 against accidental displacement when so arranged upon the hook 16, I provide a spring finger 18 secured to the forward side of the strip 11 and terminating in a downwardly and outwardly extending end portion 19 for contacting and frictional engagement with the inner and upper outwardly extending end portions 16.

In the mode of operation of the present invention it is clearly apparent and manifest that owing to the provision of a loop thus formed by the bending of the strip 11 upon itself in forming the spaced parallel strip 13 extending rearwardly thereof and secured in the manner described to the corresponding side of the strip 11 that the necessary loop is thus formed for the reception of a wearer's belt as indicated at 10 therebetween which owing to the construction thereof permitting sliding movement of the holder upon the belt but eliminating any possibility of its accidental displacement or theft therefrom. Owing to the construction and association of the hook 16 and the spring finger 18 provided upon the strip 11 it is to be noted that a spring latch or lock is thus completed in securing the key ring 17 within and upon the hook 16 whereby the key ring 17 is deprived of any possibility of loss upon the hook 16.

The invention is susceptible of various changes in its form, proportions and minor details of construction, and the right is herein reserved to make such changes as properly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described my invention what is claimed is:—

A key ring holder of the character described comprising a resilient strip forming a closed elongated attaching loop upon its upper end for the reception of a user's belt therethrough, a supporting hook depending therefrom having its free end curved outwardly, and a spring finger provided upon the forward side of the strip and having its lower end bent outwardly to frictionally engage the upper free end and inner side of the supporting hook.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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