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Fig. 1.

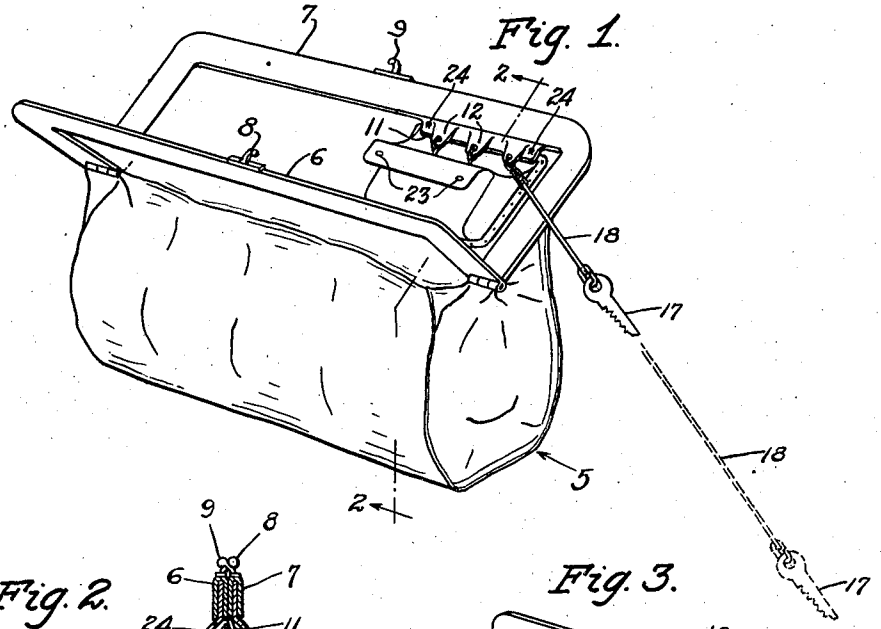


Fig. 2.

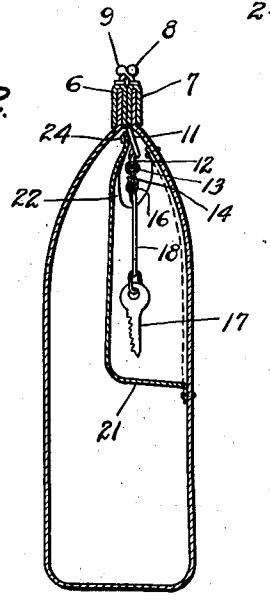
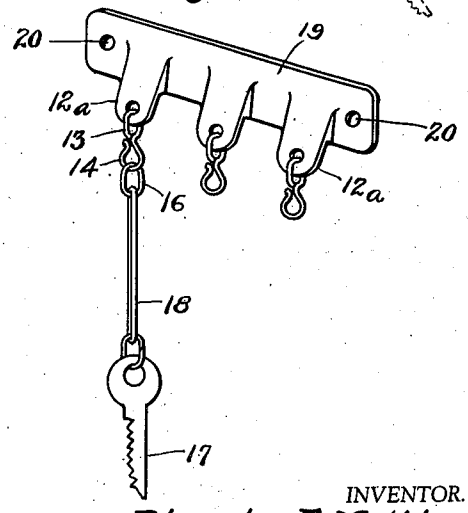


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to means for housing and for supporting keys, small tools, and like objects in a conveniently accessible position for use. The invention further pertains both to a satchel or other portable container having combined therewith a key-holding attachment, and to a new article of manufacture which consists of a key-holding device interiorly attachable to such a satchel or container.

An important object of the invention is to simplify the construction and lessen the cost of manufacture of devices of the kind to which the invention pertains without impairing their usefulness.

Another object of the invention is to produce a new article of manufacture consisting of a key-holder of a very simple, efficient character which may readily be attached to the inner portions of satchels, shopping bags, or like containers now on the market.

Other objects, advantages and features of the invention will hereinafter appear.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, which illustrates what is at present deemed to be a preferred embodiment of the invention,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an open satchel, showing the invention applied to the interior thereof.

Fig. 2 is a cross section of a portion of the satchel shown in Fig. 1, the line 2—2 in the latter view indicating the plane of section, in a closed position.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a modification showing same as an article of manufacture.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the invention is shown applied to a satchel 5 the mouth portion of which is furnished with sheet metal lips or selvage plates 6 and 7 which are respectively provided with cooperating catch elements 8 and 9. Said selvage plates 6 and 7 are of the doubled over type in order to afford protection to both faces of the edge portions of the fabric of which the satchel body is composed, adjacent to the mouth portion thereof.

The selvage plate 7 is shown having its inner portion furnished with an anchorage extension 11 which is directed inwardly with relation to the mouth portion of the sack. A plurality of apertured inwardly extending, inclined ears 12 are struck up from said extension 11, and onto each of said ears is fastened the eyeletted portion 13 of a hook or hanger 14. To the hook portion 14 of each of these hangers is secured a link 16 which is shown connected to a key 17 by means of an elastic cord or connection 18.

In Fig. 3 the anchor plate 19 is shown constructed as a new article of manufacture, and furnished at each end with an aperture 20 whereby it may be riveted or otherwise secured to a satchel or bag already on the market. In this view the ears to which the hooks 14 are secured are lettered 12a.

An inner pocket wall 21 is shown to be used, when desired to house the keys. Said wall has a flap 22 along its upper edge with eyelets 23 to cooperate with buttons 24.

It will be seen that, in both embodiments of the invention, the end portions of the ears 12, or 12a, of the anchor plate are spaced outwardly from said plate in such a manner that the attached anchor plate will hold each connection away from the back wall of the satchel pocket 21. This enables the user readily to pass the fingers of his or her hand behind a connection and thus easily grasp it to withdraw the key to be used.

I claim:

1. A satchel having pivotally connected rigid lip portions, an elongated plate having a substantially straight flat body portion and having a plurality of apertured ears projecting from a face thereof, said ears being inclined in such a manner as to space their apertured portions away from the plane of that face of the plate from which they project, means attaching said plate internally to one of said lip portions of the satchel with said ears projecting inwardly therefrom, an inner satchel pocket having a wall portion detachably connectible with said plate above its said ears, and flexible connections provided with key-holding means, said connections being secured to the apertured portions of said ears.

2. The subject matter of claim 1 and, said connections being extensible and possessing sufficient contractability to support keys attached to their free ends above the bottom of said inner pocket when the satchel is in position for use.

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