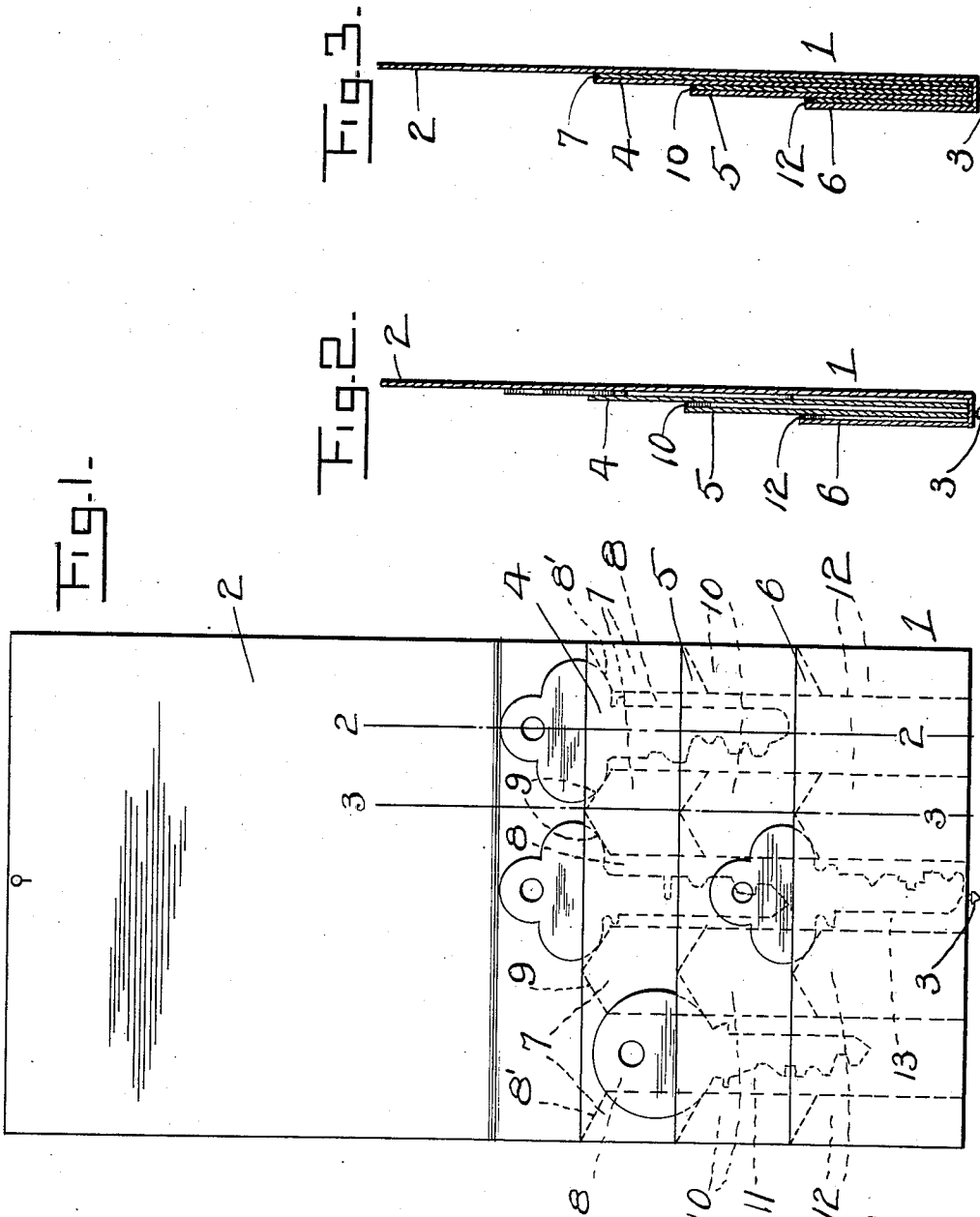


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MILTON C. ELLIOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Norfolk, in the county of Norfolk, State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Key-Books; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in key books, and it has particular reference to a device of this character comprising a body flap formed with overlying pockets and a closure flap, the device being so constructed that it may easily be carried in the pocket so as to take up less room and with less wear on the clothes than the key rings ordinarily employed.

The invention has for its object to provide a novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts, the details of which will appear in the course of the following description, in which reference is had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, like characters of reference designating similar parts throughout the several views, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a key book constructed in accordance with the present invention, the book being open and containing a number of keys. Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring specifically to the accompanying drawings, the numeral 1 designates the body of the book preferably constructed of leather and having an integral flap or leaf 2 constituting a closure and designed to be engaged by a suitable clasp 3 carried centrally of the lower edge of the body 1. A sheet of leather 4 of less depth than the body 1 has its sides and lower edges secured thereto, and in like manner a sheet 5 of less depth than the sheet 4 is secured to said sheet and a sheet 6 of less depth than the sheet 5 is secured to said sheet 5. Between the body 1 and the sheet 4 are spaced parallel vertical strips 7, coextensive therewith in height, the spaces therebetween affording pockets 8 for the reception of the individual keys. The strips 7 are secured to both said body and said sheet, and the end strips are formed with downwardly and inwardly inclined upper edges 8 affording

edges of the intervening strips are inclined downwardly from a central point on each side, as at 9, so as to afford shoulders and at the same time to coact with the opposing inclined edge of the adjacent strip in affording the mouth of each pocket of increased width. When a key is disposed in a pocket 8 its working position lies between the parallel sides of the strips and its head rests upon the shoulders and projects above the sheet 4.

Similarly constructed and secured strips 10 are interposed between the sheets 4 and 5 and are coextensive in height with the latter, the strips 10 affording pockets 11 of less depth than the pockets 8. In like manner strips 12 are disposed between the sheets 5 and 6, said strips being coextensive in height with the latter and affording pockets 13 of less depth than the pockets 11. It is preferred to arrange the strips in coincident relation as is indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 1. It will thus be seen that the pockets are admirably adapted to contain keys of varying length. For instance, the longest keys are inserted in the pockets 8, and the shorter keys, according to their size in the pockets 11 and 13. A key holder constructed in accordance with the present invention is simple, inexpensive and efficient, and will prove especially useful to watchmen and other officers of building or streets.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that simple and efficient means are provided for accomplishing the objects of the invention, but, while the elements herein shown and described are well adapted to serve the functions set forth, it is obvious that various minor changes may be made in the proportions, shape and arrangement of the several parts without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

What is claimed, is:

A key-book comprising a flexible body portion; sheets overlying the same in superposed relation to form pockets, said sheets successively decreasing in depth from said body portion and being attached thereto along their coincident side and bottom edges; and a series of partition strips interposed between said sheets, and between the innermost sheet and said body portion, in spaced parallel relation to provide compartments for the individual keys, said strips having their length corresponding to the depths of the outer

5 sheets of the pairs between which they are interposed, the intermediate strips having their upper edges inclined downwardly from a central point in opposite directions, and the end strips having their upper edges inclined downwardly throughout their whole extent, the inclined edges of the several strips affording widened mouths for the compartments

and serving to limit the inward movement of the keys into the same.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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