

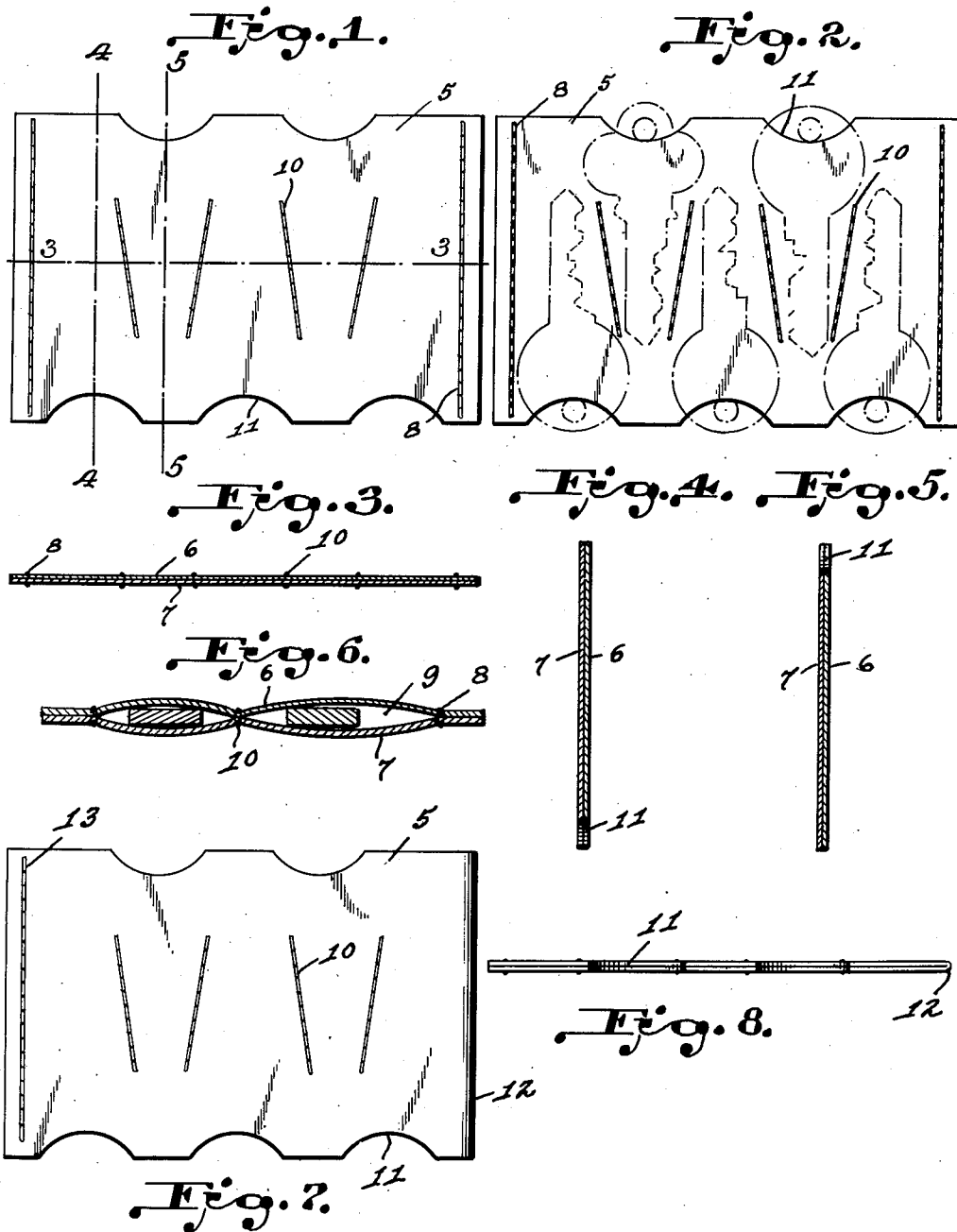
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This invention relates to key holders and has for its object to provide a holder constructed of laminated sheets of material fastened together at spaced intervals to form a series of pockets adapted to receive and retain a plurality of keys so they may be conveniently carried in billfolds, pocketbooks, hand bags and the like.

A further object of the invention resides in constructing the holder of layers of woven or flexible material secured together at their ends, the layers being joined together, intermediate their ends, by transverse diagonal rows of stitching dividing the space between the layers into separate pockets adapted to receive keys inserted between the layers from opposite sides thereof.

Another object of the invention resides in providing a key holder which is simple and durable in construction, convenient in use and inexpensive to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the holder,

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the holder showing the keys inserted therein,

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 4 is a transverse section taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 5 is a transverse section taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary longitudinal section showing the keys inserted in the pockets,

Fig. 7 is a plan view of a slightly modified form of holder, and,

Fig. 8 is an edge view of the holder shown in Fig. 7.

Referring to the drawing wherein for the purpose of illustration the preferred embodiments of the invention are shown, the body 5 of the holder is composed of laminated sheets of woven fabric, leather, plastic or other suitable material. There are two or more sheets of material 6 and 7 of substantially rectangular shape. The sheets are secured together at each end by transverse rows of stitching 8 which extend the full width thereof. The space between the sheets is divided into pockets 9 by transverse diagonal rows of stitching 10 which terminate short of the opposite edges of the sheets. Each succeeding row of stitching 10 is inclined in the opposite direction

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so that the pockets are substantially tapered in shape so as to be wider at one end than at the other end thus restricting the insertion of the key from the wide end of the pockets only. The opposite edges of the sheets are provided with notches 11 in line with the wide ends of the pockets which serve as guides for inserting the keys and also facilitates withdrawal of the keys.

In Figs. 7 and 8 a slightly modified form of the invention is shown wherein the body is formed from a single sheet of material folded, as at 12, intermediate its ends to form a double layer sewed together at their free ends by a row of stitching 13. In this form the pockets are formed in the same manner as in the form of the invention shown in Fig. 1. It is apparent the body may be formed of two or more layers of material and by increasing the number of layers the number of pockets may be increased in multiples of five.

When it is desired to insert keys in the pockets of the holder the shank of the key is inserted between the sheets of material so as to enter the pocket from the wide end thereof. As the head of the key is wider than the shank the insertion of the key in the pocket will be limited by reason of its tapered shape and the head will be positioned in the notch along the edge of the sheets so it may be easily grasped by the fingers when it is desired to withdraw the key. While the sheets forming the body are preferably secured together by stitching it is apparent other suitable fastening means may be employed such as gluing, staples or snap fasteners.

It is to be understood that the forms of invention herein shown and described are preferred examples of the same and changes in the shape, size and arrangement of the parts may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A key holder comprising a body composed of superposed layers of flexible material, oblique transverse rows of stitching securing said layers together and terminating short of the side edges of said layers, said each succeeding row of stitching being obliquely disposed in a direction opposite to that of the next adjacent row to provide a series of tapered pockets open at both ends, and notches formed in the opposed side edges of the layers in alignment with the wide end of said pockets.

2. A key holder comprising a body composed of superposed layers of flexible material secured together at their ends and spaced oblique transverse rows of stitching intermediate the ends,

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each succeeding row of stitching being obliquely disposed in a direction opposite to that of the next adjacent row of stitching with the ends of the rows in spaced apart relation to provide a series of tapered pockets open at both ends with the wide end of each succeeding pocket being adjacent opposite longitudinal edges of the body.

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