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Fig. 1.

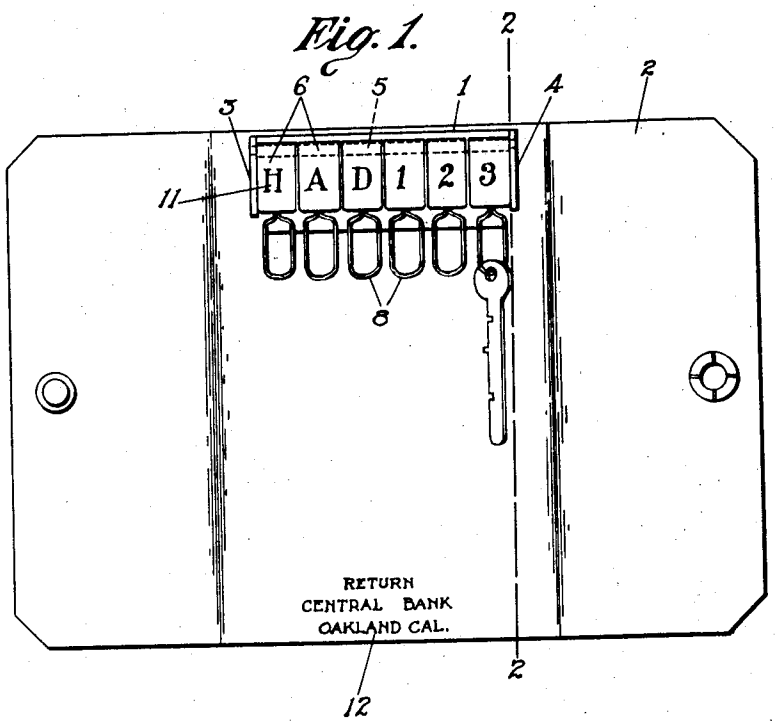


Fig. 2.

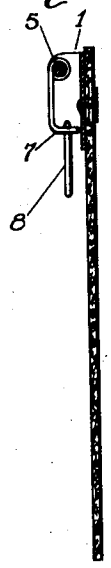


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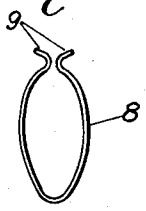
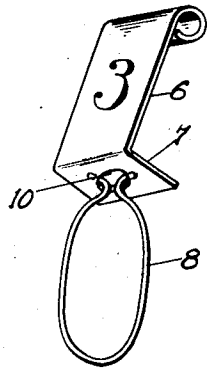


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. BUSHNELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Berkeley, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Key Purses, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improved key holder.

The object of my invention is to provide an inexpensive and simple holder, and to provide means thereon whereby it may be identified by a receiving agency, and returned to the owner.

By my construction of the key purse, I have one longitudinal shaft extending between the upturned ears of the metal bracket, and on this shaft, are mounted a plurality of individual holders made of flat sheet metal, bent to form a journal, and having an aperture in the lip of the holders to engage an individual key ring. The flat surface of the holder provides a plate on which various indicia may be marked. The individual key rings are of simple formation, and consist of a loop of wire with a pair of extending tips engaging through the aperture in the lip of the holder.

Another object is to illuminate the indicia upon the various key holders so that any desired key may be selected in the dark.

The indicia may be marked on the plate of the holder with luminous paint of any well known kind. It is, however, preferable to press the letters or numerals into the face of the plate, and embed the luminescent material in the depressions.

In the annexed drawing in which my invention is illustrated,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my key holder.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Figure 3 is a side view of the key ring.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the key ring and mount.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, a frame 1 is suitably secured within the usual folio 2, which is adapted to close over the keys in the usual manner. The frame 1 has a pair of upturned ears 3 and 4 formed at either end thereof, and a shaft 5 is secured therebetween. A plurality of holders 6 are journaled to the shaft 5. These holders are formed of a single strip of metal, the upper ends of which are bent around the shaft and the lower ends of which are bent inwardly at an angle to form the lip 7.

Key rings 8 are mounted in each of the holders 6, and consist of a spring wire loop having upwardly extending tips 9 formed at the top thereof, which tips are adapted to extend through a hole 10 in the lip 7, thus holding the ring in position, and also enabling it to swivel with the turning action of the key in the lock.

When it is desired to insert a key, the ring is compressed, thus retracting the tips 9 from the hole 10. The ring is now slipped through the usual hole in the key, after which the tips 9 are again inserted in the hole 10.

Each of the holders 6 has formed thereon a suitable index or number, as shown at 11 in Fig. 1. These numbers or indicia are recorded by the merchant selling the article, whose name appears at 12 on the folio 2, thus if the holder should be lost it is returned to the merchant who looks at his record and returns it to the purchaser, thus it is impossible for a thief finding the keys to gain access to private vaults, boxes, and so forth.

The indicia upon the holders 6 are also illuminated so that they may be seen at night, and any desired key may be selected by this means.

The index letters or numerals 11 are marked with luminous paint, such as any well known phosphorescent material. These letters and numerals may be made with depressions in the plate.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A key-container comprising a folio and frame secured in the said folio, a shaft mounted in said frame, sheet metal holders journaled upon said shaft and having apertures adjacent the lower end of each holder and key-rings each comprising a loop of spring wire having upwardly extending tips on the end of said loops and the said tips extending upwardly through the said apertures in the holders.

2. A key container comprising a folio, a metal frame secured therein, having upturned ears at each end, a shaft secured between the said ears, a plurality of sheet metal holders, journaled on the shaft, the holders having a depending lip with an aperture therethrough, and a key ring

formed of a wire loop, with upwardly and outwardly extending tips, forming with the loop a restricted neck, said neck portion being adapted to engage the aperture in the said lips.

3. In a key container, a shaft, a sheet metal holder having a right angular bend at one end to form a lip, and a circular bend at the other end to form a journal for the holder on the said shaft, an aperture through the lip, and a key ring comprising a loop of spring wire having upwardly and outwardly extending tips, said tips being secured through the aperture in the lip, and holding the ring in position.

4. In a key holder, a sheet metal holder having a right angular bend at one end to form a lip, a circular bend at the other end adapted to form a journal for the holder, an aperture through the lip, and a key ring comprising a loop of spring wire having upwardly and outwardly extending tips, said tips being secured through the aperture in the lip, and holding the ring in position, and indicia marked on the face of the sheet metal holder in a luminous material.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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