

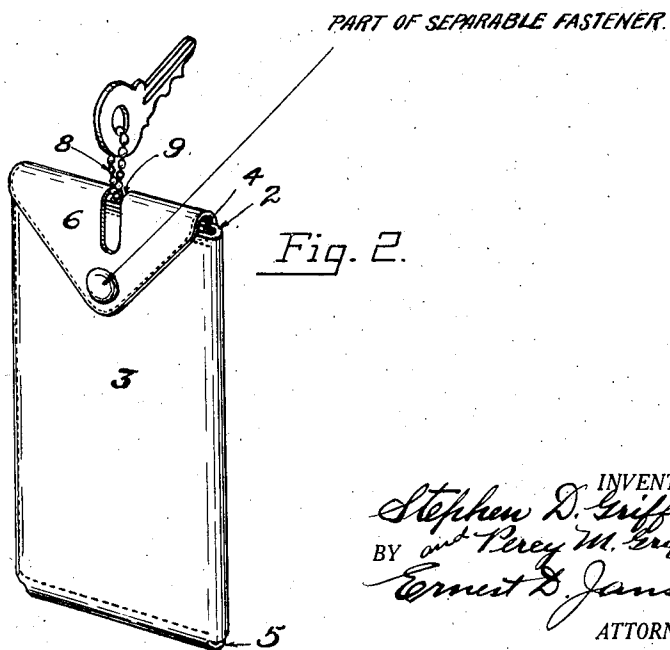
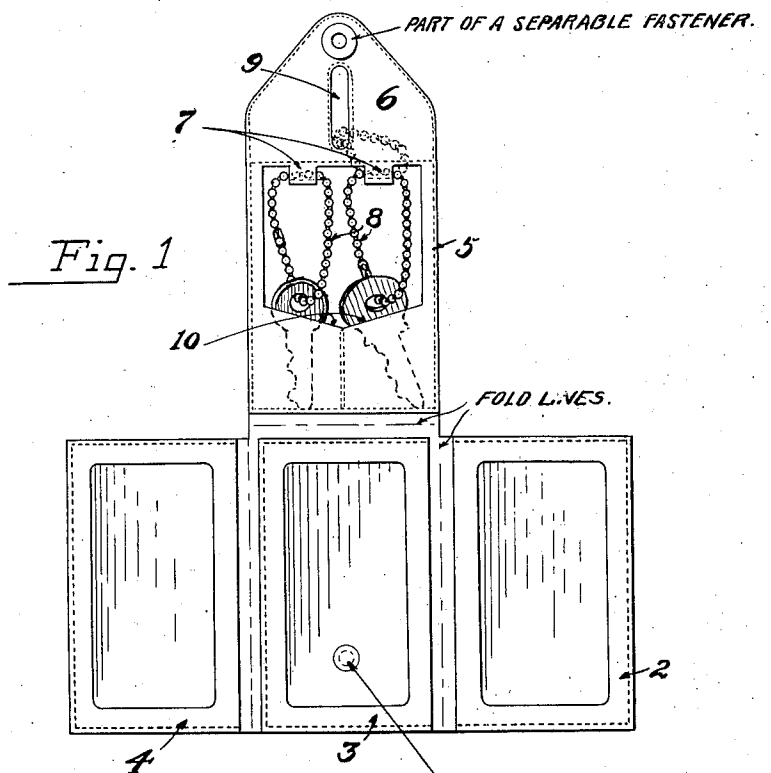
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Our invention relates to key containers made of leather or fabric.

In many jurisdictions it is required that persons operating an automobile upon the public highways thereof shall have in their possession while so doing, various licenses, identification cards and the like, failure to do so making them liable to certain penalties.

One object of our invention is to provide an improved, handy, compact container for the keys which are generally required in order to make possible the regular operation of an automobile, and to so mount them therein that any one of them may be left projecting from the container when it is closed, and be readily available for use, as when the key to the ignition circuit is to be inserted in its appointed place, while the other key or keys are fully protected by the closed container and are thereby prevented from contacting with and jangling against the instrument board or other object when supported from the projecting key.

A further object of our invention is to eliminate the danger of a person inadvertently operating an automobile without having in his possession those credentials which are required by law.

The manner in which we have accomplished our objects is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of our improved combined key and license container when completely opened out.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same when closed, one of the keys projecting therefrom so as to be readily available for use.

Referring to the drawings, especially Fig. 1, thereof, it will be seen that in its entirety our invention comprises a key container, and a card or license container, combined into a single device. The key container part comprising the section 5 one end of which terminates in a cover flap 6, to which is secured one part of a separable fastener, the other end of the section 5 joining onto a pocket section 3, to the back of which is secured another part of the aforesaid separable fastener. Other pocket sections, 2, and 4, join onto the sides of the section 3. Each pocket section is preferably provided with a transparent window through which the contents of the pocket will be visible; and if desired both the front and back of the pocket sections other than the one

carrying a part of the separable fastener, may be provided with a transparent window.

While we have shown three pocket sections it is of course obvious this number may be increased or decreased. The pockets in the end pocket sections preferably open along their inner sides so that the contents thereof cannot escape when the container is properly folded.

The inner surface of the key holding section 5, at a point or points near the cover flap 6, is provided with means, as the looped straps 7, whereby a flexible key holding loop (or loops) 8, may be secured to the section, and in the cover flap 6 is formed an opening 9 through which a key on one of the loops 8 may be passed and so remain outside the container when the same is closed, as illustrated by Fig. 2. The lower part of the section 5 is provided with a pocket, or pockets 10 in which the keys may be inserted so as to restrain them from moving sideways and so working out of the container when it is closed.

A combined key and license container arranged and constructed substantially as illustrated and described is a handy, compact device which will hold the keys securely, while permitting any one of them to be left projecting in position for use. By combining a card or license holder with our improved key container we have produced a device the use whereof will eliminate the probability of inadvertent disobedience to some of the laws which govern operators of automobiles.

While we now prefer to make our improved device substantially as illustrated, we do not wish to be limited to the precise structure and arrangement shown as numerous changes may be made without going beyond the scope of the appended claims.

We claim:

1. In a device of the character described, a body portion including a central section and foldable side sections adapted to be lapped over said central section, an intermediate section forming a continuation of the central section and connected with one end thereof, said intermediate section being adapted to be folded over said side sections, a closure flap carried by the intermediate section and adapted to be attached to the central section, and key supporting means carried on the inner face of the intermediate section, said closure flap having an elongated opening through which said

key supporting means is adapted to be extended when the device is closed.

2. In a device of the character described, a body portion including foldable sections capable of being arranged one upon the other, an intermediate section extended from one end of one of the body sections, and of uniform dimensions to fold over said section, a closure flap forming part of the intermediate section, pockets formed on the inner face of said intermediate section, a plurality of key supporting

means carried by the intermediate section and adapted to be normally arranged in said pockets, and said closure flap having a slot through which a single key and its supporting means can be extended when the device is closed. 15

In testimony whereof we have affixed our signatures.

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