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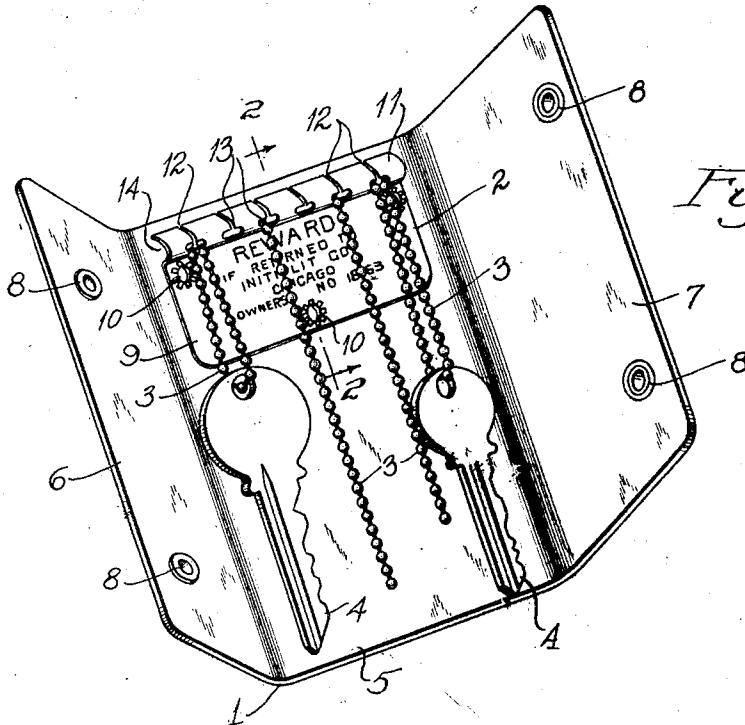


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

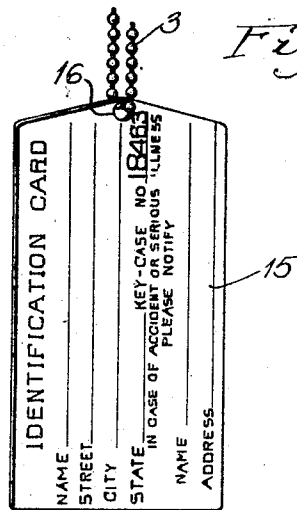
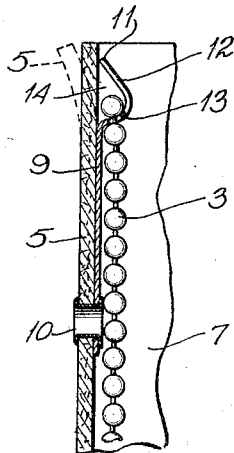


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to key purses and more particularly to key purses of that class in which individual keys are carried within a case.

5 The main objects of this invention are to provide a key purse having an improved form of key hangers; to provide improved key hangers which are adjustable so as to accommodate keys of different lengths; to
10 provide improved key hangers of this kind which are adapted to lie substantially flat so as not to injure the case; to provide an improved form of mounting for supporting the hangers; and to provide a key purse of
15 this kind having improved means for identifying the owner.

An illustrative embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

20 Fig. 1 is a perspective of a key purse in its open position and showing a pair of keys carried by the improved loop hangers.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

25 Fig. 3 is a plan of an identification card intended to be filled out by the owner and returned to the merchant.

The common form of key purse heretofore in use, included a plurality of independent
30 hooks hinged to a metal mounting within a leather case. These hooks made the purse bulky and had a tendency to puncture the leather or other material of which the case was made. Such hooks of prior purses were
35 all of one size and made no provision for keys of various lengths.

The above mentioned objectionable features of prior key purses are overcome in purses embodying this invention. In the
40 specific form herein shown, the improved key purse comprises a case having an improved mounting which supports a plurality of flexible hangers. The improved hangers are adapted to lie substantially flat so as to
45 require a minimum amount of space, and are adjustable in length.

In the specific construction shown, the improved key purse comprises a case 1, to which is secured an improved mounting 2
50 for supporting a plurality of hangers 3 which are adapted to support keys 4.

The case 1 is preferably made of leather, or similar suitable material, and comprises a back 5 and flaps 6 and 7 which are adapted
55 to overlap and to be secured together by suitable clasps such as glove fasteners 8.

In the specific form shown, the improved mounting 2 comprises a metal stamping having a flat portion 9, on which is engraved or stamped information as to the identity of
60 the owner or other indicia. The mounting 2 is secured to the back 5 of the case 1 by rivets 10 or other suitable fastening means.

The upper edge of the plate 9 is curled to provide a flange 11 having a plurality of
65 substantially parallel slots 12 extending inwardly from its upper edge and enlarged at their inner ends to provide recesses 13. The upper edge of the flange 11 is substantially flush with the flat plate 9 so as to
70 normally abut against the upper portion of the back 5 which thereby closes the mouths of the slots 12 to secure the hangers 3 against accidental displacement. The back
75 5 is flexible so that the upper portion thereof may be readily flexed away from the flange 11 to permit the insertion and removal of the hangers as hereinafter described.

In the form shown, the improved hangers
80 3 comprise chains of the ball and pin link type. The ends of the chains 3 are seated in the recesses 13 of the flange 11 by sliding them through the narrow slots 12. The extremities of the chains 3 are located in the
85 pocket 14 between the flange 11 and the back 5 and, therefore, do not cause any bulging of the case. In order to adjust the chains 3 to accommodate keys of different lengths, it is necessary merely to cut each chain to
90 the required length.

When the key purse is sold or otherwise distributed, it is preferably accompanied by an identification card 15 which is filled in
95 by the owner of the purse and then returned to the merchant for record. At one end of the card 15, is an aperture 16 adapted to receive one of the chains 3 whereby it is temporarily secured to the purse.

With this improved means of identification,
100 the purse is permanently marked so as to make the purse of little value to one other than the true owner.

With the improved construction and arrangement of parts herein shown and described,
105 a very compact purse is formed which is substantially flat even when filled with keys.

To insert a key into the improved purse, the upper edge of the back 5 is flexed away
110 from the flange 11 and one end of a chain 3 is removed from its seat 13. After the

key has been placed on the chain, the free end is returned to its seat.

Although but one specific embodiment of this invention has been herein shown and described, it will be understood that numerous details of the construction shown may be altered or omitted without departing from the spirit of this invention as defined by the following claims.

10 I claim:

1. A key purse comprising a case, a mounting secured to said purse and provided with a curled upper edge having a plurality of slots, and a plurality of key chains
15 whose ends are seated in said slots to form loops which are adjustable in length.

2. A key purse comprising a case, a mounting secured to said purse and provid-

ed with a curled upper edge to provide a pocket between said case and mounting, said
20 curled edge having a plurality of slots, and a plurality of key chains whose ends are seated in said slots to form loops which are adjustable in length.

3. A key purse comprising a casing hav-
25 ing a flexible back, a mounting secured to said back and having its upper edge normally flush with said back, said mounting having slots extending inwardly from said upper edge, the mouths of said slots being
30 normally closed by a portion of said flexible back, and key supporting hangers seated in said slots.

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