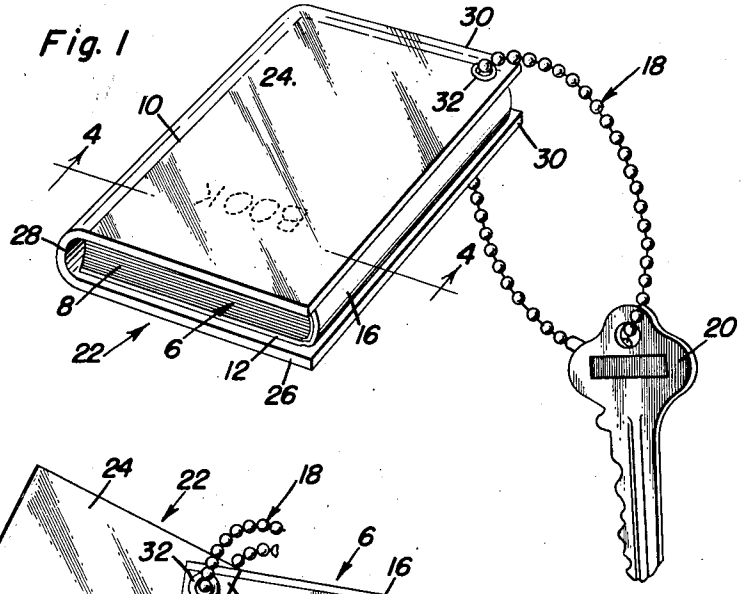
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Fig. 1



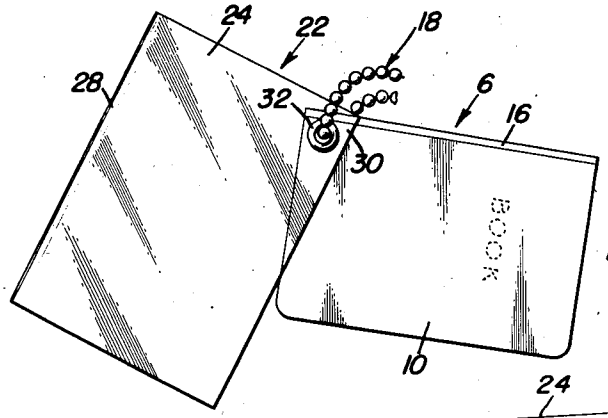


Fig. 2

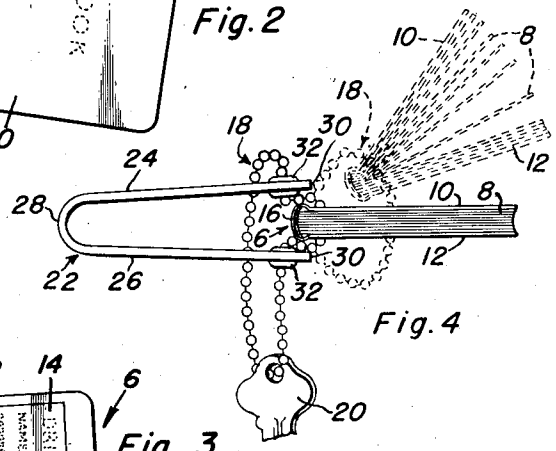


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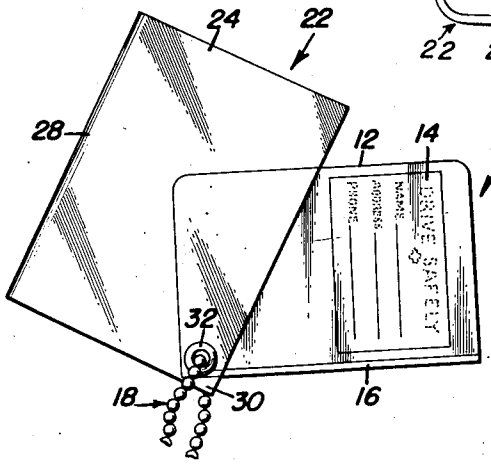


Fig. 3

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This invention relates broadly to key rings, chains, and the like but has more particular reference to those which are used for carrying and linking so-called car keys, for instance, ignition and trunk keys.

An object of the invention is to utilize the key-ring, or chain, as the case may be, as a carrier for an amulet which functions not only as a charm but is primarily instrumental as a constant reminder to drive carefully and with due obedience and consideration for others at all times. Automobile drivers, for the most part, exercise due diligence and caution. However, and no matter how observing they are, the toll of accidents mounts from year to year. More likely than not, many such accidents are traceable to carelessness notwithstanding the admonitions of the National Safety Council that all must obey accepted regulations and strive to be law and order respecting individuals.

Key chain charms and religious medals and keepsakes of many and varied kinds are used by innumerable drivers to assist in hopefully carrying out their daily driving requirements. Perhaps, too, there are those who habitually carry the holy Bible, this for the common good of all concerned. If, however, the latter is out of sight in the glove compartment or elsewhere, it is often likely to be out of mind.

In carrying out the principles of the present invention I combine a flexible element, such as a chain, keys, and a worthy talisman, the Bible, to provide a more reliable ways and means to promote respect for traffic rules and regulations. To this end, I employ a miniature, but nevertheless effective, Bible. The latter is normally encased in a transparent sheath and the two are chained or otherwise hingedly joined to provide a unique but effective assemblage functioning as a reliable and constant reminder to drive as they would have others drive.

In keeping with my inventive ideas the Bible, with its inscribed title thereon, is visible through the transparent cover portions of the companion sheath. Then, too, the Bible is a further reminder in that it may be swung out of the sheath and significant messages referred to and read from time to time. Therefore, the over-all adaptation is one in which manufacturers and users will find their needs fully met, contained and effectively available.

Objects and advantages in addition to those above set forth will become apparent from the following detailed description and claims.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings where-

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in like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the views:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the aforementioned reminder with a chain and key attached thereto;

Figure 2 is also a perspective view, with a portion of the chain omitted, showing the manner in which the miniature Bible, the stated religious reminder, is swung out from the sheath for accessible use;

Figure 3 is a perspective view conforming to Figure 2 with the parts now reversed and showing identification media mounted on the back cover of the miniature Bible; and,

Figure 4 is an enlarged edge elevation observing the illustration in Figure 2 looking from bottom to top and showing the Bible swung to its fully open position and, in addition, completely removed, except for the chain, to a readily openable and readable position in phantom lines.

Referring now to the illustrative drawings with the assistance of reference numerals and accompanying lead lines it will be seen that the miniature Bible (book or the like) is denoted by the numeral 6. In practice this will be a genuine Bible of appropriate size for pocket and car use and the leaves 8 thereof will be printed to carry the ten commandments and such other prayers and messages as are thought to be significantly appropriate by the publisher. The front cover 10 will display, as usual, the title "Holy Bible." The back cover 12 (see Figure 3) will be provided with a card or label 14 in the nature of a printed blank form corresponding to an identification card having places for the name, address, and telephone number of the owner. The leaves and cover members are integrated with the usual binding or so-called back 16. The covers and leaves will be pierced to provide a passage for a key chain 18. The expression "chain" is obviously intended to comprehend an endless flexible element, "ring" or other equivalent holder for one or more car keys. For simplification I have shown a single key 20 attached to the chain in Figure 1.

The protecting and enclosing sheath is denoted by the numeral 22. This is preferably made from transparent commercial plastic material and comprises cover members 24 and 26 joined by a hinging web 28. Since the sheath is substantially U-shaped in cross-section the part 28 could, of course, be referred to as the bight. The corner portions 30—30 are also apertured and the apertures are reinforced by grommets 32—32. These grommet-equipped holes or apertures are lined

up, obviously, with the passage through the corresponding corner portion of the Bible and the chain passes slidably therethrough. In practice the chain will be of sufficient length to provide the desired slack so that the cover members **24** and **26** may be spread slightly apart to facilitate swinging the Bible **6** from its enclosed position shown in Fig. 1 to the partly open positions shown in Figures 2 and 3 or the wholly projected position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 4. The parts, when in the position shown in Figure 3, will serve to bring the identification card **14** into play if necessary or desired. The parts as shown in Figure 2 render the Bible partly accessible for use, and, as stated, the Bible may be bodily withdrawn from the sheath, due to the slack provided in the chain and may then be opened up for reading, if so desired and brought out in Fig. 4.

It will be noted in the drawings that the Bible has a definite relationship to the sheath. That is to say, the binding or back **16** faces outwardly whereas the turnable edge portions of the leaves **8** are opposed to the bight or web portion **28** of said sheath. This insures against undue wear and tear of the Bible in its normally enclosed position. Then too, the cover members **24** and **26** of the sheath will be of sufficient resiliency as to lightly "clamp" the Bible in its enclosed position. Thus, by having the back **16** lined up with the open marginal edge portion of the sheath it is an easy matter to catch hold of the Bible with the fingers and swing it out to its usable position. Further, by having the chain connection situated at corresponding corner portions of the sheath and Bible, the latter may be swung "in" and "out" with requisite freedom and may be more easily opened up for reference and reading purposes. Furthermore, since the sheath is of transparent material, the Bible and accompanying title or other indicia, even though encased therein, will be at all times visible to serve as the aforementioned constant safe driving reminder. Finally, in actual practice, there will be inscribed on the sheath, at a suitable place, the inscription, "Thou shalt not kill."

It is thought that persons skilled in the art to which the invention relates will be able to obtain a clear understanding of the invention after considering the description in connection with the drawings. Therefore, a more lengthy description is regarded as unnecessary.

Minor changes in the shape, size and arrangement of details coming within the field of invention claimed may be resorted to in actual practice, if desired.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A constant reminder comprising a sheath, U-shaped in cross-section and embodying a pair of spaced parallel cover members joined together along corresponding longitudinal edges by a resilient bight portion, said cover members being transparent and the free longitudinal edge portions of said cover members remote from said bight portion being spreadable and providing an intervening variable space, a bound book slightly smaller than and fitted within the confines of said sheath, the bound edge portion of said book being remote from said bight portion and situated in and aligned with said space and the openable edge portion being contiguous with and parallel to said bight portion, at least one surface of said book having printed indicia which is clearly visible through the adjacent cover member of said sheath, and an endless flexible element situated adjacent said bound edge portion and having a portion thereof passing through opening means provided therefor in corresponding corner portions of said cover members and the intervening corresponding corner of said book, the length of said element being such as to permit said book to be rotated through said space and, if desired, bodily dislodged and moved through said space to a position outside of the bounds of said sheath.

2. A constant reminder comprising a substantially rectangular transparent U-shaped sheath embodying a pair of resilient spaced parallel cover members joined together along corresponding longitudinal edges through the medium of an intervening resilient bight portion, the remaining longitudinal edges defining an intervening space, corresponding corner portions of said cover members being provided with holes, said holes being situated at one transverse end of the sheath adjacent to said space and remote from said bight portion, a bound book normally enclosed within the confines of said sheath, said book having printed indicia thereon visible through said transparent cover members, one corner portion of said book adjacent to the bound edge portion having a passage aligned with said holes, and an elongated flexible element slidably laced through the respective holes and passage, said flexible element being endless, being located adjacent said bound edge portion, and being of a length to allow the book to be swung outwardly through said space from its position within the confines of the sheath to a position wholly beyond the aforementioned corner portions and the respective holes and passage in the latter.

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