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KEY RING HOOK.
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Fig. 1.

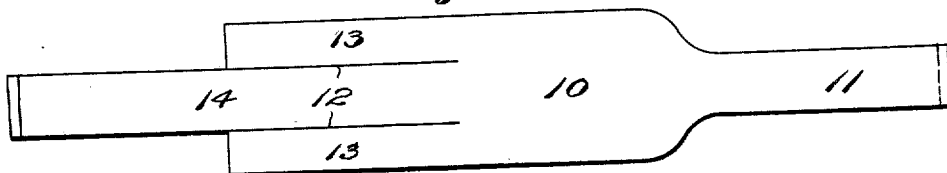


Fig. 2.

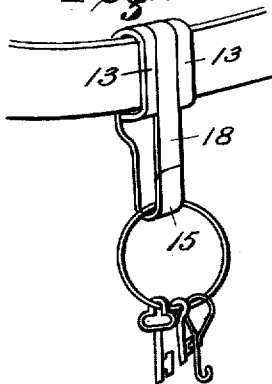


Fig. 3.

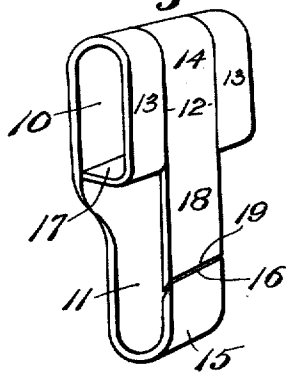
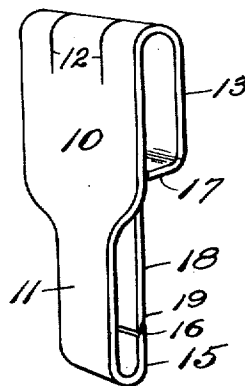


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM N. MORRISON, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Key-Ring Hooks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

10 My invention relates to a key ring hook, the principal objects of my invention being to provide a comparatively simple device which is secured to and suspended from a belt, said belt being constructed so as to hold in a secure manner a key ring or the like; further, to provide a device which will permit the ready attachment or removal of the key ring and the keys carried thereby, and, further, to construct the device from a single piece of material thereby simplifying and minimizing the cost of manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the blank metal section from which my improved key ring holder is formed.

30 Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder in position on a belt.

Fig. 3 is a front perspective view of the holder; and

35 Fig. 4 is a rear perspective view of said holder.

As will be noted in the drawings the holder is formed from a single piece of suitable sheet metal, the same being cut preferably by means of dies, to the shape as illustrated by Fig. 1. The blank thus formed comprises a main body portion 10, from one end of which projects a tongue 11. The opposite end portion of the body 10 is provided with longitudinally extending parallel slits 12, thereby forming a pair of side strips 13 and a central strip or tongue 14, the latter being extended for a suitable distance beyond the ends of said side strips.

The outer end of the tongue 11 is bent to form a substantial U-shaped hook 15 which occupies a position below and in front of the body portion 10 when the latter is in its normal or vertical position. The upper free

edge of the hook 15 is beveled inwardly and downwardly as designated by 16. The strips 13 are bent forwardly and downwardly to positions in front of the body 10 and the end portions of 17 of said strips are bent rearwardly so as to occupy a plane substantially at right angles to that occupied by the body 10. The ends of these portions 17 bear directly against the front face of the body 10.

The strip or tongue 14 is bent forwardly and downwardly with respect to the body 10 so as to occupy the same plane with the strips 13, and the end portion 18 of said tongue extends downwardly in front of the upper portion of strip 11. The lower end of this portion 18 is beveled, as designated by 19, and bears directly against the beveled edge 16 on the upper end of hook 15. The metal of which the device is formed is resilient to a certain degree and thus the strip or tongue 14 forms a flat spring which may be sprung rearwardly to permit the key ring to be engaged upon or removed from the hook 15. To insure the necessary resiliency for this spring tongue the slits 12 are made of sufficient length to extend downward on the back of the device for a substantial distance below the points where the strips 13 and 14 are bent. Thus the upper portion of the device constitutes a horizontally disposed loop which receives the belt from which said device is suspended and the lower portion of said device is formed into a key ring receiving hook which is normally closed by a spring tongue.

A key ring hook of my improved construction is very simple, can be easily and cheaply manufactured and provides effective means whereby a key ring and keys may be safely and conveniently carried.

I claim—

1. A device of the class described formed from a single piece of metal and comprising a body portion, a key ring receiving hook depending therefrom, the upper portion of the body being slotted lengthwise to form parallel strips, certain of which are bent to form belt receiving loops, and the remaining strip being extended downward below the belt receiving loops to form a spring tongue which normally closes the key ring receiving hook.

2. A device of the class described compris-

ing a flat metal body portion, a key ring receiving hook depending from one end thereof, the upper portion of said body being slotted to form parallel strips, the side members of which are bent downward in front of the body to form belt receiving loops and the central member being extended down-

ward to form a spring tongue, the lower end of which bears against the free upper end of the key ring receiving hook.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature this 7th day of May, 1917.

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