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Watch Key.

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Fig. 1.

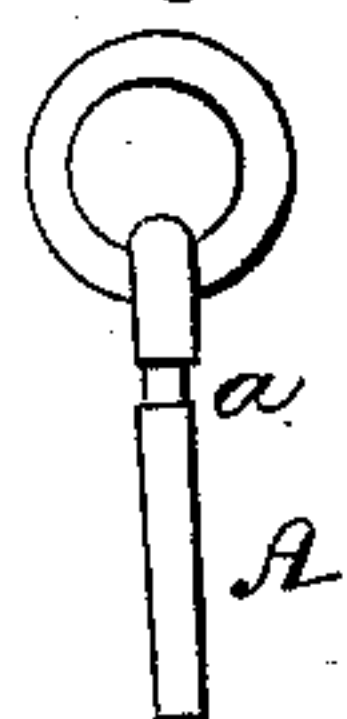
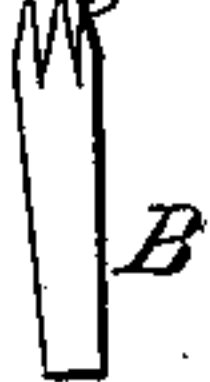


Fig. 3.



Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN WATCH-KEYS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM LINDON, of New Haven, in the county New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Watch-Keys; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a side view of the key,

Figure 2 a side view of the sheath, and

Figure 3 a side view of the key with the sheath placed thereon.

This invention relates to an improvement in watch-keys or other tubular keys, the object being to prevent the filling up of the tube; and the invention consists in the construction of a sheath to cover the end or tube of the key when not in use, and so as to be easily removed when required for use.

In order to the clear understanding of my improvement, I will proceed to describe the same as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

A is the tube of a watch-key, of common construction. B, a sheath, formed from suitable metal, as thin as may be, its upper end slitted, so as to form points, as seen in fig. 2, which are turned inward; the said sheath being formed so as to slip on to the tube, and the said spring-points spring into an annular groove, *a*, around the key, as seen in fig. 3, and thus cover the end of the tube, and prevent any substance entering the tube. When required for use, the sheath is easily removed from the tube, and after use is as easily replaced.

I do not broadly claim the construction of watch-keys so as to be inserted into and form a part of another instrument, as such, I am aware, is not new, as seen in the English patent of William Vale, No. 298, February 3, 1865.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A key, provided with a sheath, B, the upper end of which is slitted so as to form springs to secure the sheath to the key, substantially as set forth.

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