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Fig. 1.

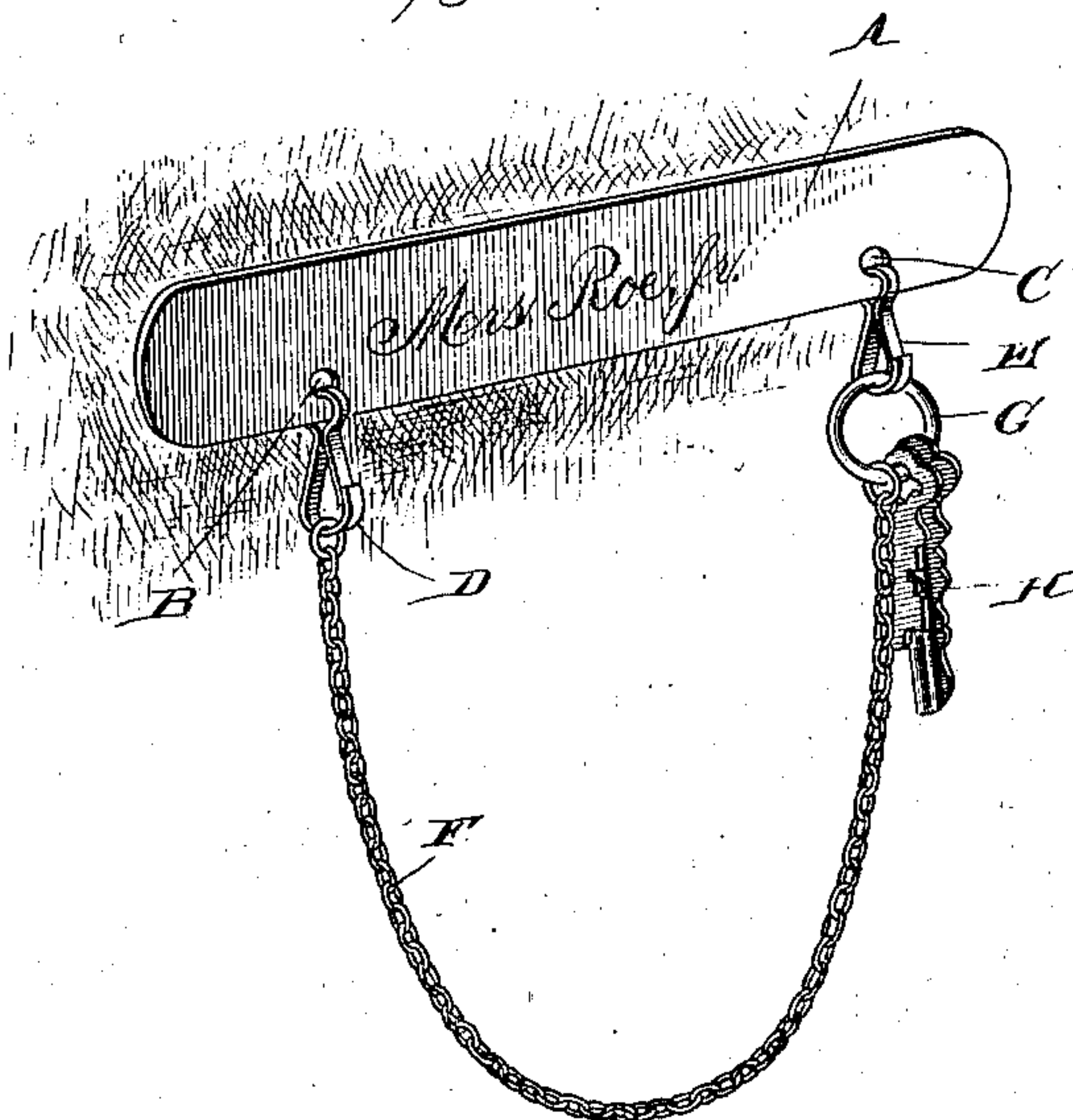


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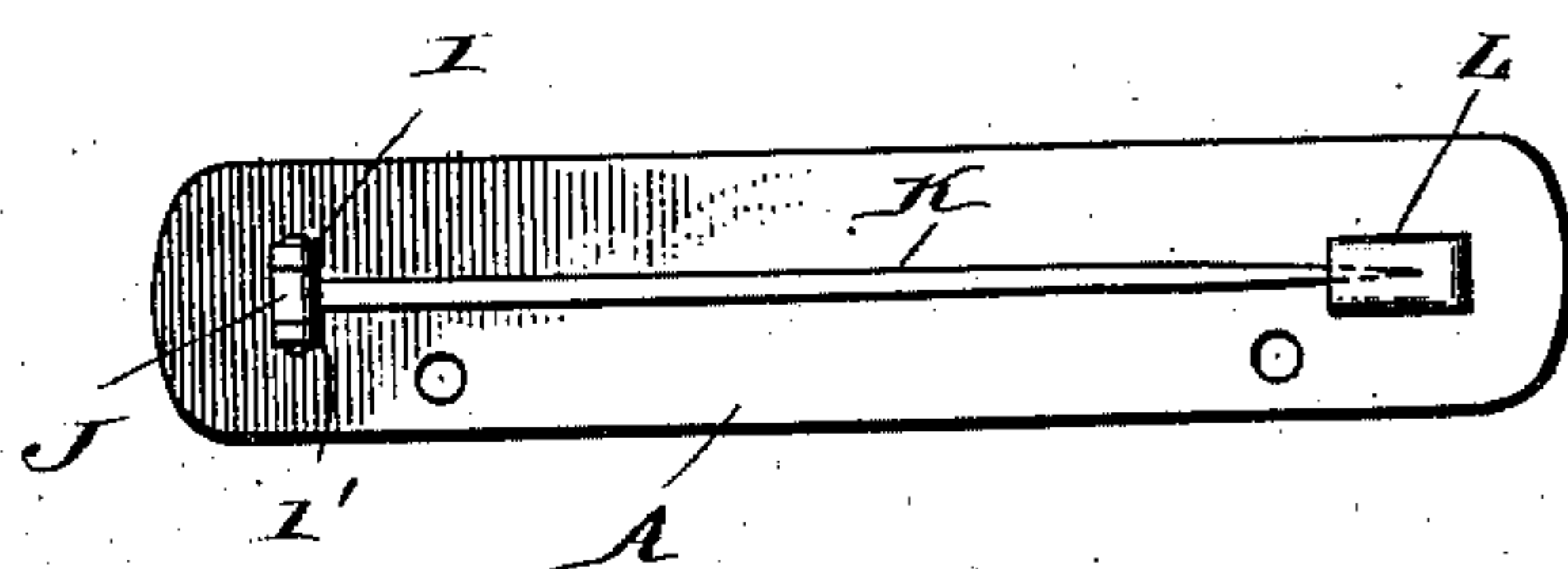


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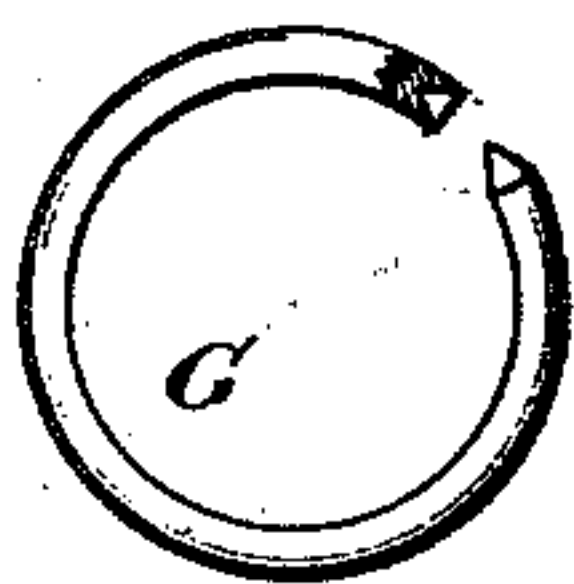


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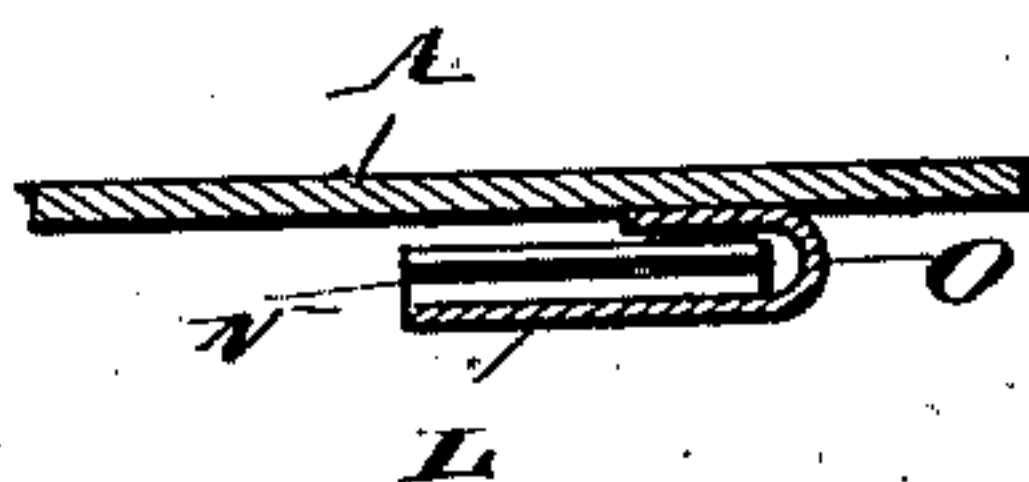


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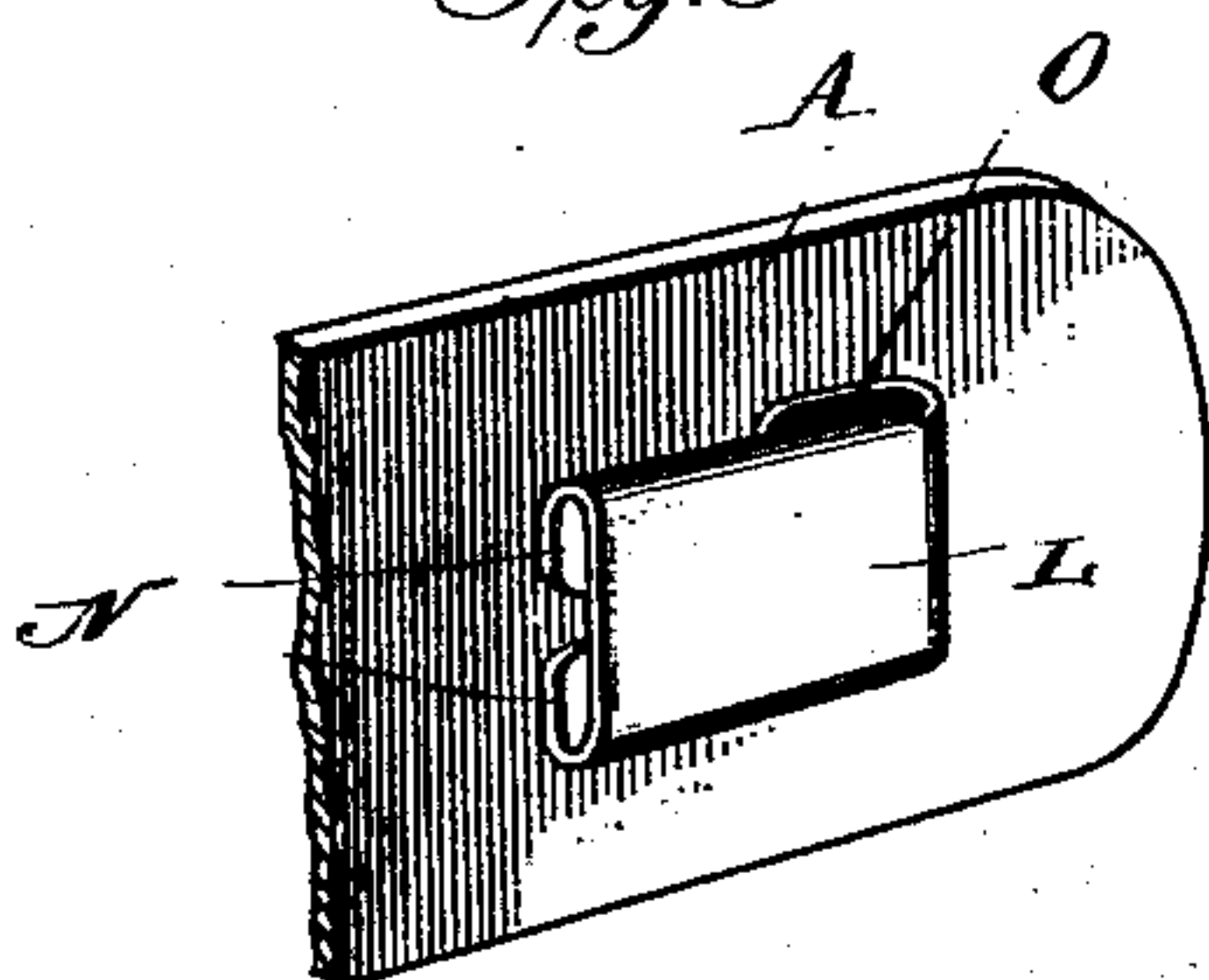


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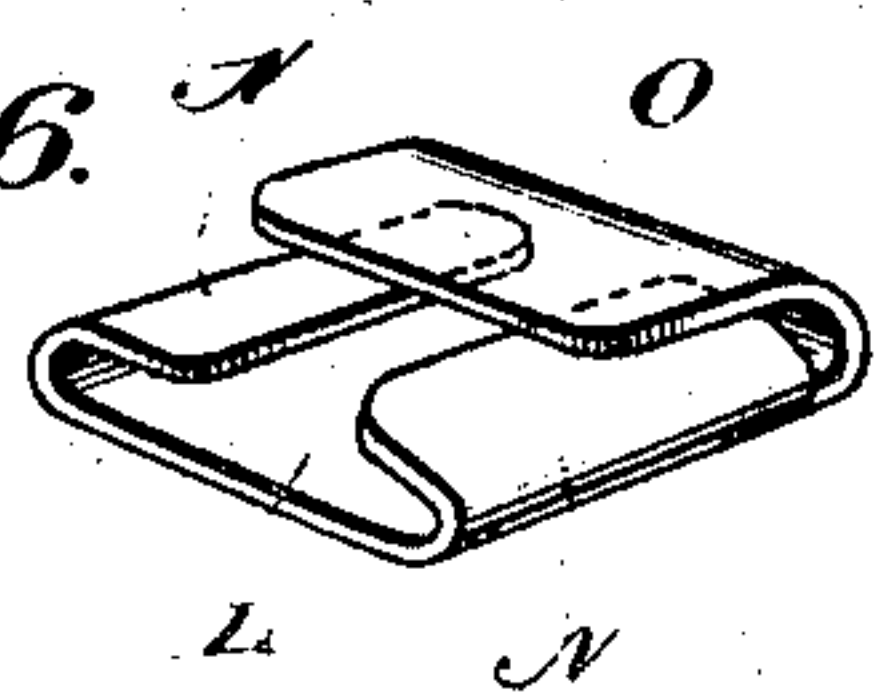
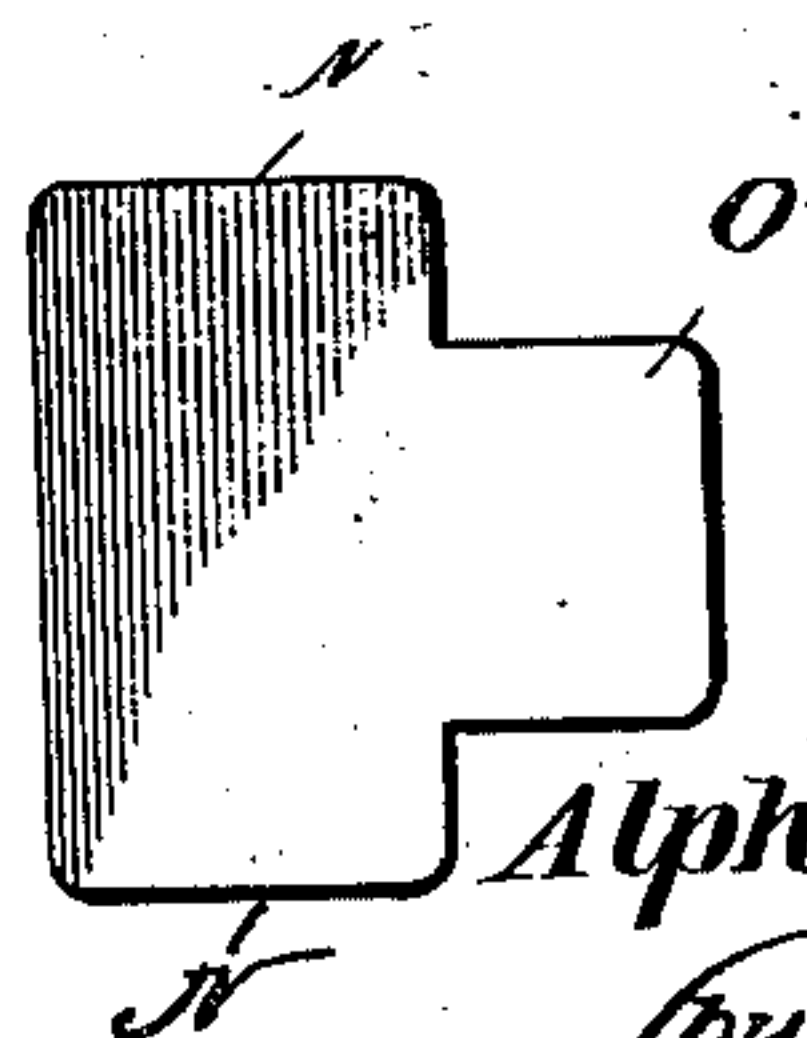


Fig. 7.



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KEY-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALPHARETTA FAIR, residing at Ashton, in the county of Sherman and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and useful Key-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to key-holders, and more especially to that class of devices adapted to be secured to the clothing of the user and intended to support a key chain or guard.

The object of my invention is to provide a device of this class which may be readily attached to the clothing of the user and which shall be provided with means for attaching both ends of the key-chain or readily releasing either end at will.

My invention consists in the improved construction, arrangement, and combination of parts hereinafter fully described and afterward specifically pointed out in the appended claim.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention most nearly appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a key-holder constructed in accordance with my invention, the inner end of the key-chain being engaged in one of the snap-hooks and the key-ring in the other. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the metal plate for attachment to the clothing. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary detail perspective view of a portion of the inside of the plate and the shield for the pin-point attached thereto. Fig. 4 is a detail view, in side elevation, partly in section, of the key-ring. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view through that part of the device illustrated in Fig. 3. Fig. 6 is a detail perspective view of the pin-point shield detached. Fig. 7 is a detail view of the blank from which the pin-point shield is made.

Like letters of reference mark the same parts wherever they occur in the various figures of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings by letters, A indicates a plate of sheet metal of any suitable size, the edges and ends being preferably

rounded to prevent injury to the clothing of the wearer. This plate is provided with two holes or openings B and C near its ends adjacent its lower edge. In these holes are secured snap-hooks, (marked D and E.)

F is a key-chain of any suitable length, material, and design, or it may be a key-guard of silk or other suitable material. One end of this key-guard is adapted to be engaged in the snap-hook D, while the other end is provided with the key-ring G, of any ordinary construction, upon which to hang keys, as at H. When it is not desired to use the keys, the key-ring G is engaged in the snap-hook E, as is shown in Fig. 1, but when necessity arises for the use of the keys it may be readily disengaged from the snap-hook, so that the full length of the chain may be utilized in handling the keys.

I indicate lugs soldered to or otherwise erected upon the rear face of the metal plate A, between which the end J of the pin K is pivotally secured.

L indicates the shield for the point of the pin K. This shield is constructed of a blank of sheet metal, as at M in Fig. 7, T-shaped and of any suitable size or quality of metal, by bending over the wings N on each side of the blank and finally bending the wing O over, as most clearly shown in Fig. 6. To secure the shield L to the rear face of the metal plate, the wing O is soldered thereto, leaving the main body of the blank at a distance from and substantially parallel with the plate and the bent wings N about midway between the main body of the blank and the plate itself, with an opening between the edges through which the pin may be passed. After the pin has been passed through the material of the clothing its point is slipped either upward or downward between one of the wings N and the wing O until the opening between the wings N is reached, when the point is passed between the edges of these wings and allowed to assume a position between either of the wings and the main body of the shield.

From the foregoing description the construction of my invention will be readily understood. It will be obvious that the device will be very handy and useful, especially for ladies wearing dresses without pockets. The

pin will securely hold the plate to the clothing, and the arrangement of the two snap-hooks at a distance apart will permit the chain to be looped up, as shown in Fig. 1, when
5 not in use, thus preventing its dangling about and hooking into furniture, curtains, &c. At the same time the provision of the snap-hooks renders it easy to free the key-ring, so that the full length of the chain is available in
10 manipulating the keys.

The whole device is made with smooth edges and without sharp corners to catch in the clothing, and the peculiar construction of the pin-point shield renders its action easy, sure,
15 and reliable.

While I have illustrated and described the best means for carrying out my invention, I do not wish to be understood as restricting myself to the exact construction shown, but
20 hold that any slight changes, such as might suggest themselves to the ordinary mechanic,

would properly fall within the limit and scope of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by
25 Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A key-holder, comprising in its construction a metal plate, provided with two holes adjacent its lower edge and near its ends, two
lugs secured to its rear face, a pin pivoted be- 30
tween said lugs, a pin-point shield secured to the rear face, a snap-hook secured in each of the holes in the plate, and a key chain or guard, having at its outer end a key-ring, the
inner end of the key chain or guard being at- 35
tached in one of the snap-hooks, and the key-ring being adapted to be attached in the other snap-hook, substantially as described.

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