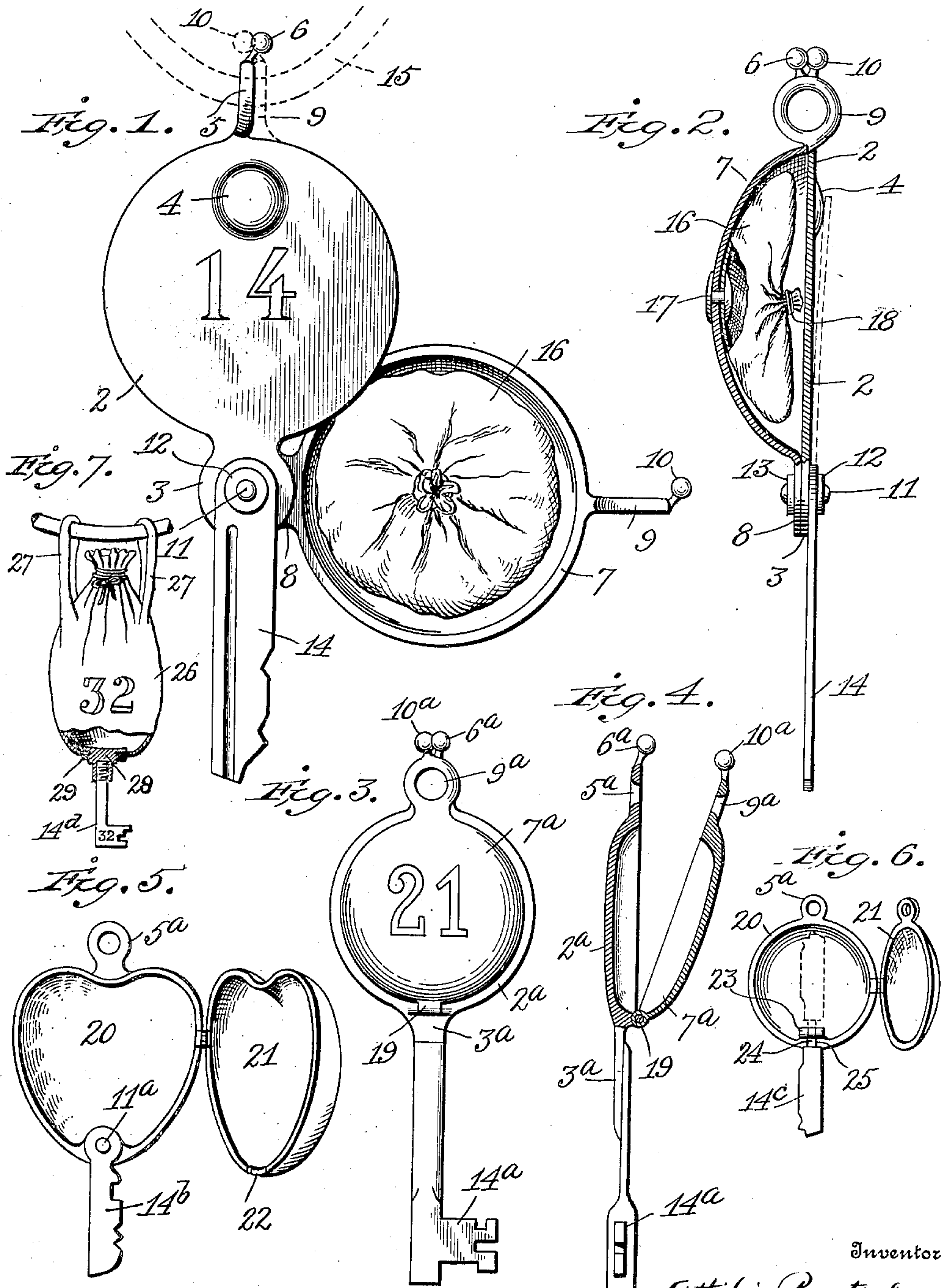


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ATTILIO PUSTERLA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bath-beach, Long Island, New York, have in-
5 vented certain new and useful Improve-ments in Bath-House Keys; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as
10 it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

15 My invention relates to improvements in keys, and has for its object to provide a key with a receptacle either rigidly connected thereto or not, that forms the handle proper of the key, or is otherwise connected to the
20 key.

The main object of my invention is to provide a key adapted to be used as an identification check and given by keepers of bathing establishments at watering places to the
25 bather for the particular booth or bath house intended for his use, and also as a check for the valuables of the bather left with the bath-house keeper.

Referring to the drawings, in which like
30 parts are similarly designated—Figure 1 is an elevation showing one form of my invention in open position. Fig. 2 is a section through the receptacle, in closed position; Fig. 3 is an elevation, and Fig. 4 a section of
35 a modification, showing the receptacle and key rigidly connected; Figs. 5, 6 and 7 show further modifications.

In the several constructions shown I provide a receptacle especially for coin, so that
40 when the bather has delivered his valuables to the bathing house keeper for safe keeping, and receives therefor his bath room key having the number of the bath-room thereon, a small amount of change may be retained by
45 the bather and placed within the receptacle on the key, and thereby enable him to make small purchases during the time that he is wearing the bathing suit.

I am aware that umbrellas and tools have
50 been made with hollow handles for the reception of various articles, but none of these are adapted to be carried into the water with a bather and serve the unique purpose of my invention, and I believe that I am the first

to make a check or key having a receptacle 55
for small change.

In Fig. 1, I have shown a flat check 2, provided with a bath-house apartment or room number, said check, preferably, but not necessarily, having a lug, 3, at its edges extend- 60
ing in the plane thereof; the check is also provided preferably, with a rounded projection 4, an eye 5, and a locking member 6. The locking member in this figure is shown
as mounted on the eye 5. 65

Of similar outline as the check is a concave receptacle 7, provided with a lug 8 capable of registering with the lug 3, an eye 9, capable of registering with the eye 5, and provided
with a locking member 10 capable of co- 70
operating with the one 6 on the eye 5.

Passing through the registering lugs or projections 3 and 8 is a rivet 11 that also passes through washers 12 and 13 and the
key 14; in other words, the key 14 and the 75
two lugs 3 and 8 are preferably included between the two washers 12 and 13. The rivet 11 thus acts as a pivot for the assembled parts, and the key itself may be turned about
this pivot to slide upon the projection 4 and 80
be held thereby in the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2. A cord or elastic 15 that goes around the neck or waist of the
bather is passed through the registering eyes 5 and 6, as shown in Fig. 1. This particular 85
structure as above described will be sufficient for metallic money, but should it be desirable or necessary to carry in the receptacle paper money, or other small articles affected by
water, I have provided a rubber or other 90
suitable water-proof bag 16, held within the concave portion 7 by means of a rivet 17. The mouth of this bag may be closed water-
tight by means of a rubber band, 18, or any 95
other suitable closing means.

In the two figures just described the three movable parts, namely the check 2, the receptacle 7 and the key 14, are mounted to
swivel about the rivet 11, but in Fig. 3 I have shown the ordinary key, 14^a, whose shank is 100
riveted or otherwise rigidly secured to a lug or projection 3^a on one member 2^a of the receptacle. This member is shown as being
concave, instead of flat, and is provided with an eye 5^a and a locking member 6^a, while the 105
coöperating member of the receptacle 7^a is connected to 2^a by means of a hinge 19 at the bottom thereof, and is also provided with

an eye 9^a capable of registering with the eye 5^a and a locking member 10 capable of co-operating with the locking member 6.

In Figs. 3 and 4 I have shown the shank 5 of the key attached to the lug 3^a on the receptacle member 2^a, but it is obvious that the key may be made in one piece therewith.

In the two forms of my invention which I have described and illustrated in Figs. 1-4, 10 the key is at all times outside of the receptacle, but in Figs. 5 and 6 I have shown a form of receptacle composed of two concave members 20 and 21, hinged together. The member 20 is provided with an eye 5^a, and 15 in Fig. 5 I have shown the key 14^d connected thereto by a pivot 11 and the member 21 is provided with a notch or recess 22, so that when the receptacle is closed the key may project therefrom, the receptacle acting as a 20 handle for the key. The pivot 11^a permits the key to turn or swivel thereabout, so that when not in use it may be contained within the receptacle; while in Fig. 6 I have shown the key 14^c connected to the member 20 by a 25 hinge 23. The short shank 24 of the key rests in a notch 25 in the concave member 20 when the key is projected from the receptacle. The hinge 23 permits the key to be folded over into the receptacle when not in 30 use.

Either of the receptacles shown in Figs. 5 and 6 are held closed by any well known form of lock closure, not shown.

In Fig. 7 I have shown a bag, 26, of rubber 35 or rubber-coated material having ears or loops 27 through which is passed the cord that goes over the head of the bather, or around his waist, as the case may be. Passing through the bag is a nipple 28 held to the 40 bag by a washer 29. The shank of the key, 14^d is threaded at its end and is screwed into the end of the nipple projecting through the bottom of the bag. The bag and key may both be numbered alike to correspond to the

bath room number if desired. The bag 45 serves as a handle for the key.

I claim—

1. The combination with a key, of a closable receptacle forming the handle thereof.
2. The combination with a key, of a closable receptacle forming the handle thereof 50 and means to pivot the key to the receptacle.
3. The combination with a key and a two-part receptacle forming the handle thereof and a pivot connecting the receptacle and 55 key.
4. A key having a closable receptacle forming the handle thereof and means to secure the receptacle in closed position.
5. A key having a two-part hollow receptacle forming the handle thereof and registering 60 eyes on each of the parts of the receptacle.
6. A key having a two-part receptacle forming the handle thereof, an eye on each part of the receptacle adapted to register, 65 and means to fasten the receptacle in closed position.
7. The combination with a key; of a receptacle forming the handle thereof, an identification check forming the closure of 70 the receptacle and means to pivot the parts together.
8. A key having a handle comprising a receptacle, an identification check forming the closure of the receptacle and a pivot con- 75 necting the three parts.
9. A key having a handle comprising a two-part metallic hollow receptacle, fastening means on each part of the receptacle and an articulated connection between the key 80 and receptacle.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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