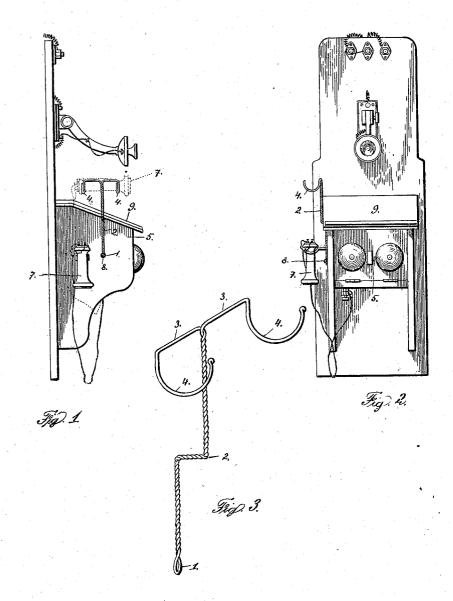
## H. S. BEPLER. TELEPHONE RECEIVER HOLDER. APPLICATION FILED SEPT. 26, 1906.



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## TELEPHONE-RECEIVER HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Henry S. Bepler, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Allegheny, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, 5 have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Telephone-Receiver Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to certain new and useful im-10 provements in attachments for telephones, and relates more particularly to a receiver holder.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive holder for a receiver whereby it will not be necessary to hold the receiver when a person is interrupted while talking over the telephone, or cut off the communication when desiring to use both hands for another purpose.

Briefly described, my improved holder is constructed of light and durable wire which is bent to form two 20 U-shaped arms, in which the receiver is placed, the shape and peripheral flanges of the receiver preventing the same from becoming disengaged from the holder.

The detail construction of my improved telephone attachment will be presently described and then spe-25 cifically pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawing forming part of this specification, like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a telephone equipped 30 with my improved holder, Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the same, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the holder.

The receiver holder constituting my invention is formed from a single piece of wire, which is doubled upon itself and the two strands thus formed are inter35 twisted throughout a portion of their length to form a standard, adapted to be attached in a vertical position to a suitable support, which, when the receiver holder is used with that type of telephones adapted to be attached to a wall or the like, and having a battery box, 40 the one side wall of the latter may be employed as the support.

As herein shown, the vertical standard is provided at its lower end with an eye 1, and intermediate said eye

and the upper end of the intertwisted portion, this standard is off-set to form a shoulder 2, adapted to en- 45 gage underneath the shelf 9 of the battery box 5 of a telephone. Thus, the upper portion of the intertwisted strands forming the standard lies in a different plane from the lower portion of the standard, the strands from which said standard is formed being at their upper 50 ends bent laterally in opposite directions to form arms 3, the free ends of which are bent at right angles to the bodies of the arms and curved to form hooks 4 in which the receiver 7 of a telephone may be conveniently supported. The eye 1 at the lower end of the standard is 55 adapted to receive a screw or like fastening device 8, passing into the side of the telephone battery box 5 for fixedly securing the standard at its lower end. As the cover 9 of the battery box of a telephone is usually at an incline, the shoulder 2 of the standard will engage 60 against the projecting end of the cover, and by reason of the latter being at an incline, the standard will be prevented from swinging outwardly, even should its lower end not be fixed so as to prevent any danger of swinging movement of the holder.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

The combination with a support having an over-lapping cover, of a telephone receiver holder formed from a single piece of wire doubled upon itself and having the strands twisted together throughout a portion of their length to form a vertical standard which is off-set substantially midway its length to form a shoulder abutting against the under surface of the cover, said off-set forming, with the cover, a stop to prevent outward swinging of the holder, the said standard provided at its lower end with an eye, and the portions of the strands of wire at the upper end of the standard being bent laterally in opposite directions at right angles to the standard and having their free ends bent downwardly and upwardly to form supporting hooks lying at right angles to the laterally-extending portions of said strands at the upper end of the standard, and projecting downwardly beyond the vertical plane of the upper portion of the standard.

In testimony whereof  $\hat{\mathbf{I}}$  affix my signature in the 85 presence of two witnesses.

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