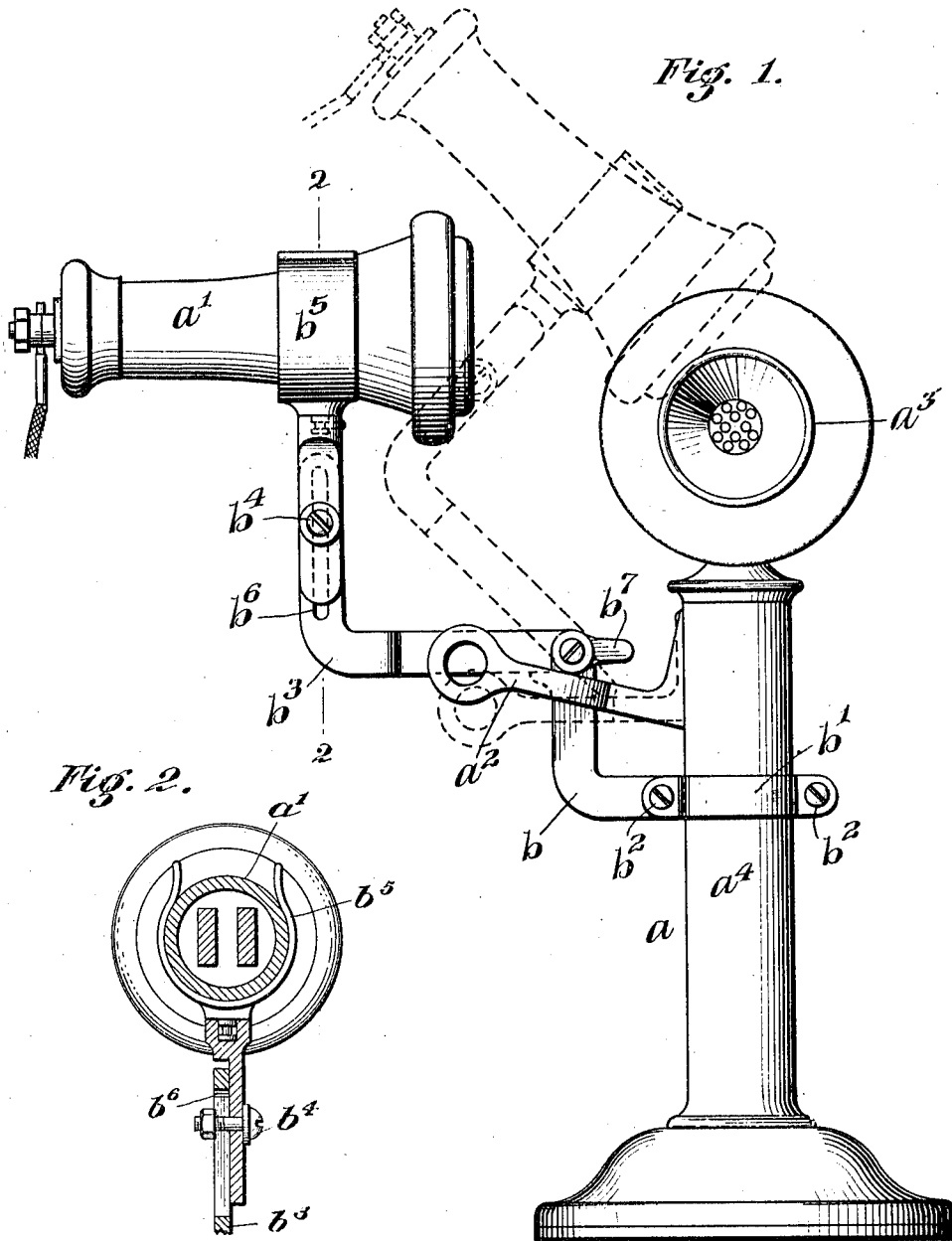


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ANDREW C. HEWITT and WILLIAM C. THOMAS, both citizens of the United States, and residing at the city of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have jointly invented certain new and useful Improvements in Telephone Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention has relation to an attachment to a telephone to support the receiver and to control the receiver-hook of the phone; and to that end it consists of the particular constructive arrangement of the said attachment for the defined purposes.

The nature and scope of our invention will be more fully understood from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing forming part hereof, in which,

Figure 1, is a front elevation of an ordinary telephone provided with a transmitter and a receiver and supporting-hook therefor, and with a removable attachment embodying the particular features of our present invention disclosing adjustable features of the same to permit of the shifting of the receiver supportingly held thereby into a position with relation to the transmitter so that both transmitting and receiving may be accomplished without handling the instrument, and having a foot as a part of the said attachment occupying such relation in connection therewith as to readily permit of establishing a circuit connection through an exchange with a subscriber station so as to permit of both transmitting and receiving; Fig. 2, is a vertical central sectional view on the line 2, 2, of Fig. 1, showing the snap-hook for removably supporting the telephone receiver.

Referring to the drawings *a*, is an ordinary well known type of telephone instrument, as shown of the Bell type, provided with a receiver *a*¹, receiver-hook *a*², and a transmitter *a*³. The attachment of our invention, consisting of a right-angular standard *b*, the terminal portion of which, as shown, is provided with two pivoted parts,

*b*¹, to embrace the upright *a*⁴, of the telephone instrument as shown, and with a tightening bolt and nut *b*², to hold the same in required position in connection with the said upright *a*⁴. To the standard *b*, is attached a slotted curved bar *b*³, by means of 55 a jam-nut *b*⁴, the upper end of the curved portion of the bar *b*³, is provided with a swiveling snap-hook *b*⁵, to admit thereto the receiver *a*¹. The slotted portion *b*⁶, of the curved bar *b*³, with which the jam-nut *b*⁴, engages, permits desired angularity or curvature to be quickly derived in operative position of the receiver held in snap-hook *b*⁵, to register with an ear of the person while the mouth is registered with the transmitter as will be readily understood from the drawing to thereby enable transmitting and receiving to be carried on without having to handle the telephone and hence leaving both hands perfectly free for any uses 70 desired. The slotted curved portion of the bar *b*³, beyond its connection with the standard *b*, is provided with a foot *b*⁷, to engage the telephone receiver supporting hook *a*², when required, and thereby to either hold it down or by shifting the bar *b*³, to release the hook, so as to establish a circuit connection through the exchange with a subscriber station.

It will be observed that the foregoing attachment performs the double function of supporting the telephone receiver and cutting on or off the electric connection with an exchange to and from a subscriber station, according as the foot *b*⁷, is in or out of 85 engagement with the receiver supporting hook *a*², and without having to handle either the transmitter or the receiver of the telephone instrument.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

The combination with a telephone instrument, of an attachment, consisting of a detachable standard in connection with the 95 telephone instrument and extending within and in proximity to the base of the receiver supporting hook thereof, a curved bar piv-

oted to said standard and having a foot to
directly engage the receiver hook, so as to
depress the same, a snap-hook to detachably
engage the receiver therewith, said hook
5 having an adjustment with said bar and
means to clamp the parts of said attachment
in operative relation with each other.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set

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