

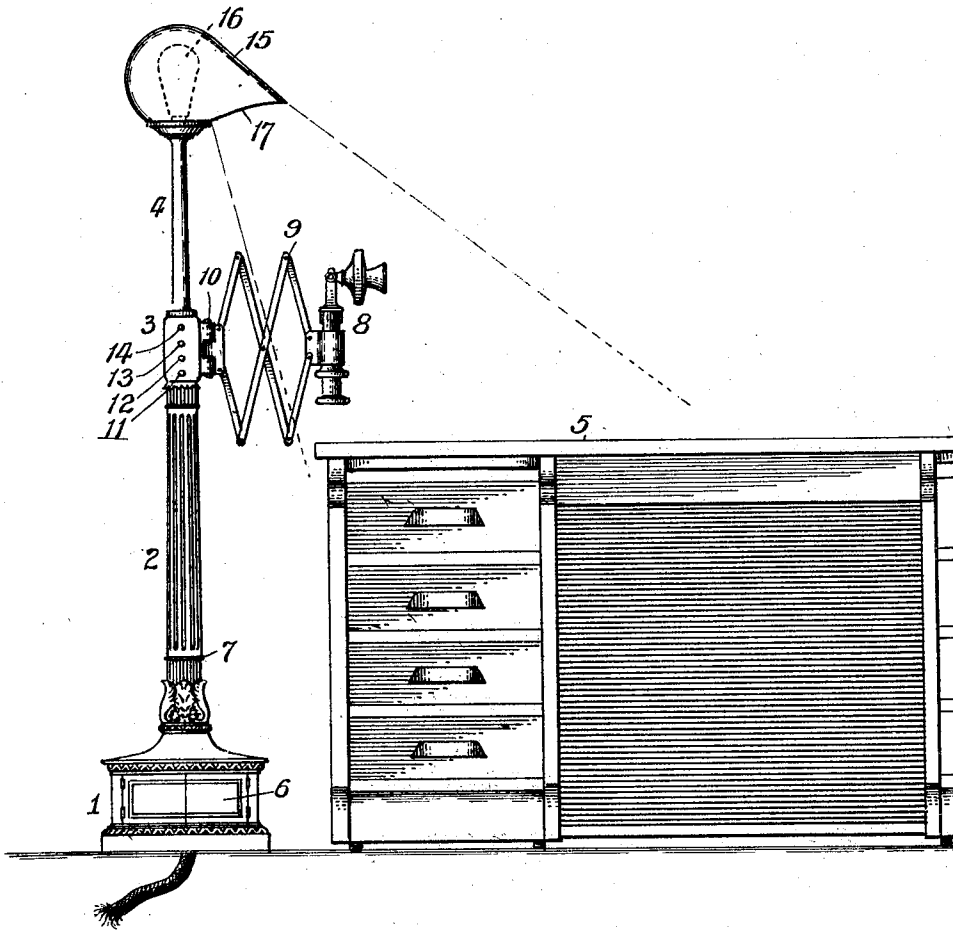
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The present invention relates to stands, and has particular reference to the type of stands for supporting various objects, such as electrical instruments.

5 In an office or like place where several instruments, such as telephones, lights, push-buttons, signal controls, electric fans, thermo-controls for radiators and various other devices of similar character and utility, are used, it has been the custom to have the instruments scattered about the place, many of them on the desk or table, others attached to the wall or like place, and the electric wiring running to and from them in scattered condition and connected to various articles of furniture and more or less inconvenient places, and also having unsightly appearances.

10 Among the objects of the invention are to remove the above mentioned conditions and to group all of the instruments or controls therefor into a single unitary device; to have all the wiring or like conductors enclosed in the device and out of view; to provide space in the device for the housing of any adjunctive apparatus or mechanisms used in connection with any of the instruments, such as the batteries for the signal bells, buzzers, flash lights and the like, the controller box or bell ringing mechanism for the telephone, fuse plugs and sockets for the fan and electric light, and other like and similar devices; to provide therefor a stand upon which all of the instruments may be mounted or carried and the adjunctive parts housed therein; to provide the stand preferably with a base member, capable of resting or being secured to the floor, platform or like support, and an upright member for supporting the various instruments, both the base and upright members being preferably hollow for the housing and enclosing of the adjunctive parts and electric wiring, the wires to and from the stand passing preferably through a single hole in the floor beneath the base member; to provide the stand with a swivel or like connection between the base and the upright members whereby the latter may be turned, with the instruments carried thereon, for

the most convenient access to the user; to provide for adjusting the shade for the light so that the rays of light may be directed in a given direction while the other instruments, such as the telephone and the push-button switch mechanism may be presented at a different angle convenient to the user; and to provide such other objects, advantages and capabilities as may later appear and are inherently possessed by the invention.

In the drawing is shown by a view in elevation, one form of device constructed in accordance with the invention.

Referring now more particularly to the construction illustrated in the drawing, the stand comprises a hollow base member 1, and an upright member 2, the latter having a push-button electrical switch box or control portion 3 and a lamp supporting portion 4. The stand is designed to be located near a desk 5 or like piece of furniture in an office or library of a home and is intended to carry all of the instruments that may be of use without having them scattered about the room, some on the desk, others attached to the wall and so on.

The base member 1 is preferably made hollow so that it may contain various adjunctive parts of the instruments supported by the stand. This member is provided with a door 6 through which access may be had to the interior of the base member 1. The upright member 2 is connected to the base member in any suitable or desired manner. The stand is also designed to carry a telephone 8 which is preferably supported upon an extendable support 9 connected, as by a hinged connection 10, to one side of the switch box 3, as clearly shown upon the drawing.

The switch box may carry any number of push-buttons and switch mechanisms for operating various devices, such as a buzzer system, the electric light, the electric fan, the electrically controlled thermostat for the radiator, etc., the push-buttons being designated by the reference numerals 11, 12, 13 and 14. It is to be understood, however that a larger number of buttons may

be used depending on the number of instruments and signals to be controlled thereby.

The upright member 2 is also preferably made hollow so that all the wiring leading to the switch box, the telephone and the electric light may be passed upwardly through the member 2 and be hidden from view. All of the wiring to and from the instruments supported by the stand may be grouped together and passed downwardly through the member 2 and the base member 1 and through a single opening or hole in the floor where the stand is located. In this way the various wires connected to various pieces of furniture in an office is avoided. The wires are out of sight and do not mar the appearance of the office. Within the chamber 1 may be located the batteries connected to the various signal circuits controlled by the push-buttons in the switch box. This compartment may also contain the controller box and bell ringing mechanism for the telephone. In the event that fuse plugs and sockets be used for controlling any of the instruments, such as the fan, electric light, and the like, the same may also be located in the base member 1. All of these adjunctive devices it will be noted, are hidden from sight and enclosed in a single chamber.

Extending upwardly from the box 3 is a lamp support portion 4 upon which is mounted a lamp shade 15 covering an electric light 16 except for an opening 17 through which the ray of light may be directed upon the desk or table. It will be noted that this shade is so mounted upon the supporting portion 4 that it may be adjusted about the vertical axis so that the rays of light may be directed at one angle upon the surface of the desk or table while the supporting member 2 may be so turned at another angle that the telephone and switch button may be presented to the user at a different angle than the rays of light projecting from the hood or shade 15.

The stand is intended to be located adjacent to or near the desk or table or even a chair, where the user is at work or otherwise occupied. It is apparent from the above that the stand may be used in the library of a home, near a chair where the user may be reading, and able to make use of instruments from a single supporting device, the push-button devices being of use, where signals are given, to call servants.

While I have herein described and upon the drawing shown a particular construction, arrangement of parts and details, it is to be understood that it is not limited to the same but other details, arrangements of parts and constructions, are comprehended by the invention without departing from the spirit thereof.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

A stand of the character described comprising a base member, an upright column having its lower end mounted on said base member, a telephone support projecting from said column, an upwardly and outwardly flared shade support fixedly mounted on the upper end of said column, and a hood-like shade having a bottom edge which extends into and rests upon the flared portion of said shade support, said shade having an opening in its under portion which is laterally disposed with respect to said bottom edge, so that a beam of light may be projected therethrough laterally and downwardly at a radial angle different from the radial angle of said telephone support, said shade being normally free to rotate upon said shade support, so that the angle of said beam may be changed with respect to the angle of said telephone support.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name to this specification.

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