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TELEPHONE ATTACHMENT.

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Fig. 1

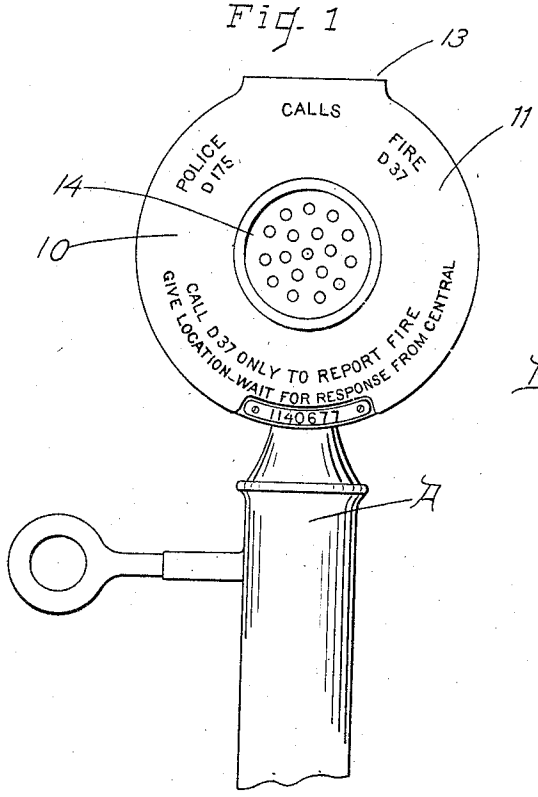


Fig. 2

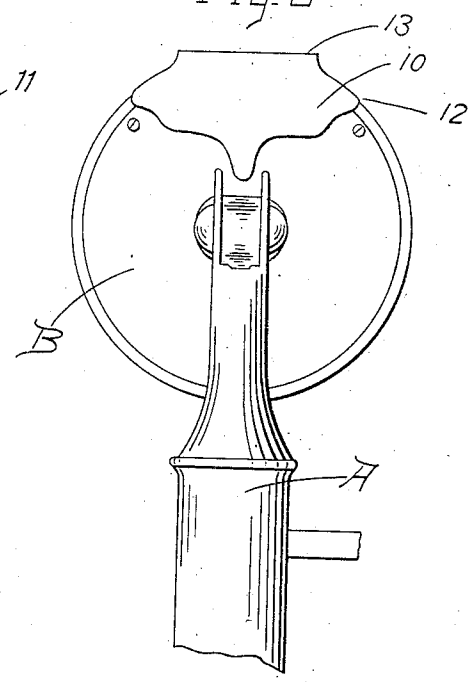
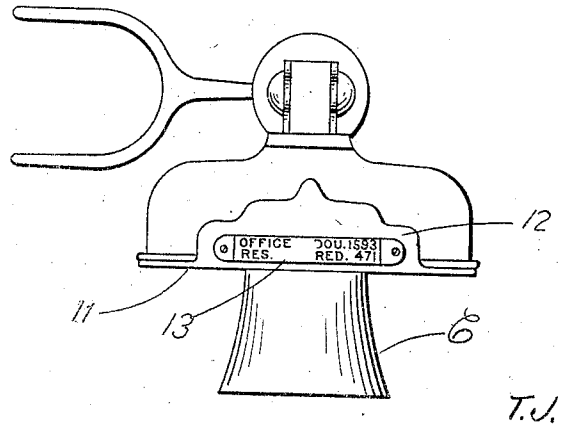


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS J. FARMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Omaha, in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, have invented new and useful Improvements in Telephone Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to telephone attachments and has for its object the provision of a shield member adapted to be secured upon the transmitter of a telephone and be partially held by the mouth piece and also partially held in position by a resilient clip carried by the device, the device being formed at its top with a flat portion bearing the office phone number and the residence phone number of the owner or rather the subscriber, and the face of the device being inscribed at its lower edge with the number of the phone and also inscribed at opposite points with the phone numbers of the police and fire headquarters, the particular advantages of the device being that a policeman or other person having occasion to use the telephone in case of emergency, may ascertain at a glance the home phone number of the subscriber or occupant of the premises and so that any person having occasion to call the police or fire department may readily find the number without having recourse to the usual telephone directory, thereby saving time which in an emergency is extremely valuable.

An important object is the provision of a device of this character which is formed as a single metal shield engageable upon the transmitter and held in position by the mouth piece thereof, no alterations whatever being required in the phone structure.

With the above and other objects and advantages in view, the invention consists in the details of construction to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a telephone showing my device applied thereto,

Fig. 2 is a rear view, and

Fig. 3 is a plan view.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the letter A designates a telephone having the usual transmitter B and mouth piece C. In carrying out my invention I provide a shield formed preferably of suitable sheet metal which may be nickel plated to improve its appearance and this shield is designated by the numeral 10. The shield is of such size and shape as to completely cover the front and top portion of the transmitter and to this end includes a front plate 11, side portions 12 embracing only a portion of the periphery of the transmitter, and a top portion 13 which is flattened. This shield is adapted to be slipped over the transmitter B and is provided centrally with a hole 14 through which the ordinary mouth piece C is passed and threaded into the transmitter case in the usual manner.

The flattened portion 13 of the shield is inscribed with the office telephone number and residence telephone number of an occupant of the premises within which the telephone A is located, these legends being clearly shown in Fig. 3. At the lower portion of the front plate 11 is inscribed the number of the phone itself and at opposite sides of the front plate, preferably above the hole 14 therein, are inscribed legends 15 and 16 which are the phone numbers of police and fire headquarters, respectively. Upon the front plate 11 immediately beneath the hole 14 therein may be inscribed any suitable legend which refers to the procedure in calling the fire department and which preferably is in the nature of a warning as well as instructions. Formed upon the shield is a clip 18 engaging against the back of the transmitter.

With the device installed upon a telephone it will be obvious that in the event of an emergency the owner or occupant of the premises in which the telephone is located may be reached quickly as the number of his office and residence may be found directly upon the device. In case of any necessity for calling the police or fire departments these numbers may also be found quickly without any reference whatever to the telephone directory. The device is simply a time saver and in case of emergency time is the only item to be considered.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is of course to be understood that I reserve the right to make such changes in the form, construction, and arrangement of parts as will not depart from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claim.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

A telephone attachment comprising a circular shield adapted for conforming en-

gagement upon the transmitter of a telephone and provided centrally with a hole through which the mouth piece of the transmitter is passed whereby the mouth piece will hold the shield in position, the upper portion of the shield being formed with a flattened plate portion terminating at its rear edge in a depending clip engaging against the back portion of the transmitter, said flattened top portion bearing legends as to the office and residence phone number of the subscriber, and the front portion of the shield bearing the number of the phone and also legends as to the police and fire headquarters telephone numbers.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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