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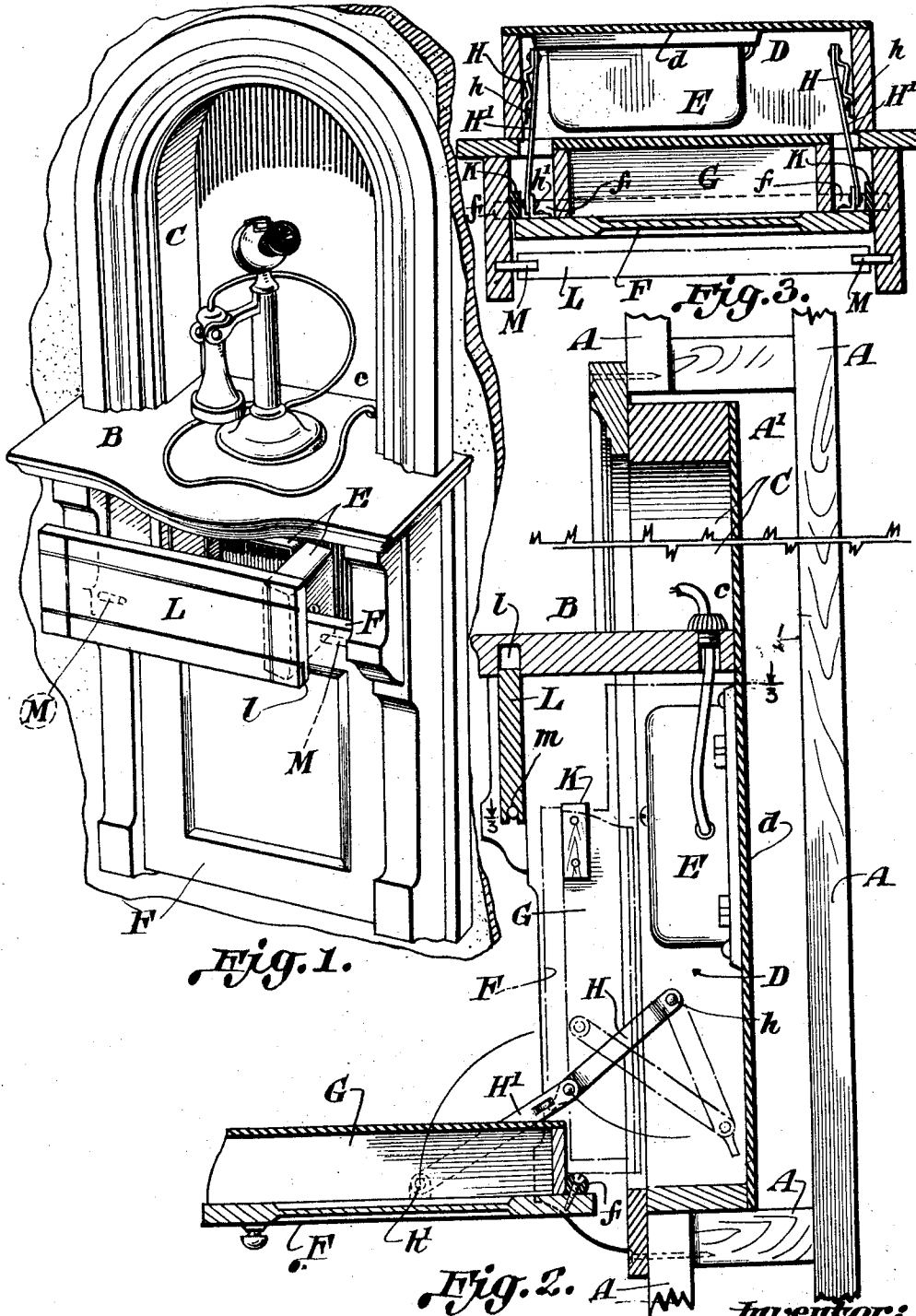


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The telephone cabinet made in accordance with my invention may be built into the wall of a room while the building is being constructed or it may be separately constructed and placed in the wall at a later date.

The cabinet provides a shelf for the support of a telephone outfit while in use or when not in use, a pocket for a telephone directory and a receptacle for the call box. The call box is so located that it is easily accessible to the inspector and repairer and the receptacle for the directory is so mounted that at times it affords a support for the telephone outfit when the shelf is at a higher level than desired or is being used for other purposes.

The cabinet as a whole may be constructed of wood and finished to harmonize with the remainder of the woodwork of the room in which the cabinet is located.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating my invention:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cabinet showing how it is placed in the wall of a room. Some of the parts are moved from a normal closed position in order to illustrate details of construction.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the cabinet with the directory receptacle lowered and this figure also illustrates how the cabinet is mounted in the frame-work of the wall.

Figure 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

In Figure 2 parts of the frame-work of the wall are indicated at A and it will be observed that a space A' is provided to receive the cabinet.

The cabinet may be constructed entirely of wood in the desired design. A shelf is indicated at B and above the rear portion of the shelf is an arch C within which is a space c to receive the telephone outfit when not in use. Below the shelf there is a closet D to the rear wall d, of which the call box E is secured. The closet is closed by a door F hinged at its lower end as indicated at f. To the back of the door is secured a receptacle G for a telephone directory.

The door F is supported when open and moved to a lower horizontal position by links H, H' connected to the sides of the cabinet at h and to the receptacle G at h'. When the door is moved to a vertical position it abuts against stops K secured to the sides of

the closet. It will be observed that there is a clear space within the closet behind the receptacle G for the call box E which is secured to the back of the closet just below the shelf B. It will also be observed that the top of the door F is a considerable distance below the shelf E, leaving a space which is closed by a board or panel L, the upper end of which fits into a groove l in the bottom of the shelf B. The lower end of the board is provided with a groove m into which extend pins M projecting horizontally from the sides of the cabinet.

Figure 2 shows the board L in a closed position where it is securely held. By merely raising the board to the necessary extent it may be turned on the pins M and then removed in the manner indicated in Figure 1.

The door F which carries the receptacle G for the directory may be opened without moving the board L. It may be opened part way and held at an angle to permit the removal or the replacement of the directory or it may be lowered and held in a horizontal position a considerable distance below the shelf B to support the telephone outfit when the user is sitting in a chair or desires the telephone to be in a comparatively low position. This may also be desirable when the shelf B is used to support books, papers, etc.

The call box is not accessible until the board L is removed and this board is located in advance of the closet door. This board or panel may be removed or replaced without moving the closet door. However, in order to open the door of the call box as indicated in Figure 1, it is necessary to remove the board and to open the closet door.

The telephone cabinet is usually made complete and ready to set into a suitable frame of standard size and construction in buildings and houses while being built, but it may be supplied in parts and assembled if desired.

The cabinet is ornamental in a room. It provides a support for the telephone outfit while in use when it is preferably at the front of the shelf or it may be moved backward into the arch when not in use and the shelf may be used for other purposes. The directory receptacle provides a holder for a directory where it may always be found and can be conveniently obtained when required.

Another feature of the invention is that

the cabinet is so constructed that the call box instead of being secured to a wall and exposed to view is entirely concealed within the cabinet but access may be had to it for inspection or other purposes whenever desired.

It will be observed that the shelf B extends forwardly from the frame of the cabinet to a vertical plane in front of the door when closed, thus leaving a space between the lower portion of the panel (L) and the upper portion of the door for the transmission of sounds from the call box.

It will also be observed that the space in rear of the door and in rear of the receptacle (G) extends upwardly to a plane above the top of the receptacle. In this way when the door is opened and the panel removed, ready access may be obtained to the call box.

The panel affords a closure for the upper

part of the closet which conceals the call box when the door is closed and partly conceals it when the door is open.

I claim as my invention:

A telephone cabinet having a closet a shelf at the top of the closet to support a telephone outfit, a door hinged adjacent its lower end of the closet, said door having means to receive a telephone directory, said door being spaced materially both below said shelf and from the rear wall of the closet to accommodate a call box and permit access to the latter while the door is in closed position, a panel on the front of the closet normally closing the space between the shelf and door, and means for permitting said panel to be lifted upwardly and out of the cabinet.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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