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TELEPHONE INDEX HOLDER

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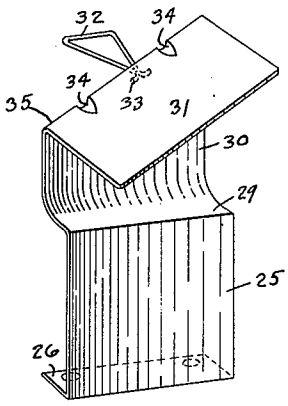


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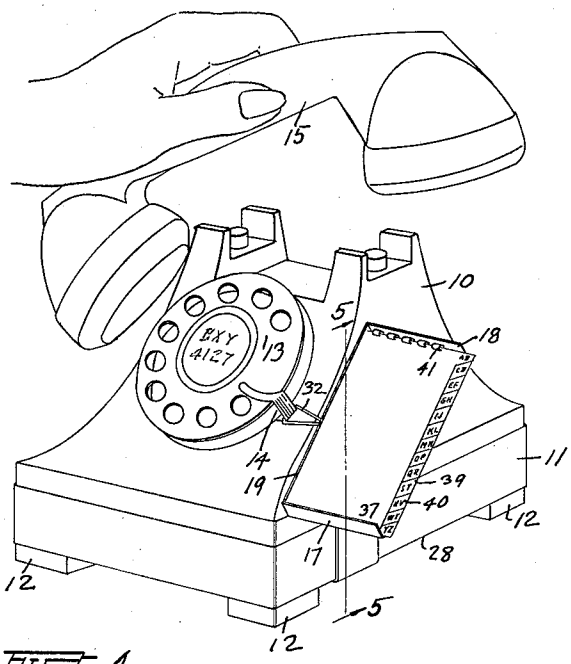


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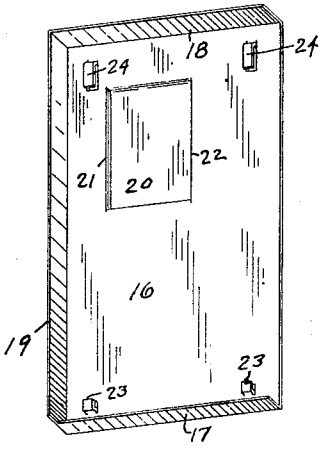


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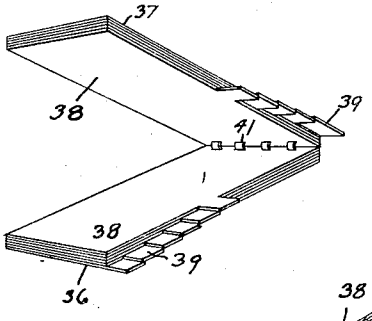


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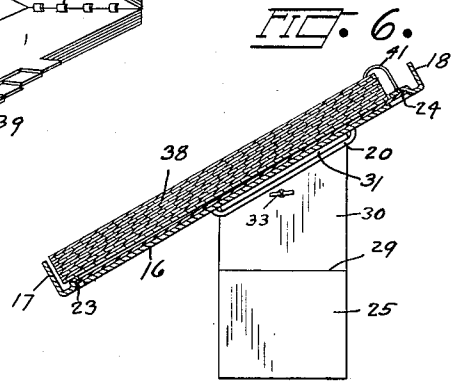
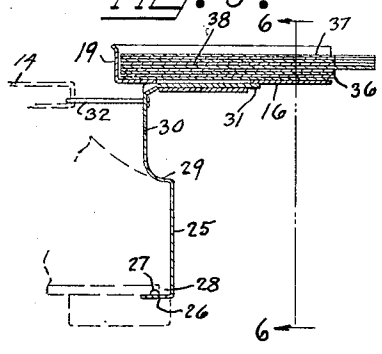


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This invention relates generally to telephones and particularly to a telephone index holder.

The main object of this invention is to provide a convenient and sturdy form of telephone index and one which can be attached to a so-called French phone without the use of tools and without in any way altering the telephone instrument or affecting the operation thereof.

The second object is to insure the index always being in place close to the dial itself.

The third object is to so construct the device that its cost will be low enough to warrant its use as an advertising device.

I accomplish these and other objects in the manner set forth in the following specification as illustrated by the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a phone with the device attached.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the supporting bracket.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the pad holder.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the pad.

Fig. 5 is a section taken along the line 5—5 in Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 is a section taken along the line 6—6 in Fig. 5.

Like numbers of reference refer to the same or similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring in detail to the drawing, there is shown a common form of French telephone 10 whose base 11 is supported upon the feet 12. The positions of the dial 13 and stop 14 are also indicated. The hand piece 15 is of the combined type in common use.

Referring particularly to my invention, same consists primarily of a three-sided box composed of an inclined bottom 16, a lower edge 17, the top edge 18 and left hand edge 19.

In the bottom 16 is a punched out area 20 having slotted sides 21 and 22. Upturned hooks 23 are punched out of the bottom 16 near the lower edge 17.

Downturned hooks 24 are punched out of the bottom 16 near the top edge 18.

The bracket shown in Fig. 2 consists of a vertical standard 25 having an inturned foot 26 having the rubber or metal points 27 which engage the rim flange 28 of the phone base 11.

The upper end 29 of the standard 25 is inturned and fits closely to the top of the base 11. The portion 30 turns upwardly and outwardly to form a sloping shank 31 which can slip through the slots 21 and 22 and hold the member 16 securely in place.

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A V-shaped clip 32 is provided with ends 33 which project through the portion 30. The clip 32 is long enough to loop over the stop 14 and exert a slight pressure on the portion 30 which is preferably of a spring material.

It is desirable to form the small ribs 34 across the bend 35 in order to stiffen the shank 31.

Referring to the index book itself, it consists of a back 36 of fairly stiff material which can slip between the hooks 23 and 24. The cover 37 is also of a fairly stiff material and may carry calendars, advertising matter or special numbers such as emergency numbers in large type, such as fire and police numbers.

The pages 38 are plain or ruled and each is provided with a tab 39 bearing the alphabetical indexes 40. Binder rings 41 unite the back cover 36, the front cover 37 and pages 38 into a book unit which may be snapped into place between the hooks 23 and 24 or removed therefrom.

In the use of the device it is only required that the user place one finger under the desired index tab 39 and the thumb on the next one below it and by a slight upward movement of the finger the book is opened to a reading position.

It can be seen that the device can be installed by an inexperienced person without tools and without in any way mutilating the instrument or detracting from its use and, on the other hand, greatly facilitating the use of the telephone.

I claim:

1. A telephone index book holder consisting of a bracket adapted to be placed against a telephone base, said bracket having an inturned foot, a clip attached to the bracket attachable to the dial stop of the telephone, the upper end of said bracket turning outwardly to form a sloping shank, a book support consisting of a three-sided box having shank receiving slots formed therein and means for attaching an index book within the sides of said box.

2. A holder for telephone index books consisting of an inclined box adapted to receive a tabbed index book with the tabs projecting from one side of the box, a standard attached to the base of a telephone having an outturned shank at its upper end joined to said box and means for anchoring the top of said standard to the dial stop of the telephone.

3. A holder for telephone index books consisting of an upright standard having a hook engaging the under side of a telephone base and having a clip engaging the dial stop, an inclined box supported by said standard having one open side

on the side remote from the telephone and having an open front.

4. A telephone index holder consisting of a shallow rectangular box having an open top and one open long side, the bottom of said box having a depression formed therein provided with slots, a standard having an arm projecting through said slots to support said box, said standard having a base engaging hook at the lower end and a fastener for holding the upper end of said standard anchored to the dial stop on the telephone.

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