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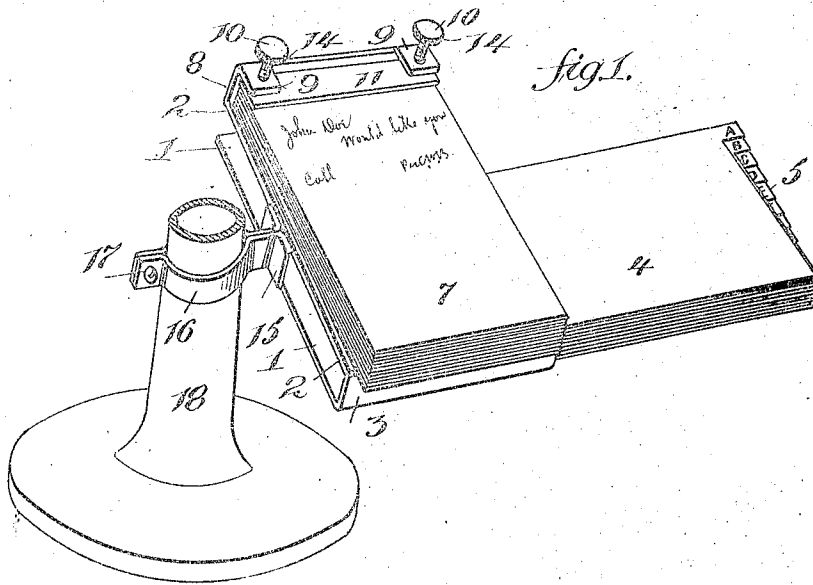


fig. 1.

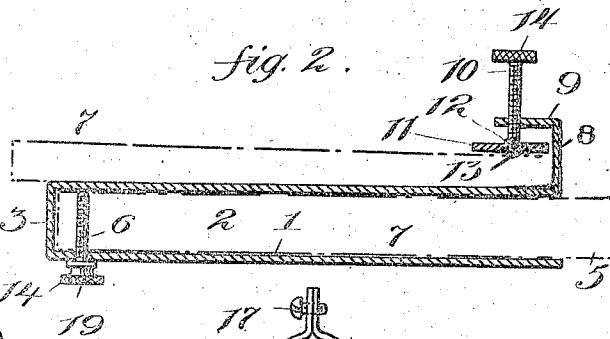


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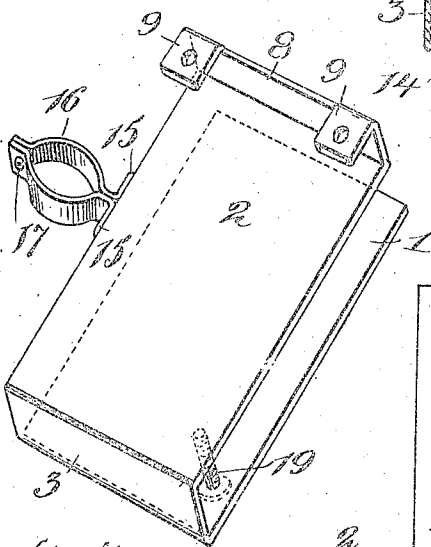


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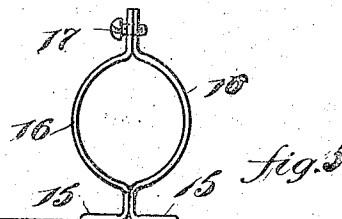
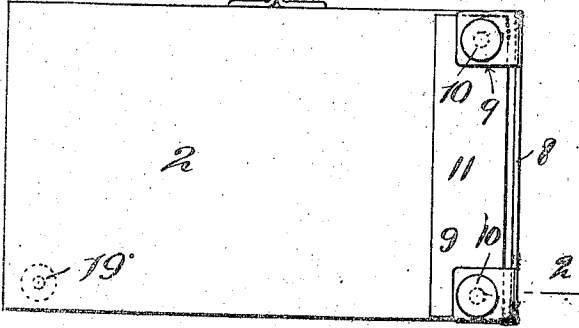


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, DAVID A. CASE and WILLIAM HART SMITH, citizens of the United States, and residents of Jamaica, Long Island, New York, and Richmond Hill, Long Island, New York, respectively, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Telephone Attachments, of which the following is a description.

10 Our invention relates to an attachment to be applied to telephones, and its object is to provide a simple and handy means for readily securing a memorandum pad and index to a telephone, so as not to interfere with the use of the telephone.

Our object is to make such article simple, compact, inexpensive and adapted for the simple form of desk telephone having a vertical neck to which our holder is applied.

20 In the drawings forming part of this application, Figure 1 is a perspective view of our holder attached to a telephone standard. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section on the line 2-2 of Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a plan view, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the holder without the pad and index.

30 The holder consists of a plurality of superimposed plates 1 and 2 which are connected at one end by an upright plate 3, the opposite ends of the plates being free and open. These plates are disposed on the telephone so as to be held horizontal, or substantially so, and are adapted to support a memorandum pad and an index for telephone calls. On the under plate 1 and below the plate 2 is secured an index 4, provided with stepped edges 5. This index is preferably made long enough to have the stepped edges 5 extend beyond the plates when in the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2. The index is secured near the corner 6 by means of a set screw 7 so that it will pivot from this screw and may be swung out to the position shown in Fig. 1, when the sheet containing names under any letter may be swung into view.

40 On the top plate 2 is placed a tablet on which memoranda may be made while using the telephone, and is secured to the plate by upwardly and inwardly extending plates 8 and 9, there being two of the latter at opposite sides of the tablet and they are provided with clamping screws 10 which pass there-

through and are secured in a movable clamping plate 11. The latter is secured to the screws 10 so that the screws may revolve therein and carry the plate toward or away from the tablet 7 so that the latter may be secured against the plate 2 and firmly held for use. The screws 10 are preferably provided with a shoulder 12 and underneath with an enlarged head 13. The screws 7 and 10 are preferably provided with milled edges 14. On the left side of the plates is secured a flat piece of metal 15 which tends to hold the plates 1 and 2 together, and which forms into a two part loop 16 of sufficient size to fit over the standard 18 of an ordinary telephone, below the receiver, and this loop is clamped to the telephone by means of a screw 17.

50 The manner of use of the device is obvious. When a person desires to use the telephone, he swings the stepped index sheets out from the point where they are pivoted by the screw 7, when the proper name is found through the use of the stepped edges, and after taking the phone number contained on this special list, the index is swung back into its former position. When it is desired to make a memorandum the tablet 7 on top is used and the pages are torn off as desired.

80 The general utility, compactness and simplicity of this holder make it desirable.

The lateral dimensions of the whole device, except when the index is swung out, is not very great, so that the device is not clumsy and overbalancing to the phone, as is generally the case. This overcomes the objections formerly raised by telephone users and telephone companies against such devices.

90 Having described my invention, what I claim is:—

1. In a device of the class described, the combination of a plurality of supporting plates secured together at one end by a vertical plate, a series of index sheets pivoted between the said supporting plates by a set screw near one corner thereof and near the vertical connecting plate, a flange on the upper supporting plate projecting over the top thereof and a tablet secured on the said upper plate by a set screw which passes through the said flange, and means for securing the plates to a telephone.

2. In a device of the class described, the combination of a plurality of supporting plates secured together at one end and free at their other ends, a series of stepped index
5 sheets pivoted between the supporting plates, near one corner, and at the end where said plates are connected and having their stepped ends extending beyond the free ends

of the supporting plates and means for securing the plates to a telephone.

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