

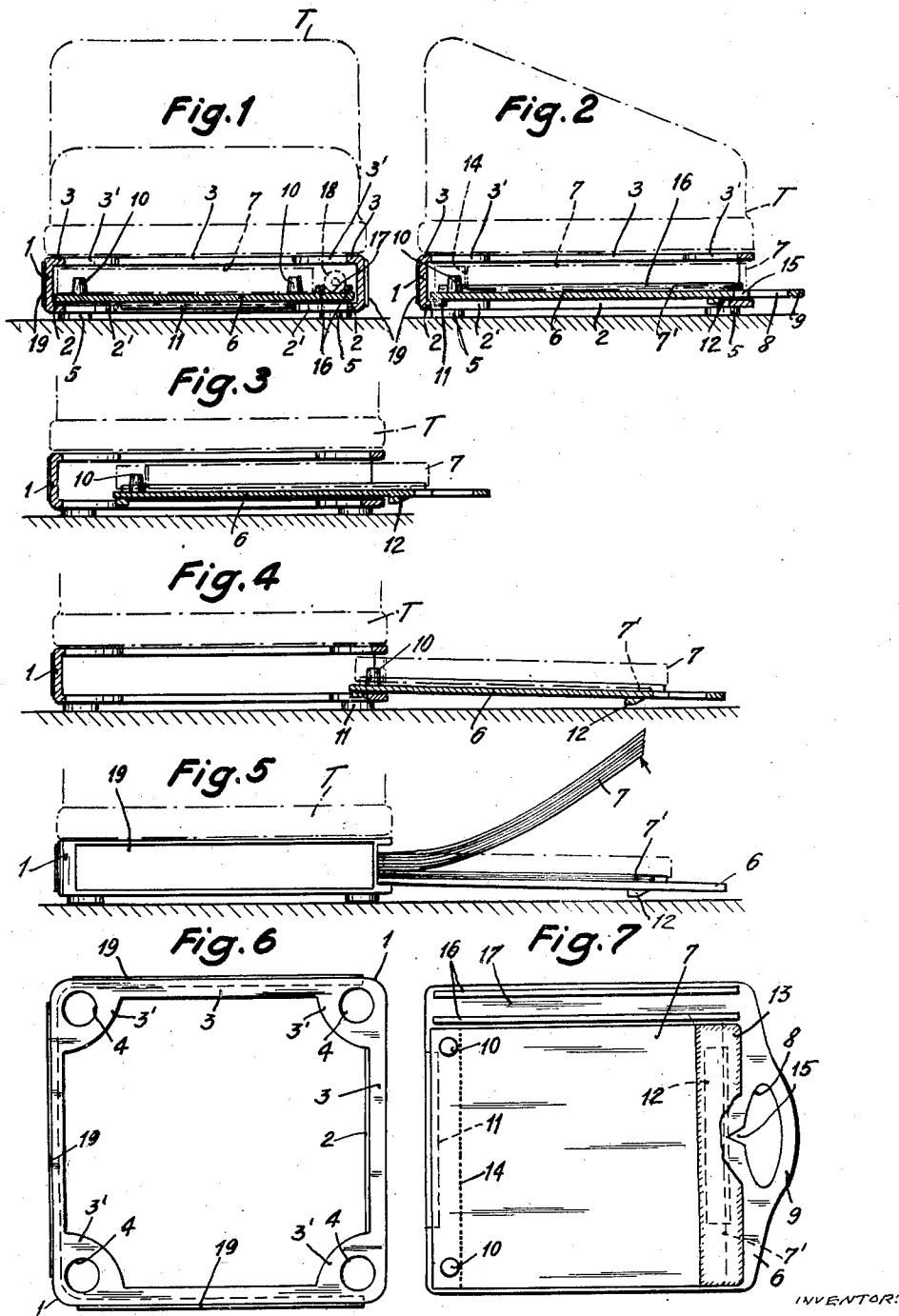
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Cases containing lists of telephone subscribers in the form of a card-index are already used as stands for table telephones. A device of this type is, however, both costly and bulky. What the telephone user really needs above all else is a memo-pad which is always at hand, does not disfigure the telephone, and, when not in use, remains hidden.

The attachment to which the present invention relates is used as a base for the telephone apparatus and contains a memo-pad that can be pulled out like a drawer.

The tablet to which the pad is affixed is best provided with stops to limit the extent of its movement when pulled out or pushed in.

The accompanying drawing illustrates, by way of example, one specific embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 1 being a cross section of the device,

Fig. 2 a longitudinal section with drawer closed,

Fig. 3 a longitudinal section with drawer partially closed,

Fig. 4 a longitudinal section with drawer open,

Fig. 5 a lateral view with drawer open,

Fig. 6 a top view of the frame of the base, and

Fig. 7 a top view of the tablet with pad attached.

The device is designed as a base for a table telephone. It consists of a frame 1 whose upper and lower edges 2, 3 and corners 2', 3' project inwards. The upper corners 3' are provided with circular cavities 4 in which the feet of telephone T (represented in the drawing by dot-dash lines) are lodged. The under corners 2' have feet in the form of rubber discs 5 to ensure the base a solid stance. The front of the frame is open, to make room for a drawer-tablet 6 to which is attached a pad 7. When the tablet is pushed home, its forward portion 9 protrudes and is cut out to form a handle 8. 10 are two plugs affixed to the rear of the tablet and designed to lodge in corresponding holes in memo-pad 7. On the under side of the tablet, near its rear edge, there is a strip 11 which, when the drawer is opened, comes in contact with the lower front edge 2 of the frame and keeps the tablet from being pulled right out (see Fig. 4). A wedge-shaped strip 12 is affixed to the front of the tablet, on its under side, when the tablet is pushed home this strip contacts the lower front edge 2 of frame 1 and limits the movement of the drawer in such a way that a portion of memo-pad 7 protrudes beyond the frame, forming a "reminder" (see Figs. 3 and 7). The back of the memo-sheets may be used for publicity and inscriptions of various kinds. 14 is a perforation in the memo-pad, which en-

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ables the sheets to be torn off. At least one sheet 7' beneath the pad is reserved for permanent annotations, this sheet can be consulted without difficulty, as it is shorter than the upper sheets, which project over a notch 15 in the tablet. By inserting the point of a pencil in this notch, the sheets of the pad can be lifted (see Fig. 5). So that a pencil is always at hand for taking notes, two parallel ribs 16 are fixed to one side of the tablet, forming a groove 17 in which a pencil 18 may be placed (see Fig. 1). On the pencil is an advertisement—not shown in the drawing—which might well be a taxi call-number.

Frame 1 and tablet 6 may be made of metal, 15 plastic, wood, cardboard, Celluloid, etc. To affix advertisements to the outside of the base, it is advantageous to make use of small interchangeable plates 19.

The base fits and matches the casing T of the telephone apparatus with which it forms a coherent unit. Not only the design of the base, but also its colour harmonizes with that of the telephone. As the feet of the telephone fit into cavities 4, apparatus and base are held firmly together and there is no danger of the telephone slipping off the base. They may, however, be separated by simply lifting the telephone. To render the bottom of the telephone easily accessible, it is undesirable to fasten it to the base.

To use the pad, the tablet should be grasped by handle 9 and pulled out. When the drawer is completely closed, it is easy to open it, as strip 12 overcomes without difficulty the slight resistance offered by edge 2. The limiting strip 11 allows the drawer to open quite enough for taking notes. As a rule the tablet will be pushed home only until strip 12 contacts the front edge of the frame, so that the publicity portion 13 of the pad remains exposed over frame 1. If it is desired to close the drawer completely, the tablet should be slightly raised while being pushed home to surmount the obstacle presented by edge 2 of frame 1. Strip 12 then serves to keep the drawer closed by pressing against the inner edge 2 of frame 1.

While the form of embodiment of the invention as herein disclosed, constitutes a preferred form, it is to be understood that some changes may be made in the arrangement, construction and combination of the various parts of my invention, and it is my intention to cover by my claim such changes as may reasonably be included within the scope thereof.

I claim as my invention:

In a memo-device adapted for the support of a table telephone, said device including a frame

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structure having an opening at its front end, a plate in said frame structure slidable through said opening and adapted for the support of a memo-pad, a cross rail at the front end of the frame structure, a depending ledge on the plate at the rear end thereof and a second depending ledge on the plate spaced from the front end adapted to engage the cross rail for limiting opening and closing movements of the pad carrying plate with the front end of the plate and pad normally projecting from the frame structure when housed therein, and said plate adapted to be elevated at its front end to displace the second named ledge relative to said cross rail whereby the plate and pad may be substantially entirely housed within the frame structure, a handle at the front end of the plate having a hand grip opening for opening and closing the plate, the wall of the hand grip opening at the adjacent

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end of the pad having a notch therein over which the adjacent end of the pad extends for enabling an instrument to be inserted under the sheets of the pad above the lowest one in order to raise them.

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