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Fig. 1

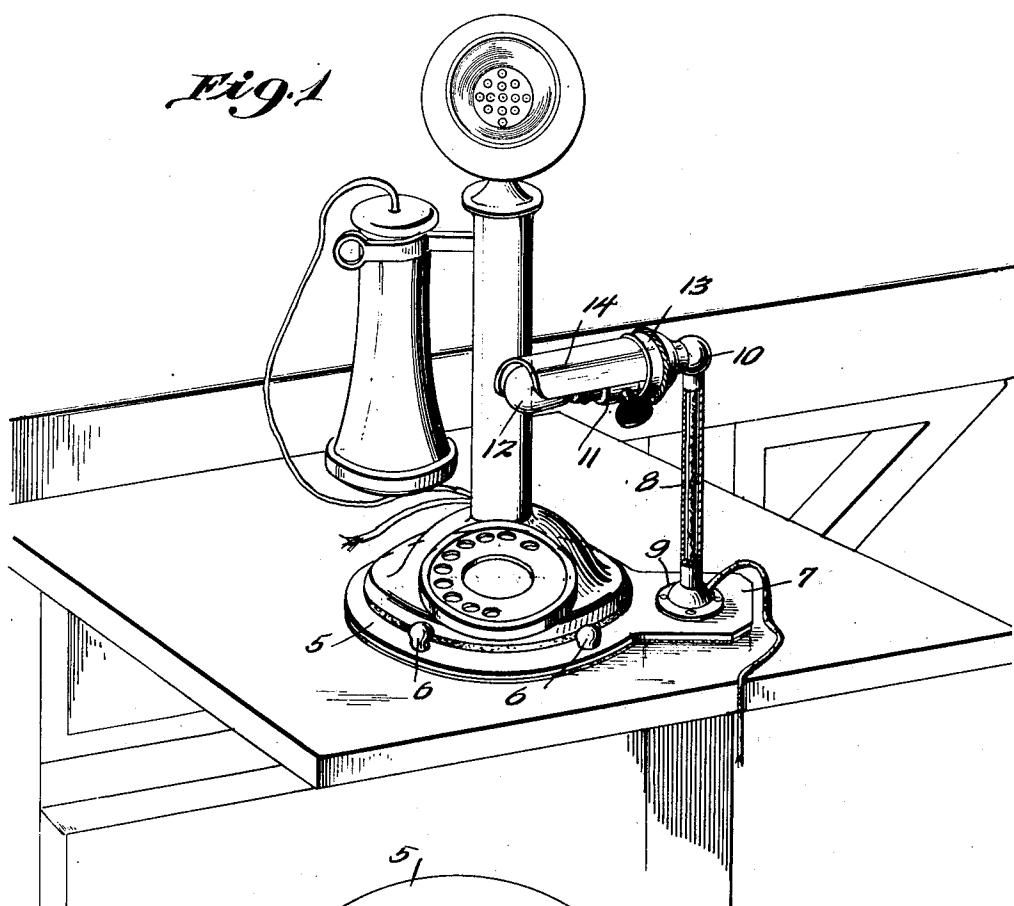
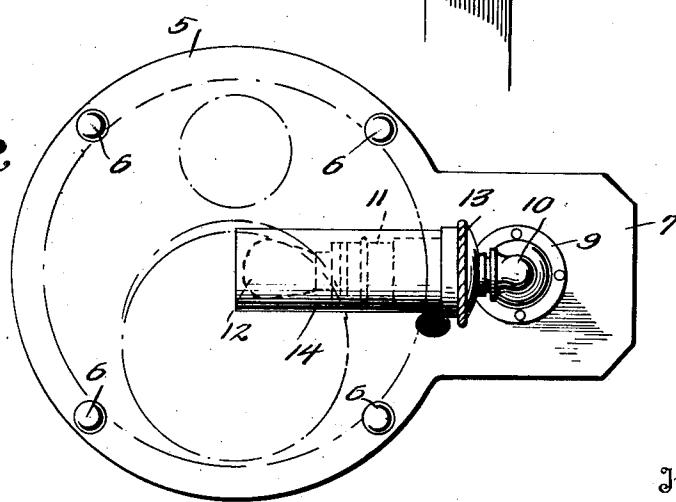


Fig. 2



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My invention relates to improvements in lamps, and more particularly to a lamp designed to illuminate a telephone dial.

An object of my invention is to provide a lamp adapted to be associated with a telephone, and which, when lighted, will clearly illuminate the telephone dial.

A further object of my invention is to provide a lamp having a base adapted to receive a telephone, and a light on the base which, when lit, will illuminate a telephone dial, without in any way interfering with the operation of the telephone.

A further object of my invention is to provide a lamp, adapted to illuminate a telephone dial, and so constructed that no metallic part of the lamp is in contact with the telephone, thereby avoiding any possibility of interfering with the electric circuit of the telephone.

A further object of my invention is to provide a lamp adapted to be used to illuminate different articles such as a telephone dial, sewing machine needle, etc.

With these and other objects in view, the invention comprises certain novel features and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully described and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing my improved lamp, in association with a dial telephone, and

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the lamp with the base and standard of the telephone shown in dotted lines.

Dial telephones are now coming into use in all the larger cities of the country, and if one is placed in the corner of a room which does not receive much light, or in a closet or darkened hallway, or if it is desired to use one at night, some sort of illumination is necessary to pick out the proper letters and numbers on the dial. It often happens that the telephone user does not care to turn on the room lights for this purpose, but desires only enough light to clearly illuminate the dial.

Lights for this purpose have heretofore been designed and patented, but all with which I am acquainted have had some me-

tallic part thereof in direct contact with the telephone, either by clamping the light support to the telephone itself, or the standard supporting the light lies against the telephone so that the two may be lifted together. 55 This is an objectionable feature, as the telephone companies are opposed to any metal accessory being secured to the telephones, claiming it may interfere with their service, and going so far as to intimidate wholesalers and 60 retailers selling such accessories. To overcome such objections my present invention was devised, and will now be described in detail.

My improved lamp comprises a base 5 of 65 fibre or other insulating material adapted to set on a table or other support and provided with a number of nodes or lugs 6 of insulating material, preferably arranged to receive within their confines the base of a telephone, and 70 properly position it upon the base. The base is preferably circular, and has projecting therefrom a projection 7 upon which is mounted a vertical standard 8. This standard is of metal and hollow, and is secured at 75 its lower end to the projection 7 by a flange 9. At its upper end, the standard is provided with an elbow 10, which has secured to it the lamp socket 11, adapted to receive the lamp 12. This lamp is horizontal and extends over 80 the main body part of the base and is directly above the dial of the telephone, as clearly shown in Fig. 2.

Mounted on the lamp socket 11 is a shade support 13, having rotatably secured thereto 85 the shade 14. This shade lies over the lamp 12, and the support 13 is so constructed that the shade can be rotated through an angle of approximately ninety degrees, the movement of the shade being limited by either of its edges striking the turn button of the lamp socket. 90

The wires from the lamp extend down through the standard and emerge therefrom at the lower end, just above the flange 9. They may have a plug thereon (not shown) adapted to be connected to any socket. 95

It will thus be seen that I have provided a lamp adapted to be used to illuminate a telephone dial and that, while it is associated 100

with the telephone, no metallic part thereof touches the telephone, thereby avoiding any possibility of interfering with the electric circuit of the telephone. Furthermore, the 5 telephone may easily be removed from or replaced on the base without in any way disturbing the lamp.

• While I have shown my lamp in association with a telephone, it may also be used in connection with a sewing machine for threading needles, a phonograph, or any machine where a lamp is needed to throw a light on a small part.

15 Various slight changes may be made in the arrangements of parts described, and hence I do not limit myself to the precise details set forth, but consider myself at liberty to make such changes as fall within the limit and scope of the appended claim.

20 What I claim is:

A lamp comprising a base of insulating material, a projection on the base, a standard mounted on the projection, a lamp socket on the standard extending from the same and 25 adapted to support a lamp in a horizontal position and spaced lugs on the base adapted to receive a telephone, and so located with respect to the standard, as to keep the base of the telephone out of contact with the standard.

30 In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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