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Fig. 1.

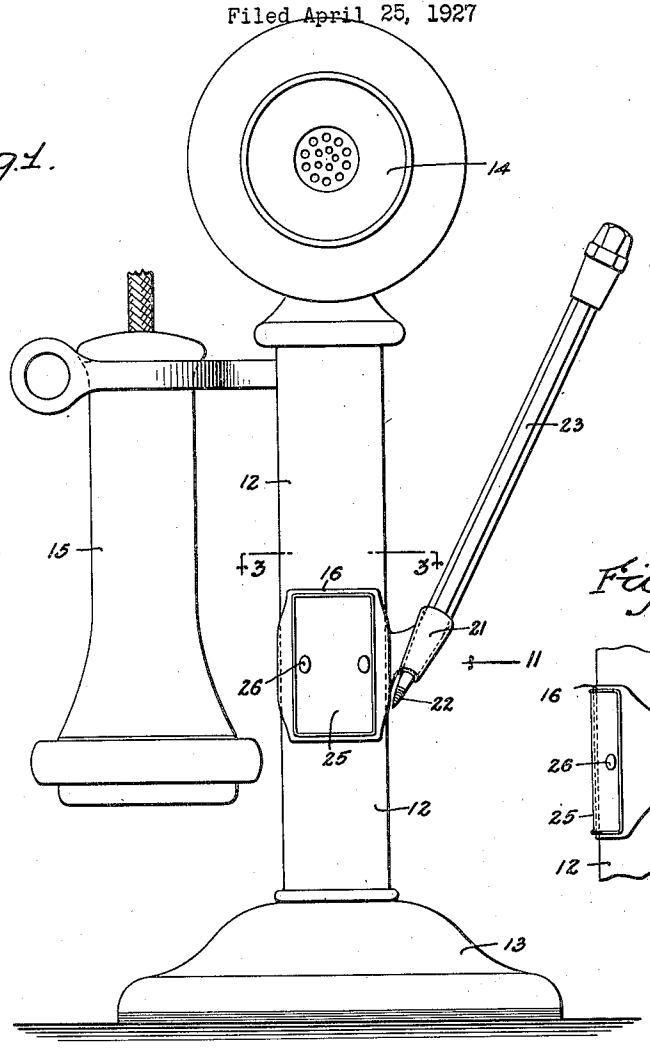


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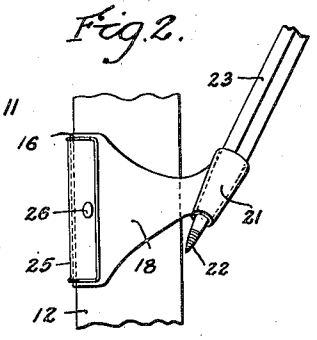


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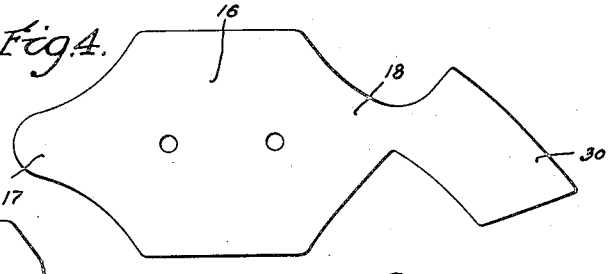


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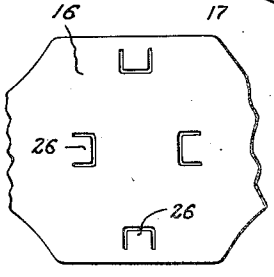
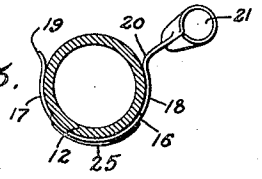


Fig. 3.



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PENCIL HOLDER FOR TELEPHONE INSTRUMENTS.

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My invention relates to a device which is made in the form of an attachment to be applied to the common form of telephone instruments, whereby an ordinary lead pencil may be conveniently supported thereon.

Convenience in having a lead pencil at hand, during telephone conversations, will be readily recognized and the main object of my invention is to provide a simple form of pencil holding attachment, which can be readily attached and supported on a telephone instrument, and which supports a pencil in convenient position for use.

Another object of my invention is to provide an attachment of the class described, which is constructed from a single blank of metal which can be easily formed into the required shape for the purposes desired.

Other objects and advantages will appear hereinafter from the following description and drawings.

Referring to the drawings which are for illustrative purposes only—

Fig. 1 is a face view of a pencil holding attachment, embodying a form of my invention, showing the same mounted on a telephone instrument.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the device shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a sectional plan view on line 3—3 of Fig. 1 and

Fig. 4 is a face view of the blank used in forming the attachment and Fig. 5 is a modified form of same.

11 designates generally a form of my pencil holding attachment mounted on the stem 12 of a telephone instrument, the stem 12 being supported on a base 13 and such instrument being equipped with a receiver 14 and transmitter 15. The attachment comprises a body portion 16, having side extensions 17 and 18, such body portion 16 and side members or extensions 17 and 18 being bent in circular form of slightly less diameter than the diameter of the stem 12 of the telephone instrument, the ends 19 and 20 of the extensions 17 and 18 respectively being turned slightly outwardly as shown in Fig. 3. The end 18 terminates in a rolled receiver 21 of frusto conical shape, larger at its upper end than its lower end and shaped to receive the sharpened end 22 of a pencil 23, to support the pencil therein, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

25 designates a plate which may be secured to the body portion by means of screws, rivets or clips 26, and which plate may be used for displaying advertising matter thereon, although it is to be understood that advertising matter may be placed directly on the body portion 16 of the attachment, if so desired.

The attachment is preferably made of sheet metal from a single blank, as shown in Fig. 4, in which the part designated by the numeral 30 is rolled to form the pencil receiver heretofore described, the metal used being preferably of a nature which permits some "spring" to permit sufficient frictional contact with the telephone instrument, to retain the same thereon, at the same time permitting ready attachment and removal therefrom.

It is further to be noted that the attachment engages the stem of the instrument slightly over half the diameter of the same, as illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawings, thereby more firmly holding the same in place.

In the form shown in Fig. 5 clips 26 are formed in the stamping operation, which clips may be bent over the plate 25 to hold the same in place.

I claim as my invention:

1. A pencil holding attachment for telephone instruments comprising: an integral sheet metal member, curved to engage the stem of such instrument and consisting of a body portion and side portions; one of said side portions being extended laterally and rolled to form a hollow frusto conical receiver shaped to receive the sharpened end of a pencil.

2. A pencil holding attachment for telephone instruments comprising: a sheet metal member, curved to engage over more than half the diameter of the stem of such instrument, and consisting of a stem engaging portion and a pencil receiving portion shaped to protect the sharpened end of a pencil.

3. A pencil holding attachment for telephone instruments comprising: a sheet metal member, curved to engage the stem of such instrument and consisting of a body portion and side portions; one of said side portions being extended to form a receiver adapted to receive the sharpened end of a pencil.

4. A pencil holding attachment for telephone instruments comprising: a sheet metal member shaped to conform to the stem of

such instrument, and a single extension formed on such member, shaped to receive the pointed end of a pencil.

5. A blank for forming a pencil holding attachment comprising: a strip of sheet metal, having a body portion and side portions on each side of the body portion, one of said side portions having an enlarged extension, comprising a developed frustrial conical strip.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Los Angeles, California, this 15 day of April, 1927.

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