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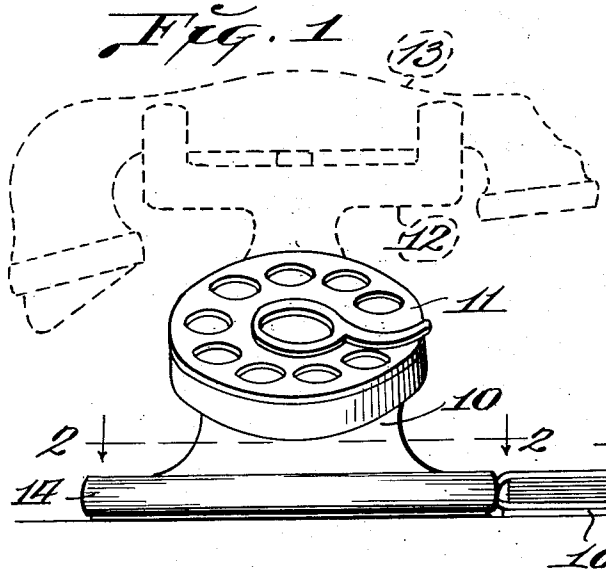



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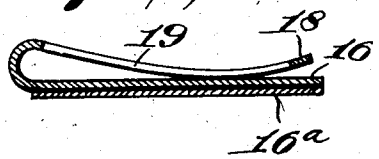



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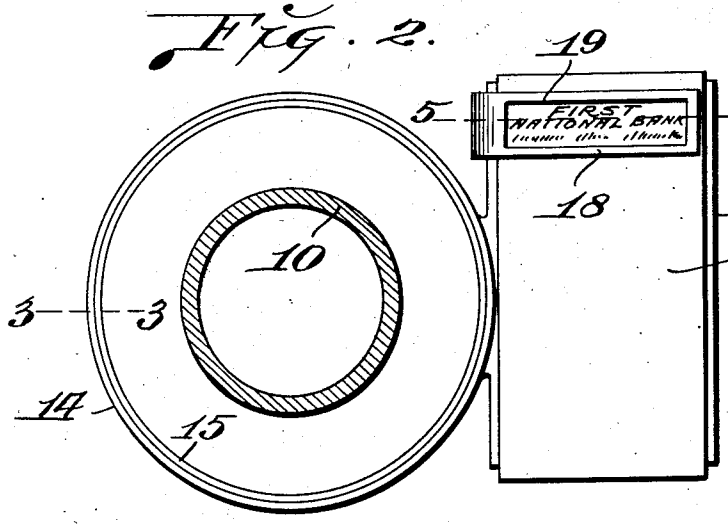



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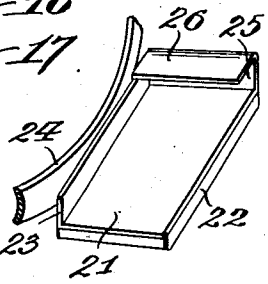



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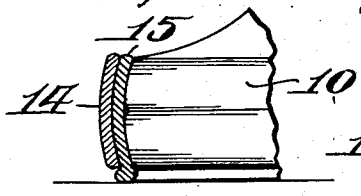



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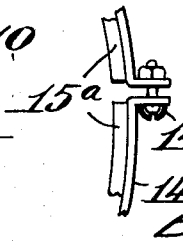
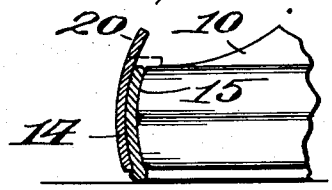



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## TELEPHONE ANCHOR AND PAD HOLDER

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My invention relates generally to attachments for telephone sets of the type used on desks, stands and the like and more particularly to a device that may be conveniently applied to the base portion of the set for firmly holding the same against sliding movement upon smooth surfaces during the manual operation of the dial that is manipulated for the purpose of establishing telephone connection and which device includes means for conveniently receiving and holding a pad of paper upon which telephone numbers, addresses and other data may be written.

The principal objects of my invention are, to provide a telephone attachment of the character referred to that is relatively simple in construction, inexpensive of manufacture, capable of being easily and quickly applied to or removed from the base of the telephone set and which device by reason of its simplicity and cheapness of construction, may be advantageously employed as an advertising medium.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts that will hereinafter be more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a telephone set of the desk type and showing my improved anchor and pad holder applied thereto.

Fig. 2 is a horizontal section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a detail plan view of a modified form of that portion of the attachment that serves as the anchor for the telephone instrument.

Fig. 5 is a cross section taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 6 is a cross section similar to Fig. 3 and showing a modified form of the anchor that forms a part of the attachment.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view showing a modified form of the pad holder.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawing which illustrates a practical embodiment of my invention, 10 designates the base portion of a telephone set, which base carries the usual dial 11 and the saddle or support 12 for the combined receiver and transmitter 13.

The anchoring portion of my improved device comprises a ring 14 that is preferably formed of thin flexible material, for instance, a band or ribbon of steel or aluminum and this ring is curved in cross section with its concave face inwardly presented.

Arranged on the concave inner face of the ring or band 14, is a layer or facing 15 of flexible friction producing material for instance, rubber, rubber composition, leather or fiber, and the lower portion of this facing extends a short distance below the lower edge of the ring or band 14. This ring-shaped member comprising the parts 14 and 15, is fitted onto the lower portion of the base 10 and when properly applied to said base, the lower portion of the facing 15 projects a slight distance below the underface of the base 10, thereby providing a circular contact member that engages directly upon the surface of the desk or stand upon which the telephone set is normally positioned and, due to the friction producing qualities of the facing strip, this contact portion will tend to firmly hold the set on the smooth supporting surface and particularly while the dial of the instrument is being manipulated.

Secured in any suitable manner to the lower portion of the ring 14 and preferably to that portion of said ring that is disposed on the righthand side of the base of the instrument, is a horizontally disposed plate 16, preferably of metal and which is adapted to lie flat on the surface of the desk or stand on which the telephone set normally rests. This plate 16 is adapted to serve as a backing for a pad 17 of paper or thin cards and in order to retain this pad in position upon the plate 16, a tongue or retaining finger 18 of resilient material is secured to the upper left hand corner of plate 16 and overlies the upper end of said plate.

The resiliency of the metal or material of which this tongue or finger is formed, tends to cause the same to normally flex downwardly and therefore it exerts pressure on the pad of paper that is positioned on the plate 16 and holds said pad in convenient position on the plate.

In the event that the device is distributed as an advertising novelty, the person or firm so using it may have suitable advertising matter printed on the upper portions of the sheets of paper or cards forming the pad and in order that this advertising matter may be readily observed, the tongue or finger 18 is provided with an opening 19 which corresponds in size and shape with the surface of the leaves of the pad that carries the advertising matter.

If desired the tongue or finger 18 may be formed without the opening 19 and advertising matter printed or applied directly to the upper surface of said tongue or finger.

In order to increase the effectiveness of the device as an anchor to hold the telephone instrument firmly on smooth surfaces, the face of the plate 16 may be provided with a section or a plurality of sections $16^a$ of friction producing material such as rubber and which section of material lies flat upon the desk or table when the device is applied to the telephone instrument as illustrated in Fig. 1.

In Fig. 4 I have illustrated a modified construction wherein the base engaging member comprises a band $14^a$ of flexible material, the same carrying a facing $15^a$ and the ends of the band $14^a$ being bent outwardly at right angles and perforated for the reception of a screw or bolt $14^b$ which when tightened, clamps the band upon the base.

In Fig. 6 I have shown the flexible band 14 provided on its upper edge with small lips such as 20 and which latter are bent over unto the top of the base 10 after the band 14 and its lining 15 have been applied to said base.

My invention contemplates the formation of the base engaging member from any suitable flexible material, for instance, a narrow band or ribbon of thin metal, celluloid or fiber or in some instances one or more flexible members such as wires, chains or cables could be imbedded in a band of rubber or fiber and applied to the base of the telephone instrument.

In Fig. 7 I have shown a modified form of the holder for a pad of paper and such holder comprises a rectangular plate 21 of sheet metal on the undersurface of which is secured a layer 22 of rubber to form an anchoring surface and a portion of the metal of this plate along the left-hand edge thereof is bent upwardly at right angles to form a flange 23 that is suitably secured, preferably by solder or spot welding directly to the band 24 that encircles the base of the telephone instrument.

At the forward end of plate 21 the metal is bent upwardly at right angles to form an end wall 25 and projecting horizontally inward from the upper end of this end wall is a horizontally disposed flange 26 that is positioned parallel with the plate 21.

When a pad of paper is positioned on plate 21, one end of said pad projects beneath the overlying flange 26.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a combined anchor and pad holder that may be conveniently applied to the base portion of a telephone instrument and which device, in addition to preventing the instrument from slipping on smooth surfaces while the dial is being manipulated, also functions to conveniently hold a pad of paper upon which memoranda or data may be written by the user of the telephone.

The attachment is relatively simple in construction, may be easily applied to or removed from the telephone instrument, does not in any way interfere with the operation of the telephone and the cheapness of manufacture of the device permits it to be utilized as an advertising novelty.

It will be understood that minor changes in the size, form and construction of the various parts of my improved telephone anchor and pad holder may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the spirit of my invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A telephone anchor and pad holder, comprising a ring-shaped member of flexible material, said member being curved in cross section with its concave face inwardly presented, a facing of friction producing material on said concave face and a pad holding plate secured to and projecting outwardly from said ring-shaped member.

2. A telephone anchor and pad holder, as set forth in claim 1, with the lower portion of the lining of friction producing material extending below the lower edge of said ring-shaped member and a finger of resilient material secured to and overlying the upper end portion of said pad holding member.

3. A telephone anchor and pad holder, as set forth in claim 1, with the lower portion of the lining of friction producing material extending below the lower edge of said ring-shaped member, a finger of resilient material secured to and overlying the upper end portion of said pad holding member and said finger being provided with an opening.

4. A telephone anchor and pad holder as set forth in claim 1, and with a section of friction producing material arranged on the underside of said pad holding plate.

5. A telephone anchor and pad holder, comprising a ring-shaped member of flexible material, said member being curved in cross section with its concave face inwardly presented so as to receive and fit snugly upon the rounded edge of the base portion of a telephone instrument, a horizontally disposed plate secured to and projecting outwardly from said ring-shaped member and means on one end of said plate for receiving and holding a pad of paper.

6. A telephone anchor and pad holder, comprising a ring-shaped member of flexible material, said member being curved in cross section with its concave face inwardly presented so as to receive and fit snugly upon the rounded edge of the base portion of a telephone instrument, a horizontally disposed plate secured to and projecting outwardly from said ring-shaped member, means on one end of said plate for receiving and holding a pad of paper and friction producing means on the underface of said plate for engaging the surface upon which the telephone instrument is positioned.

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