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TELEPHONE STAND.

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Fig. 1

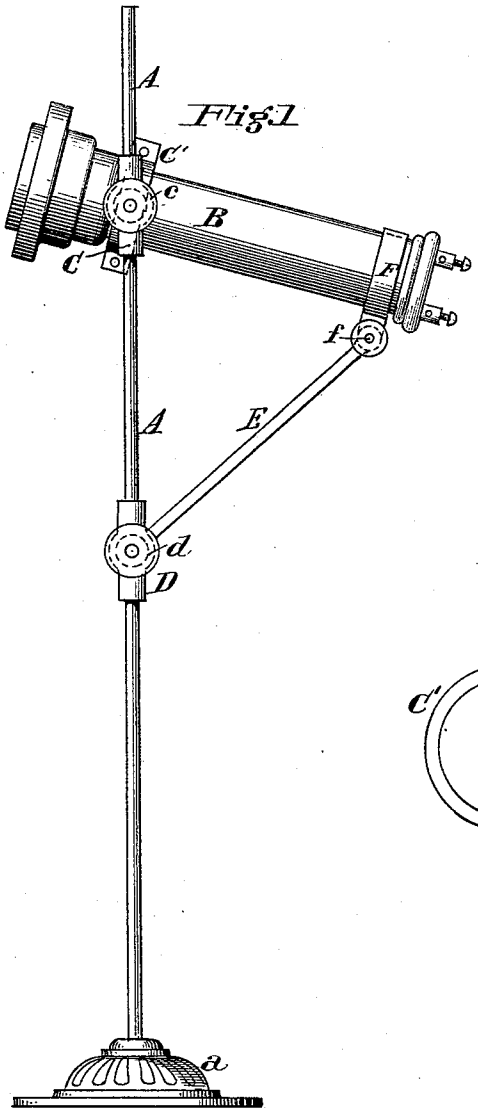


Fig. 2

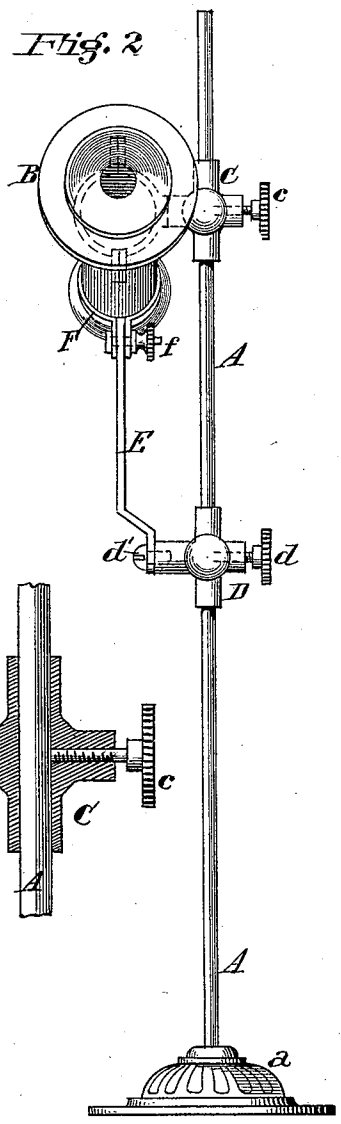
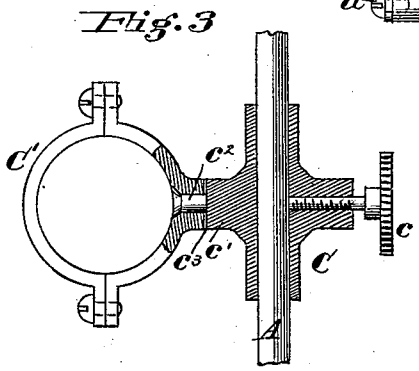


Fig. 3



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TELEPHONE-STAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. SEELY, of Covington, in the county of Kenton and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Telephone-Stands, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is in the nature of an improvement upon stands for the support of exchange receiving-telephones; and it consists in mounting the telephone on a vertical standard by means of adjustable sleeves and clamps, whereby the instrument may be conveniently adapted in position to the ear of the operator.

In the Bell telephonic system two classes of instruments are employed, one a transmitter, into which the operator talks, and a receiving-telephone, which he applies to his ear to receive calls. My invention relates exclusively to the latter class of instruments.

Receiving-telephone stands have been constructed where the instrument is secured to the stand by means of a single sleeve and a swiveling clamp; but this device is very unsubstantial and not capable of ready adjustment to the requirements of different operators.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is front elevation of my improved telephone-stand. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof, and Fig. 3 a detached view of the upper sleeve and clamp.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts.

A is a standard of metal mounted in a base, *a*, which, in turn, is secured to the operator's table.

B is a receiving-telephone.

C is a sleeve (shown in detail in Fig. 3) which is fitted to slide freely upon the standard A, and provided with a binding-screw, *c*, by means of which it is secured in position on the standard. From one side of the sleeve C a short arm, *c'*, projects, upon which is formed a stud, c^2, and shoulder c^3. A clamp, C', is attached to the arm *c'* by means of the stud c^2, which is passed through one side of the clamp and riveted, as shown in Fig. 3, to swivel freely thereon.

D is a second sleeve, arranged to slide freely upon the standard A, and provided with a binding-screw, *d*, to secure it in any desired position.

E is a connecting brace or stay, flexibly connected to the sleeve D at *d'*, and to the telephone B by means of the clamp F and clamping-screw *f*.

It will be observed that the sleeves C and D are capable of adjustment on the standard A independent of each other.

By securing the sleeve C in any desired position on the standard A the telephone B may be adjusted through a wide range by simply sliding the sleeve D up or down on the standard, the connecting brace or stay serving to govern and firmly secure the telephone in position.

In telephonic exchanges the operator sits at a table with the receiving-instrument secured to the table, either to his right or his left, as he may prefer, and in proximity to his ear in order that his hands may be free to make connections on the switch-board in response to calls. By means of my adjustable stand any position of the telephone B upon the standard A may be had by adjusting the sleeves C and D upon the standard with relation to height and to each other.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

The combination, with the standard A and receiving-telephone B, of the swiveling clamp C', sleeves C and D, and flexibly-connected brace E, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to the foregoing specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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