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MEMORANDUM PAD HOLDER FOR DESK TELEPHONES.

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Fig. I

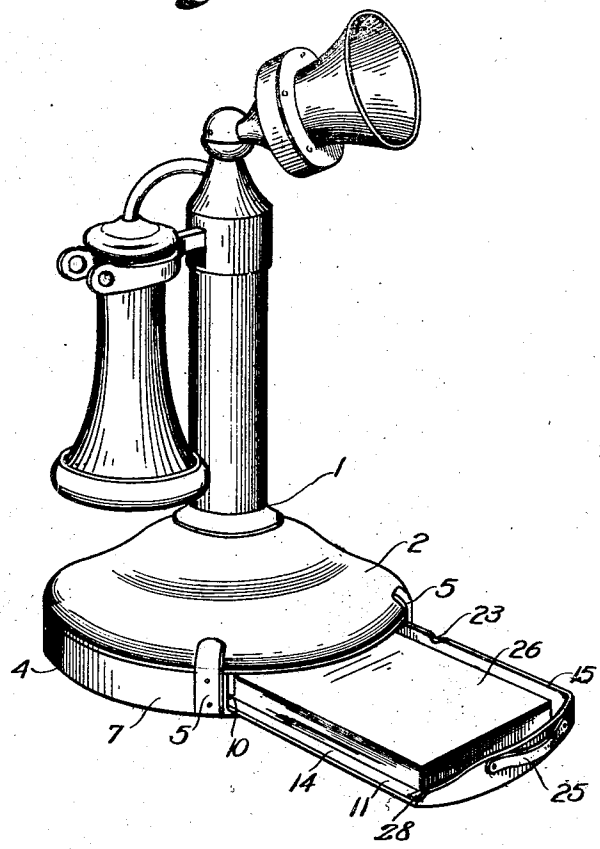


Fig. II.

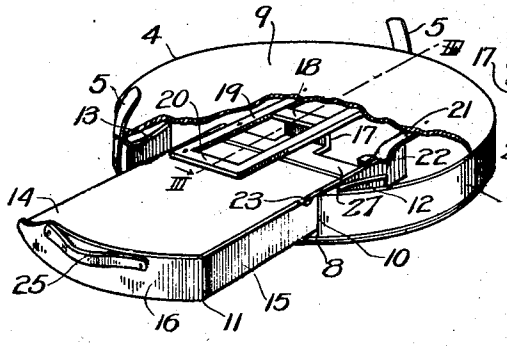
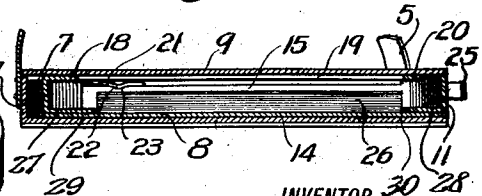


Fig. III.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN S. GEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Memorandum-Pad Holders for Desk-Telephones; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a memorandum pad holder for desk telephones and has for its principal object to provide a device of this character which may normally be housed in a convenient and inconspicuous manner on the telephone, but which may be easily and quickly moved to functional position when it is required.

In accomplishing this object I have provided improved details of structure, the preferred forms of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure I is a perspective view of a desk telephone instrument equipped with a memorandum pad holder containing my improvements. Fig. II is a detail perspective view of the pad holder, a part of the housing being broken away for better illustration. Fig. III is a vertical section of the pad holder on the line III—III, Fig. II.

Referring more in detail to the drawings:—1 designates a desk telephone instrument of any ordinary construction, comprising a base 2 and the usual parts carried thereon, which will not be mentioned in detail as the construction of the instrument itself forms no part of the present invention, except in so far as the base 2 is used in combination with my improvements.

The pad holder, in its preferred form, comprises a housing 4 of a shape to correspond with that of the base 2 of the telephone instrument to which the device is to be applied, and having spring lips 5 that rise from the top of the housing and are adapted for projection over and gripping contact with the base 2 to hold the housing yieldingly thereto. The said housing comprises a side wall or rim 7 and a bottom 8, in addition to the top 9, and located in the side wall 7 is an opening 10 through which a tray 11 may move freely, leaf springs 12—13 being preferably located at the sides of the opening 10, in order to wipe the edges of the tray 11 to prevent a too free movement of the tray within the housing, and hold the tray at any position to which it may be drawn.

The tray 11 comprises a bottom 14, a side wall 15 and a front 16, the side opposite the wall 15 being open and the back part also preferably being open but provided with a hook stop 17, having a top lip 18 that slides in a U-bracket 19 that is fixed to the top member 9 of the housing 4 and has a front cross bar 20, against which the lip 18 is adapted to abut to limit forward movement of the tray, and thereby prevent its accidental displacement from the housing. Also fixed to the top 9 of the housing is a leaf spring 21, having a downturned boss 22 that rides on the upper edge of the wall 15 and is adapted to take into a notch 23 in said edge, in order to limit opening movement of the tray, Fig. III of the drawing showing the tray drawn outwardly to such a point that the notch 23 has passed the boss or spring keeper, although the tray will ordinarily be held by the keeper.

The tray 11 is provided with a handle member 25 at its front end, and is adapted for carrying a pad 26 of note sheets, which may be removed when desired or which may be used without their removal from the tray.

In order to hold the memorandum pad in place, I preferably mount keeper plates 27—28 on the bottom of the tray at the front and back and undercut the inner edges of the plates to form blades 29—30, that are adapted to enter the ends of the pad and hold the same in place. With this construction I prefer to form the hook 17—18 on the plate 26, as it is easier to form on the plate than on the tray.

Assuming that the parts are constructed and assembled as described, and mounted on the base of an ordinary desk telephone instrument, it is apparent that the instrument may be used in the ordinary manner, the only difference between the instrument equipped with my improvement and one that is not being that the base of the instrument is slightly raised, owing to the presence of the housing. Under ordinary circumstances the tray 11 will be nested within the housing and will not protrude to

expose the pad or occupy additional space on a desk. Should a person using the telephone desire to make a memorandum, it is only necessary to pull the tray 11 out of the housing to expose the pad at a convenient point for use while he is using the telephone instrument. After the pad has been used, the sheet bearing the memorandum may be removed from the tray and the latter moved back into the housing, it being apparent that as the tray is made to fit the housing, it will help to form a continuous side wall thereabout and obviate projection, and that owing to the presence of the keeper stop, the tray can only be drawn outwardly to a fixed distance, thereby preventing accidental displacement from the housing.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is:—

A memorandum pad holder comprising a housing forming a side wall cut away to form an opening and having spacing lips at the edges of the opening turned into the chamber to provide guide and gripping members, and a tray slidable within the opening with its edges yieldingly gripped by said lips.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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