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COMBINATION TELEPHONE SCREEN AND CONTAINER FOR CONFECTIONERY OR THE LIKE.

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Fig. 1

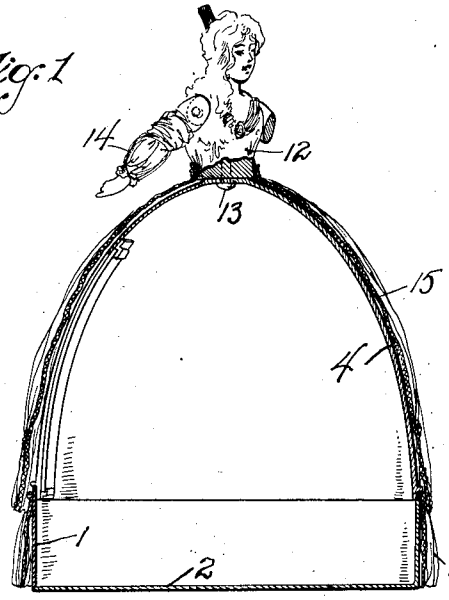


Fig. 5

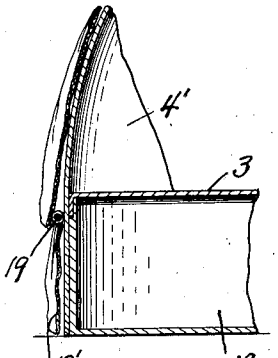


Fig. 2

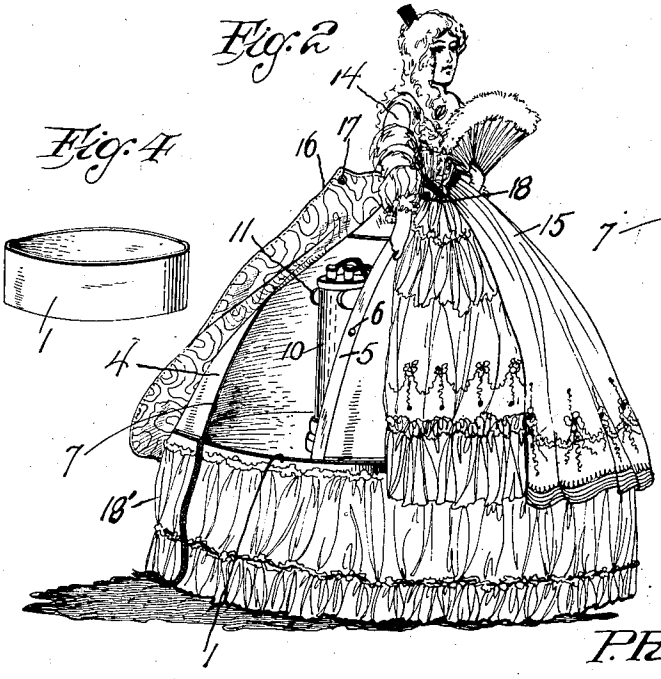


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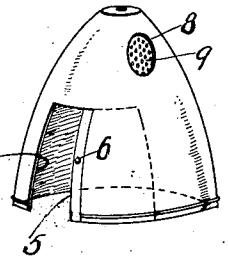


Fig. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL R. SHAILER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Telephone-Screens and Containers for Confectionery or the like; and I do hereby 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.

The fundamental object of my invention is to provide a novel device, which is exceedingly ornamental and attractive from an esthetic standpoint, and which also serves as a screen for a telephone transmitter and stand.

A further object is to provide a device of the character just described, which is provided with a base, constituting a combined support for the screen and a container for confectionery.

A further object is to provide a device of the character specified in the preceding paragraphs, which is provided with an apertured diaphragm, constituting part of the telephone transmitter, said transmitting diaphragm being normally concealed by a curtain inclosing the telephone shield.

A further object is to provide a device, as described, which exteriorly resembles a doll.

Further objects will appear as the specification proceeds and the nature of the invention is more fully disclosed.

With these objects in view, the invention resides, broadly stated, in a shell, preferably substantially truncated cone shaped and preferably provided with an apertured diaphragm, and with a door, whereby access may be had to the interior of said shell, to dispose therein the telephone stand and receiver, in combination with a head piece, formed to represent a doll's head and a portion of the trunk, said head piece being attachable to the apex of said cone, and a curtain depending from said head piece and inclosing said cone-shaped portion and formed to represent a doll's dress.

More specifically stated, the invention resides in the construction already specified, having a base and reinforcing member adapted to be disposed within said cone-shaped portion at the base thereof, and formed as a box with a removable lid, suitable for the reception of confectionery.

The accompanying drawings clearly disclose an exemplary construction, capable of carrying out the underlying principles of the invention. Like reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views. The different figures of the drawings may be briefly described as follows:

Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view through the cone-shaped member, the base, and the drapery or curtain, the head piece being shown partially in elevation and partially in section,

Fig. 2 is a view in elevation of my device, the curtain or dress being folded back at the placket to disclose the interior construction, the door also being in open position,

Fig. 3 is a detached detail view in perspective of the shell, the door thereof being shown in open position,

Fig. 4 is a detached detail view in perspective of the base of my device, and,

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary sectional view of a slightly modified form of my device.

Referring now in detail to the drawings:

The base 1 of the device comprises a bottom 2 and an annular side wall, said base constituting a container for, say, confectionery. A suitable lid (such as shown at 3 in Fig. 5) may be used to close the top of the base, or container.

4 designates a shell which is preferably substantially truncated cone-shaped, as shown, said shell at its bottom being adapted either to bear upon the top of the base (as in Fig. 1) or to encircle and bear against the side wall of the base 1, as shown in Fig. 5. The shell 4 is provided with a sliding door 5, which may be provided with a button 6 for convenient manipulation thereof. The door slides in suitable bearings and is adapted to close an opening 7 in the shell. The shell is also provided preferably toward its top or apex with a circular, or other shaped, opening 8, in which may be disposed an apertured disk 9. This disk may be omitted, if desired.

As will be clearly seen in Fig. 2, the shell

4 constitutes a screen for a telephone receiver 10, and a telephone stand 11. It will be apparent that, by opening the door 5 in the shell 4, the telephone stand and receiver may be disposed therein, as shown in Fig. 2, and that, when the door 5 is closed, the telephone receiver and stand are entirely hidden from view. When disposed within the shell, the mouthpiece of the telephone receiver is on a level with the opening 8 in the shell.

Adapted to be supported upon the apex of the cone-shaped shell 4, is a head piece 12, which may be suitably secured to the shell, as by means of a screw 13. Said head piece is shaped to represent a doll's head and the upper portion of the body of the doll, as shown in the drawings. Pivotally secured to said head piece 12 is an arm 14, constituting one of the arms of the doll. The lower portion of the head piece 12 may be substantially annular in cross-section and, secured around this annular portion, is a curtain 15, adapted to envelop the shell 4, as shown in the drawings. The curtain depends from the base of the head piece 12, and may extend to the bottom of the base of the device, or, preferably, to a point thereabove, as shown in the drawing. Said curtain is preferably suitably ornamented and plaited to represent the dress of the doll, and is desirably of some artistic material, such as silk or satin. Said curtain, or dress, is provided with a placket 16, extending from the top to the bottom of the dress and adapted to be held in closed position by any suitable means, as by a snap fastener 17, adapted to engage in a suitable socket 18, carried by said curtain, near the top thereof. The purpose, or function, of the movable arm 14 is to hide said snap fastener 17 when the same is engaged with the socket. When access is desired to the fastener, to unbutton the same, the arm 14 is swung aside, as shown in Fig. 1.

Preferably a second curtain 18′ is disposed around the container 1, and depends from the top of the side wall thereof, to which it is suitably secured. Said curtain or ruffle constitutes the under skirt of the doll.

The modification shown in Fig. 5 consists in extending the shell 4′ to the bottom of the container, or base, 1^a (instead of the shell resting upon the container or base, as in Fig. 1), and in providing the top of the curtain with an elastic cord or band 19 to retain the curtain in frictional engagement with the shell 4′.

Having thus fully described my invention, its many advantages will be apparent, and need not be dwelt upon in detail.

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of the United States, I have described with great particularity the concrete embodiment of the underlying principles of the invention; but it is to be understood that various changes may be made within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of the invention or necessarily sacrificing any of its advantages.

What I claim to be new is:

1. In a device of the character described, a shell provided with an opening, an apertured diaphragm disposed in said opening, a head piece detachably secured to said shell, a curtain depending from said head piece and inclosing said shell, said curtain being adapted to be opened, means for securing said curtain against accidental opening, and an arm pivoted to said head piece, and normally adapted to hide said securing means from view.

2. In a device of the character described, a shell provided with two openings, an apertured diaphragm disposed in one of said openings, a sliding door normally closing the other opening, a head piece detachably secured to said shell, a curtain depending from said head piece and inclosing said shell, said curtain being adapted to be opened, means for securing said curtain against accidental opening, and an arm pivoted to said head piece and normally adapted to hide said securing means from view.

3. In a device of the character described, a shell provided with an opening, an apertured diaphragm disposed in said opening, a head piece detachably secured to said shell, a curtain depending from said head piece and inclosing said shell, said curtain being adapted to be opened, means for securing said curtain against accidental opening, an arm pivoted to said head piece and normally adapted to hide said securing means from view, and a hollow base, slidably engaged with the lower portion of said shell.

4. A combined screen for telephones and a confectionery container, comprising a hollow base for the reception of confectionery and adapted to support a telephone, and a substantially truncated cone shaped shell inclosing said base and rising thereabove and having an opening in the side wall thereof, normally closed by a sliding door.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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