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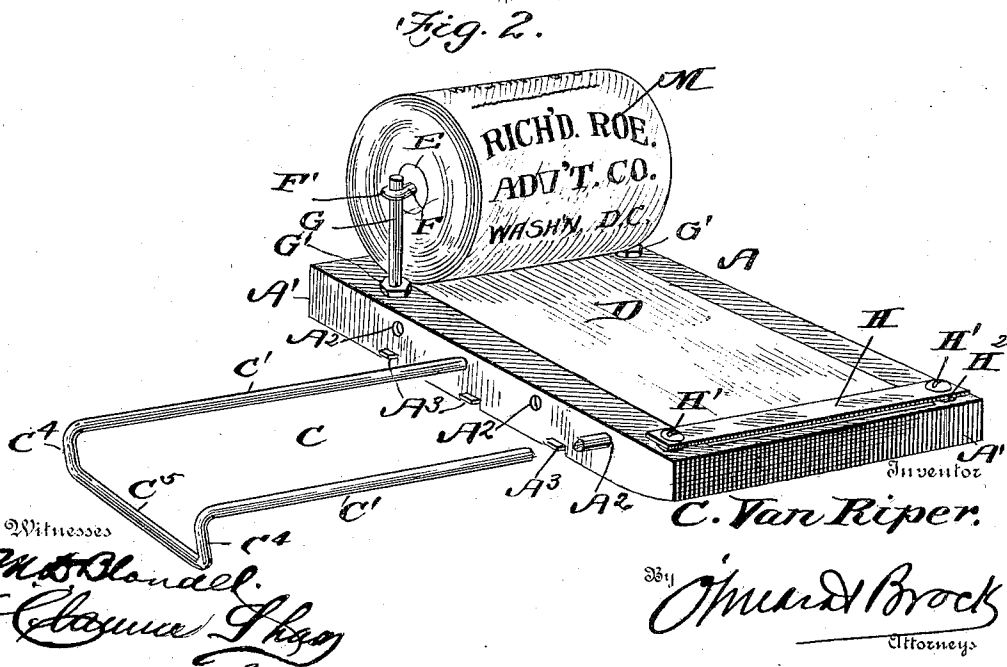
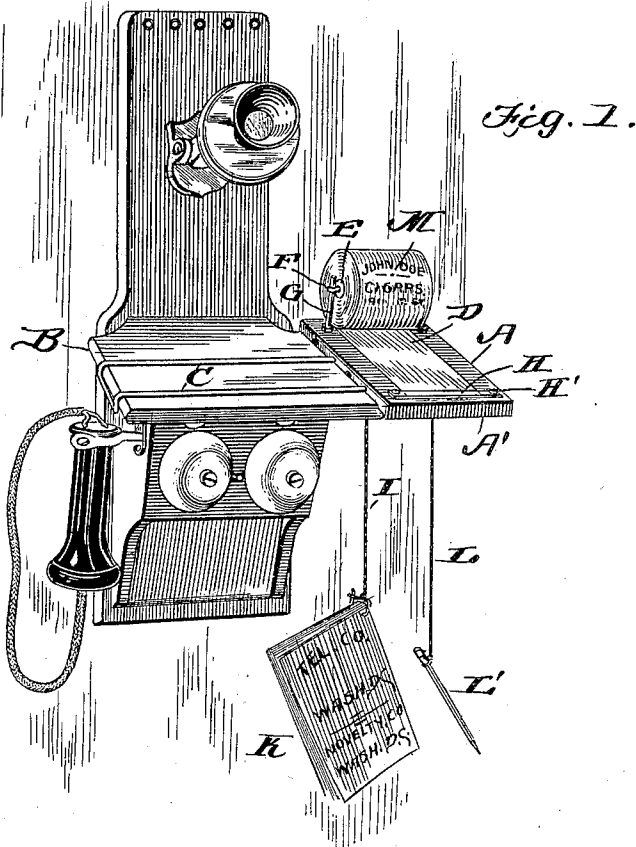
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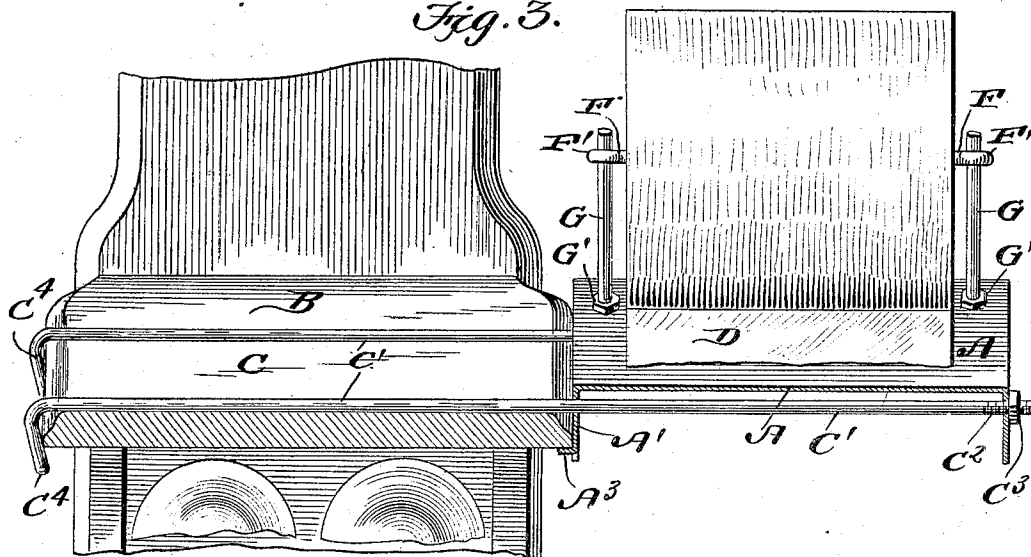


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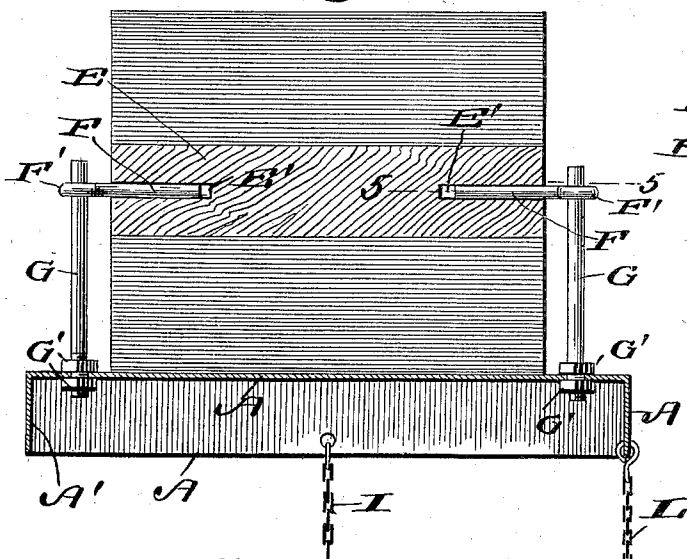


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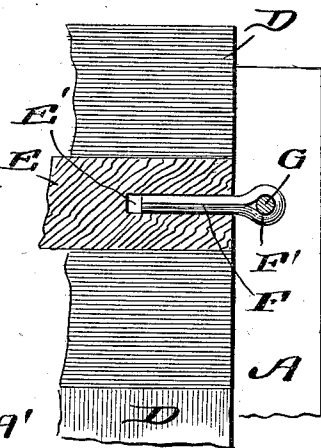


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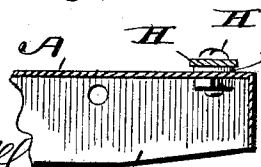
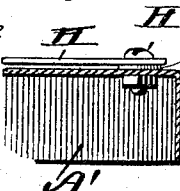


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, COURTNEY VAN RIPER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have
5 invented a new and useful Telephone-Pad, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a device adapted to be attached to the shelf of a telephone-desk or other suitable support for the purpose of providing a support for a roll of paper upon which
10 telephone-messages or other memoranda may be written.

Another object of the invention is to provide suitable means for maintaining the paper upon the support while the message is being written thereon and also provide means for guiding the paper while being unrolled and also provide a straight edge for tearing off that portion of the paper upon which the message has been written.
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Another object of the invention is to provide a suitable support from which a pencil and a telephone-directory book can be suspended.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel method of advertising by utilizing the under side of the roll of paper for the purpose of printing advertisements thereon, said advertisement being displayed upon the top of the roll as the paper is unrolled therefrom, thereby bringing the advertisement within plain sight of the writer.
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With these and certain other objects in view the invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement, all of which will be fully described hereinafter, and pointed out in the claims.
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In the drawings forming a part of this invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the practical application of my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the device detached from the telephone-desk. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken through the shelf of the telephone-desk and through the base of the attachment and clearly illustrating the manner of connecting the said base to the telephone-shelf. Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view taken through the center of the paper roll, the upright posts and movable journals
45 being shown in elevation. Fig. 5 is a detail sectional view taken upon the line 5 5 of Fig. 4. Figs. 6 and 7 are detail sectional views

illustrating the straight edge for guiding and cutting the paper.

In carrying out my invention I employ a suitable base A, which is preferably made of sheet metal and provided with depending flanges A', extending entirely around the said base, said flanges being formed by splitting the ends and turning over the edges of the base. This base is secured to the shelf B of the telephone apparatus by means of a clamping-frame C, which is preferably composed of rod metal and comprises parallel members C', which extend through perforations A², produced in the side flanges of the base, and the ends of the said member C' are threaded, as shown at C², and the nut C³ is secured thereon upon the outer side of the base, as most clearly shown in Fig. 3. The parallel members C' are bent downwardly a short distance, as indicated at C⁴, and these downwardly-extending portions are connected by means of a cross member C⁵, said depending portion C⁴ and cross member C⁵ being adapted to engage the edge of the shelf B, as most clearly shown in Fig. 3, and by tightening the nuts C³ the base is securely clamped to the opposite side of the shelf, and in order to prevent any possible dislocation of the base I provide the side with laterally-projecting lugs or extensions A³, which are adapted to engage the under side of the adjacent edge of the shelf B. (See Fig. 3.)
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It will thus be seen that I provide a suitable base or support at one side of an ordinary shelf, and upon this base or support paper can be held for the purpose of noting telephone-messages or other memoranda.

In practice I prefer to arrange the paper D in the form of a roll upon the spool E, said spool turning upon the journals carried by the upright posts G, secured to the base A, adjacent to the upper end thereof, said post being securely fastened by means of nuts G', arranged above and below the base A.
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The journals F are provided with eyes F', through which the post G passes, said journals thereby being free to move up and down upon the said posts, so that the roll of paper will automatically accommodate itself to the base as the paper is unrolled therefrom, and in this manner the strips of paper being unrolled will always rest flat upon the base A.
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The journals F extend into socketed bearings E', produced in the ends of the spool E, as most clearly shown in Figs. 4 and 5, and when one roll has become exhausted the spool is lifted, the journals removed and inserted into the ends of the spool bearing a new roll of paper, and the said new roll is arranged upon the base between the posts, as already described. In order to guide the paper and keep it straight as it is unrolled, I employ a straight edge H, which is secured to the base A, adjacent to the forward or lower edge thereof, by means of bolts H', a spacing-washer H² being interposed between the base A and straight edge, so as to provide sufficient space for the paper to pass under.

A chain I is connected to the rear or upper end of the base and is adapted to have the telephone-directory K connected to its lower end, and a chain L is connected to the right-hand side of the base A and carries a pencil L', so that all of the necessary materials for noting telephone-messages or other memoranda are properly and conveniently arranged. After the note or message has been written upon the paper the end of the paper which projects slightly beyond the straight edge is grasped, and by pulling upon the said end that portion of the paper bearing the note or memorandum will be drawn out beneath the straight edge and can be torn off at any desired point, leaving the remaining unrolled portion of the paper flat upon the base ready for the next message.

In order to utilize the paper for advertising purposes, I propose to print advertisements upon the under side of the paper, so that when the said paper is unrolled the advertisement will be brought within plain sight of the writer, as most clearly indicated at M in Figs. 1 and 2.

It will thus be seen that I provide an exceedingly simple and efficient device capable of carrying out all of the objects for which it is intended.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In a device of the kind described, a base having posts connected thereto, journals arranged upon the posts and movable thereon, a spool having socketed bearings at the ends and into which the journals fit, said spool being adapted to carry a roll of paper, a straight edge connected to the base, said straight edge being arranged slightly above said base whereby the paper can be passed beneath the said straight edge, for the purpose specified.

2. In a device of the kind described a base, the clamping-frame adjustably connected thereto, said clamping-frame comprising parallel members passing through the base and threaded at their outer ends, the opposite ends of said members being bent downwardly, said downwardly-bent portions being connected by means of the cross member, the posts carried by the base, the journals movable upon the posts, the spool having paper rolled thereon, said spool having socketed bearings at the ends and a straight edge arranged adjacent to the lower end of the base, for the purpose specified.

3. In a device of the kind described the combination with the base having lateral projections upon the side thereon, of the clamping-frame comprising the parallel side members, the depending portion and the connecting cross member, the ends of the parallel side members being straight and adapted to pass through the base, the nuts secured upon the threaded ends and adapted to bear against the outer side of the base, the upright posts carried by the base adjacent to its outer end, the journals having eyes through which the posts pass, the spool having socketed bearings at the ends, said spool having paper rolled thereon and a straight edge arranged adjacent to the lower end of the base and elevated slightly above said base, for the purpose specified.

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