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Fig. 3.

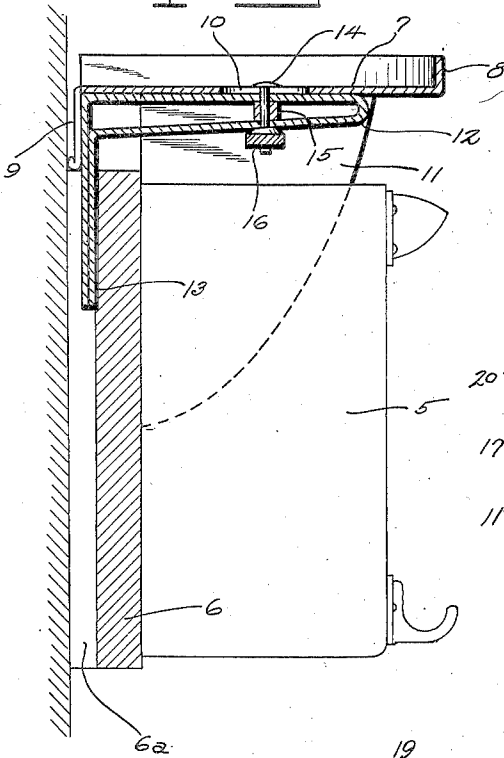


Fig. 2.

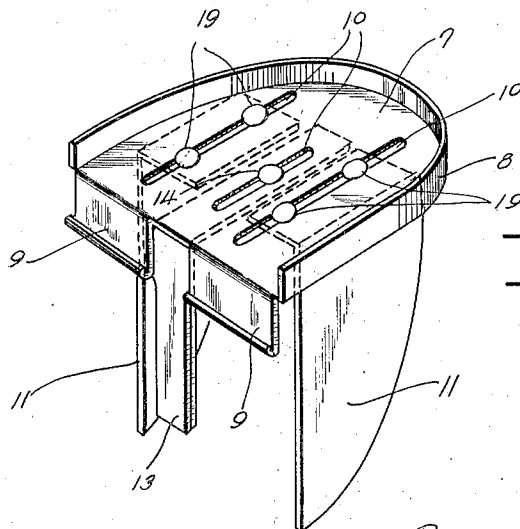
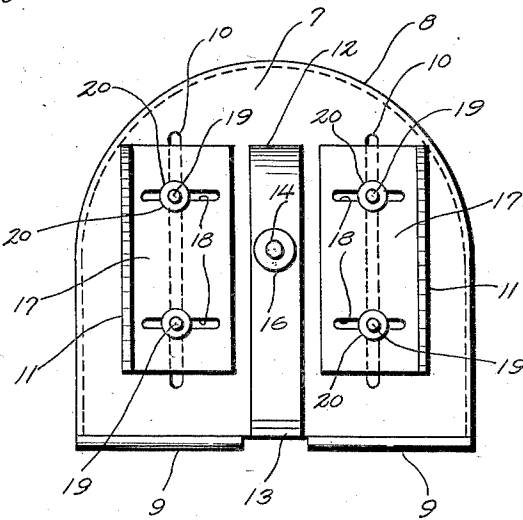


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RAYMOND E. CONGDON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Telephone-Shelves, of which the following is a specification.

The shelf which is the subject matter of the present application for patent has been designed more particularly for supporting a telephone receiver and transmitter set where the same is associated with a coin box, the object of the invention being to provide a novel and improved support for the instrument by which the use of a table ordinarily employed for this purpose is dispensed with. The device will thus be useful in booths and other places too small for a table or similar support for the telephone instrument.

The invention also has for its object to provide a support of the kind stated which is readily adjustable to properly seat on the coin box and the support thereof.

The objects stated are attained by means of a combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed, and in order that the same may be better understood, reference is had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification.

In the drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device;

Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view thereof, and Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the device in place.

Referring specifically to the drawing, 5 denotes the coin-receiving box of a telephone set, the same being secured to a back board 6 secured to the wall of a booth, room or other place. The rear face of the board 6 has a vertical groove 6^a in which the wires of the instrument lie.

Associated with the box 5 and the supporting back board 6 thereof is a shelf for supporting the telephone instrument. This shelf is a sheet metal plate 7 having an up-standing marginal guard flange 8 to prevent the instrument from sliding off. The plate 7 is positioned above the top of the coin box, and it is provided with means whereby it is securely held in this position.

These holding means are constructed and arranged as follows:

The rear edge of the plate 7 has two laterally spaced downturned flanges 9, and the plate also has three slots 10 running in the direction of the front and rear portions thereof. From the bottom of the plate depend two laterally spaced wings 11, which latter are adapted to seat with their rear vertical edges against the front face of the board 6 and thus serve as braces to prevent the plate from tilting.

On the under side of the plate 7 is slidably mounted the shank 12 of a downturned hook 13, the same being composed of a double strip of sheet metal. This hook shank carries a bolt 14 passing through the middle one of the slots 10, with a washer 15 between the two parts constituting the hook shank, and a nut 16 below the latter. Upon loosening the nut 16, the hook 13 can be adjusted forwardly or rearwardly of the plate 7.

The wings 11 extend downward from flat base plates 17 seating against the bottom face of the plate 7, and said plates 17 have transverse slots 18 extending crosswise of the slots 10. At the intersection of these slots bolts 19 are passed therethrough, and secured by nuts 20, by which the plates 7 and 17 are securely fastened together. The slots permit adjustment of the plates 17 forwardly or rearwardly of the plate 7, and also sidewise, to position the wings 11 to come against the board 6 and also to space the same to come on opposite sides of the coin box 5.

The shelf 7 is secured in place by slipping the hook 13 behind the board 6 at the top thereof, to seat in the groove 6^a, the hook being drawn forwardly to firmly grip the board, after which it is locked by tightening the nut 16. The flanges 9 seat on the top edge of the board 6.

The adjustability of the hook 13 and the wings 11 enables the device to be readily fitted to the coin box 5 and the back board 6 thereof, and when the device is in place it affords a convenient support for the telephone instrument.

I claim.

1. A supporting device, comprising a shelf, laterally spaced brace wings depend-

ing from the shelf, and adjustable forwardly, rearwardly and laterally relatively thereto, and a downturned hook having a shank which is slidably mounted on the under side of the shelf, said hook being positioned to project from the rear edge of the shelf.

2. A supporting device, comprising a shelf having downturned and laterally spaced flanges at its rear edge, laterally

spaced brace wings depending from the shelf, and adjustable forwardly, rearwardly and laterally relatively thereto, and a downturned hook having a shank which is slidably mounted on the under side of the shelf, said hook being positioned to project from the rear edge of the shelf.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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