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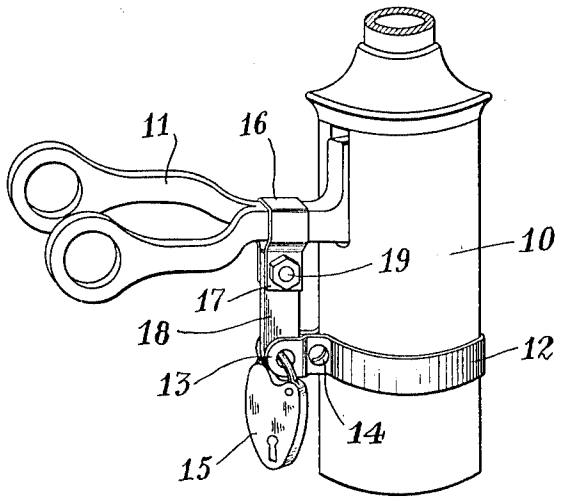


Fig. 1

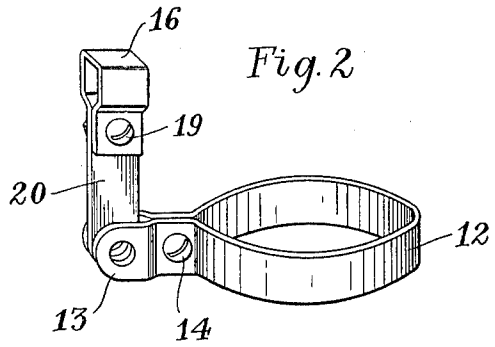


Fig. 2

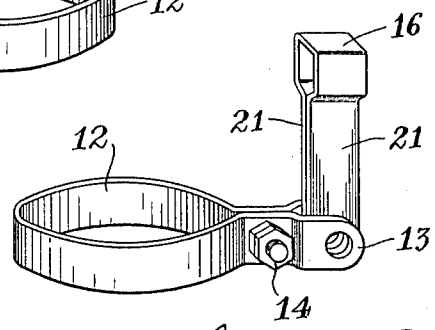


Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES C. BIELITZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at 1571 Atlantic avenue, in the city of Brooklyn and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Locking Devices for Telephones; 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.

The invention has reference to a convenient and inexpensive means whereby the usual combined telephone transmitter and receiver may be locked so that any one may leave his telephone without fear of its being used by unauthorized persons.

The object of the invention is to supply a simple form of this device which will not have to be removed from the instrument when the same is unlocked and which will nevertheless not be in the way when the instrument is being used.

Certain preferred forms of my invention are shown in the accompanying drawings wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a telephone stand, such as is used on stands and desks, the same being shown locked, Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a modified form of a locking device, and Fig. 3 is a similar view of another modification.

The upright stem of the telephone stand is shown at 10 and the usual combined switch and supporting lever, which carries the receiver when not in use is shown at 11. As is well known when the lever 11 is in its lowest position as shown in Fig. 1, the switch is closed for signaling but open on the conversation circuit and my improved lock is designed to hold the switch in this position.

At 12 is shown a collar which surrounds the stem of the telephone holder, the same being provided with parallel ears 13 perforated as shown. The collar may be applied to any desired position on the stem by means of a screw 14 or other appropriate means. A padlock 15 is used for locking the ears 13 and the collar 12 to a yoke which passes over the lever 11. This yoke may take a variety of forms of which I have shown three.

In Fig. 1 the yoke 16 on the lever 11 has two short depending portions 17 between which is secured a link 18 by means of a screw 19, the lower end of which link is perforated to receive the hasp of the lock 15. In Fig. 2, the yoke 16 has one long depending side 20 which takes the place of the link 18 and affords means for locking. In Fig. 3, the yoke 16 has two long depending sides 21 which lie in contact and are suitably perforated as shown in Fig. 3 to be locked to the ears 13 in the manner heretofore described.

The device is adaptable to various forms of stands and has the advantage that when the lock is removed it may be left on the ears 13 and the telephone freely used and if need be a collar 12 may be revolved partly around the stem 10 when the telephone is being used so as to prevent any possibility of the rising and falling of the yoke 16 being interfered with by the rest of the lock.

What I claim is—

A telephone lock comprising in combination a flexible removable metal collar having its extremities where they come together turned outward, a fastening bolt passing through the out-turned portions of the collar, a removable yoke arranged to straddle the stem of the switch lever and having an extremity depending into proximity to the out-turned portion of said collar, and a padlock passing through said yoke and said out-turned portion of the collar, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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