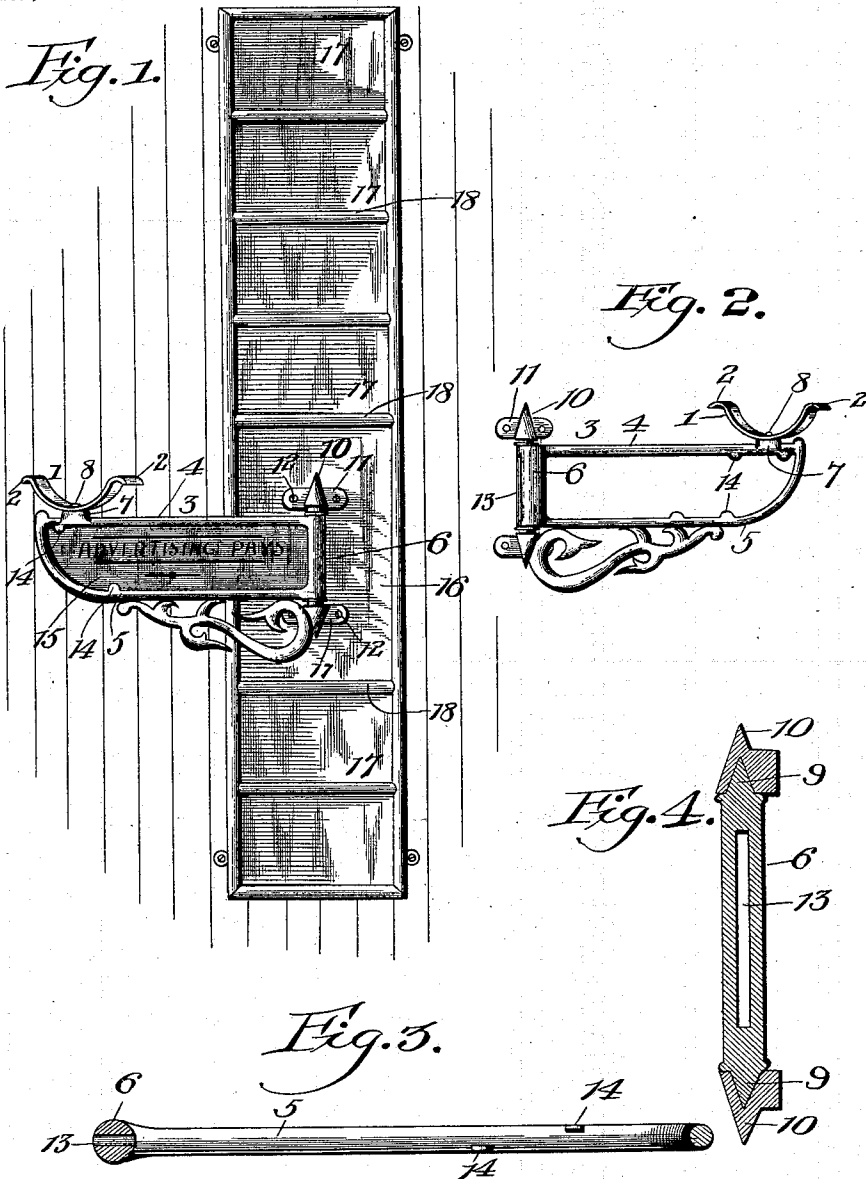


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES R. McKELVEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lawrenceville, in the county of Gwinnett and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Telephone Arm-Rest, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to arm-rests especially designed for use by persons while holding a telephone-receiver and which may also be used as a frame or support for a card or similar device containing advertising matter.

The object of the invention is to provide an arm-rest swiveled on a bracket, which latter will be pivotally connected to a suitable support in order that it may be swung in a horizontal plane to bring the arm-rest in proper position or to move it entirely out of the way when not in use.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of the several details of construction and combination of parts, as will hereinafter be fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved arm-rest and bracket, showing also the preferred form of support for the bracket and also the manner of supporting the advertising-card in the bracket.

Fig. 2 is a similar view of the arm-rest and bracket detached, the advertising-card being removed. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal transverse section of the bracket. Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the rear end of the bracket and its bearings.

Similar reference-numerals indicate similar parts in the several figures.

1 indicates the arm-rest, which, as shown, consists of a curved bar having its ends bent or curved in the opposite direction to the main curvature of the bar, as indicated at 2. The bracket is indicated by 3 and comprises, essentially, the spaced parallel horizontal bars 4 and 5, connected at their inner ends by a vertical bar 6. As shown in the drawings, the outer end of the lower bar 5 is curved upwardly and connected to the outer end of the bar 4, but the front ends may be connected in any other suitable manner.

7 indicates an annular enlargement near the outer end of the upper bar 4, which projects above the bar and on which the arm-

rest 1 is supported. The arm-rest is pivotally connected to the upper bar 4 by a pin or screw 8, which passes loosely through it and is secured in the enlargement 7. The vertical bar 6 is extended at each end beyond the bars 4 and 5, and these ends 9 are preferably conical in form and serve as the pivot on which the bracket swings.

10 indicates cups shaped to receive the conical ends of the bar 6, and each cup is provided with an integral perforated ear 11, which is secured by screws 12 or similar fastening devices to a suitable support.

The bar 6 is provided with a vertical slot 13, formed in a line with the bars 4 and 5 and extending the entire distance between the opposing faces of the horizontal bars.

14 indicates lugs on the opposing faces of the bars 4 and 5, these lugs being arranged near the opposite edges of their respective bars, near their outer ends, and preferably one in advance of the other on each bar. These lugs, in conjunction with the slot 13, serve as guides and retainers for a card 15 or any similar device, on which any suitable advertising matter may be displayed, and the card or similar device can easily be inserted in or be withdrawn from between the bars 4 and 5 through the slot 13, as will be readily understood.

In connection with the arm-rest and bracket I prefer to use a panel 16, adapted to be secured to a wall or partition in any suitable manner, and to which panel, intermediate its ends, the bearings for the bracket 3 will be secured. Above and below the bracket I form a series of separate spaces 17, preferably by securing strips of suitable molding (indicated by 18) on the face of the panel in any suitable manner, and each of these spaces may be used for the display of an advertisement, either by printing or otherwise marking the advertising matter on a card or panel and securing it in the space or by painting or otherwise marking the matter on the face of the panel.

It will be seen that on account of the pivotal connection of the bracket to its support and the swiveled connection of the arm-rest to the bracket the arm-rest can be adjusted to any desired position and will readily accommodate itself to any movement of the arm

and that when not in use the arm-rest may be turned to be in vertical alinement with the arms of the bracket and the latter be swung up close against the support, and thus be entirely out of the way. It will also be seen that the bracket will form a very convenient support for an advertising-panel and that the latter can be easily and quickly inserted in the bracket or withdrawn therefrom whenever it may be necessary to do so.

It will be understood that changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is—

1. In combination, a bracket consisting of horizontal bars spaced apart and connected at their outer ends and having their opposing edges smooth, a vertical bar connecting the inner ends of the horizontal bars and having its ends projecting beyond them, forming pivotal supports, and having a slot opposite the space between the horizontal bars and extending from the inner side of one bar to the inner side of the other bar, and lugs at the outer ends of the horizontal bars disposed at opposite edges thereof and extending into the space between them, the parts being constructed to admit of an advertising-card being slipped through the slot of the vertical bar and between the oppositely-disposed lugs

and held in place thereby, substantially as described.

2. A combined arm-rest and advertising-bracket consisting of horizontal bars spaced apart and connected at their outer ends and having their opposing edges smooth, a vertical bar connecting the inner ends of the horizontal bars and having its ends projecting beyond them, forming pivotal supports, and having a slot opposite the space between the horizontal bars and extending from the inner side of one bar to the inner side of the other bar, lugs at the outer ends of the horizontal bars disposed at opposite edges thereof and extending into the space between them, the parts being constructed to admit of an advertising-card being slipped through the slot of the vertical bar and between the oppositely-disposed lugs and held in place thereby, and an arm-rest consisting of a bar having its end portions curved upwardly and having pivotal connection at an intermediate point with the outer end of the bracket, the parts being constructed to fold close against the wall or other support, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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