

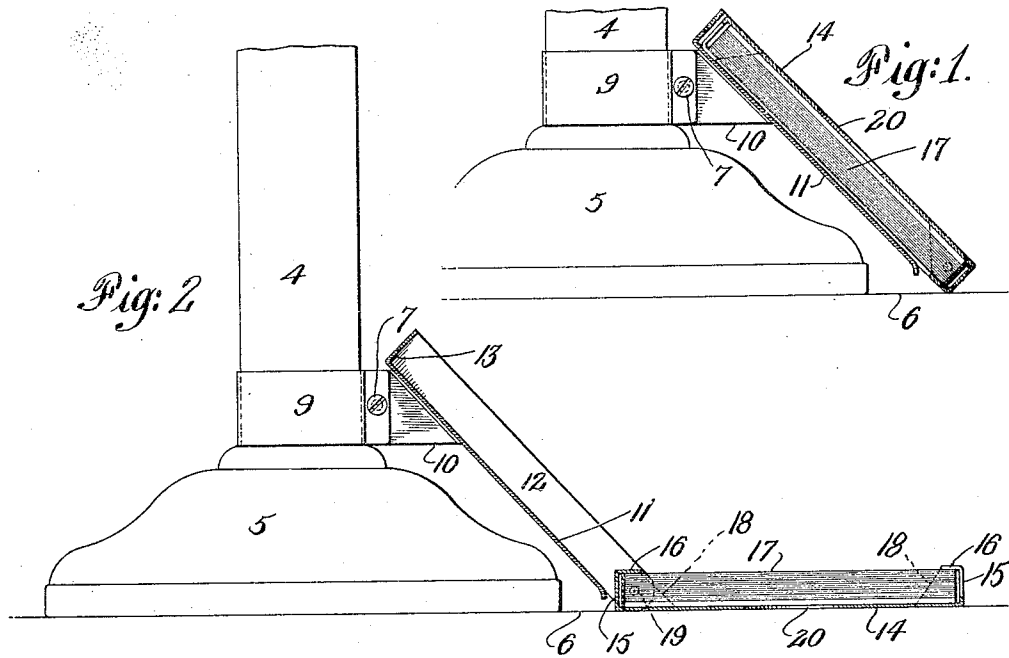
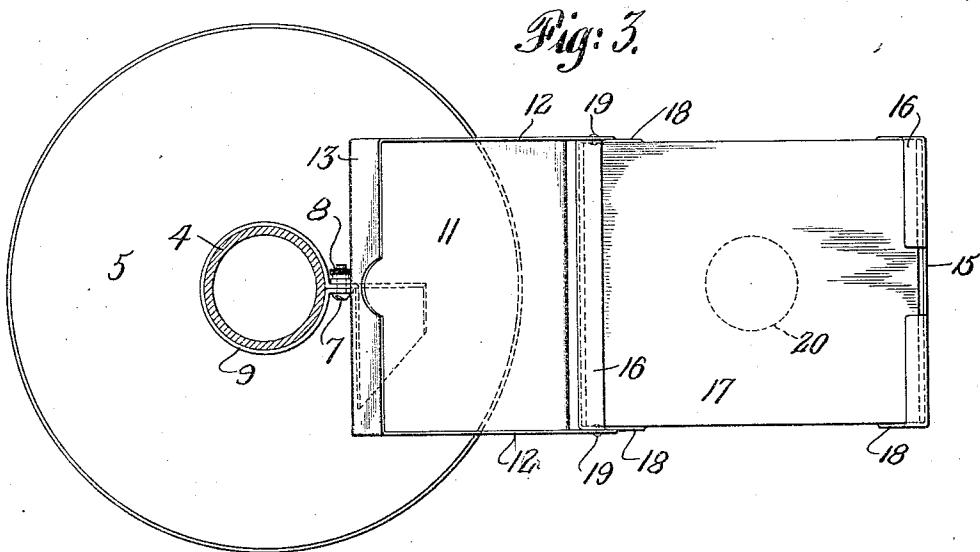
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This invention relates to an attachment for desk telephones adapted to hold a memorandum pad.

The primary object of my invention is the provision of an attachment which will permit the pad to lie flat on the surface upon which the telephone rests in order that the pad may lie in convenient and normal position for the hand in writing.

A further object lies in the provision of an attachment which will not interfere with the grasping of the telephone barrel in normal manner when moving it about the desk.

Another object is the provision of an attachment which will occupy but little space and which may be folded compactly when not in use.

The foregoing together with such other objects as may hereinafter appear or are incident to my invention I obtain by means of a construction which I have illustrated in preferred form in the accompanying drawings wherein

Fig. 1 is a sectional view of the device in closed position attached to a telephone.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view similar to Fig. 1 with the pad in position for writing; and

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the attachment in the position shown in Fig. 2.

An ordinary desk telephone with barrel 4 and base portion 5 is shown resting on support 6. The pad holder comprises the clamp 9, plate or cover 11 and pad retaining member 14. The clamp 9 fits around the barrel 4 of the telephone and is tightened to grip the barrel by means of bolt 7 and knurled nut 8. The clamp 9 also has a projecting ear portion 10 to which is secured the plate or cover member 11. The plate 11 may be welded to this ear or secured in any other desired manner. This plate 11 lies in a sloping position at the same general angle as the angle of the surface of the base portion 5 of the telephone and the lower edge of the plate rests on or just slightly above the support 6 and in substantially the same plane as the bottom of the base 5. The side portions 12 of the plate 11 are bent upwards at right angles thereto and the upper

end portion 13 is also bent upwardly in the same manner.

The pad retaining member 14 has upturned end portions 15 the edges 16 of the end portion being again bent to lie parallel to the base of the member. A pad 17 may be slipped under these edges 16 and will be held firmly in position by means of the upturned end portions 15 above referred to and by means of the portions 18 of the sides which are also bent upward to engage the sides of the pad 17.

The pad retaining member 14 is of substantially the same size as the plate 11, being just enough smaller to fit closely within the upturned edges of the plate.

The pad retaining member 14 is hinged at one end to the lower end of the plate 11 by means of small rivets 19 which extend through the upturned portions 18 of the pad retaining member and the upturned sides 12 of the plate or cover 11.

The bottom of the pad retaining member 14 has an opening 20 through which the finger may be inserted in order to push out the cover of the old pad when the sheets thereof have been used.

From the above it will be seen that the pad retaining member when opened to position for use will lie flat on the desk so that the pad will lie in the position in which it is normally used when not attached to a telephone. It will be unnecessary to raise the wrist or hand in order to write on the pad as is the case with many attachments.

When the pad is not in use it may be folded into the cover and in this position it is out of the way and does not interfere with moving of the telephone about the desk or holding it above the desk.

The clamp 9 occupies but very little space on the barrel of the telephone and leaves the whole upper portion thereof free to be grasped without interference.

The whole device when in closed position occupies but very little space and interferes in no way with the use of the telephone.

I claim:—

1. The combination with a desk telephone of a pad holder comprising a clamp adapted

to be secured to the barrel of the telephone, a plate secured to said clamp, the lower edge of said plate lying substantially in the plane of the bottom of the base of the telephone, and a pad retaining member hinged to the lower end of said plate.

2. The combination with a desk telephone of a pad holder comprising a clamp secured to the barrel of the telephone just above the base thereof, a plate secured at its upper end to said clamp, the lower edge of said plate lying in substantially the same plane as the bottom of the base of the telephone and a pad retaining member hinged to the lower end of said plate.

3. The combination with a desk telephone and its support of a pad holder comprising a clamp attached to the lower portion of the barrel of the telephone, a plate secured at its upper end to said clamp and sloping at substantially the same angle as the general angle of the surface of the base of the telephone, the lower edge of said plate being in juxtaposition with the said support, and a pad retaining member hinged to the lower end of said plate and adapted to lie flat on the support in one position and to fold against said plate in another position.

4. The combination with a desk telephone of a pad holder comprising a clamp secured to the barrel of the telephone just above the base thereof, a plate secured to said clamp at its upper end, the lower edge of said plate lying in substantially the same plane as the bottom of the base of the telephone and a pad retaining member hinged to the lower end of said plate, the said plate having up-turned edges and forming a cover for the pad when the pad retaining member is folded against it.

5. A pad holder for desk telephones comprising in combination a clamp adapted to be secured to the barrel of the telephone, a pad retaining member, and a supporting member for said pad retaining member, said supporting member being secured to said clamp at such angle that the lower part thereof will lie substantially in the plane of the bottom of the base of the telephone when the clamp is secured to the barrel thereof, the said pad retaining member being hinged to the lower part of the supporting member.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

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