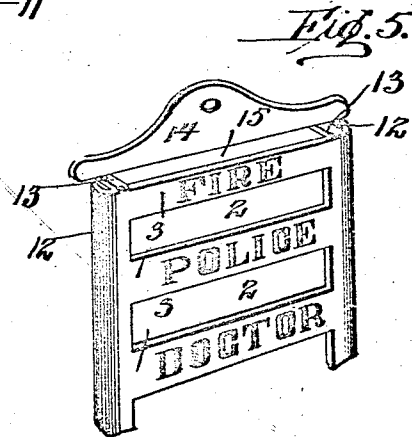
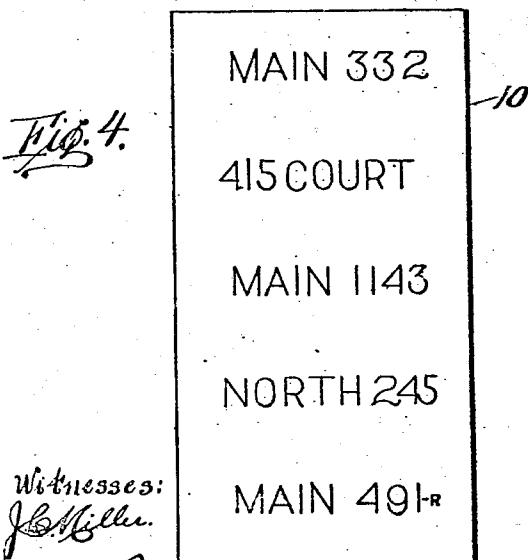
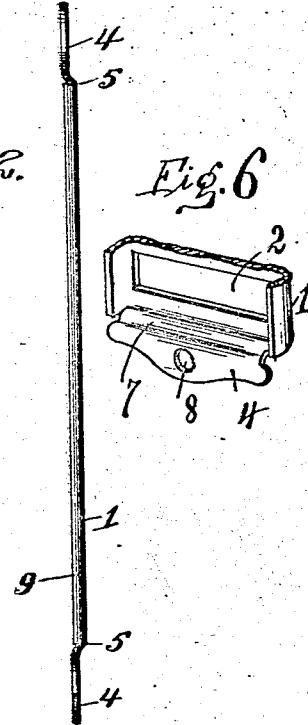
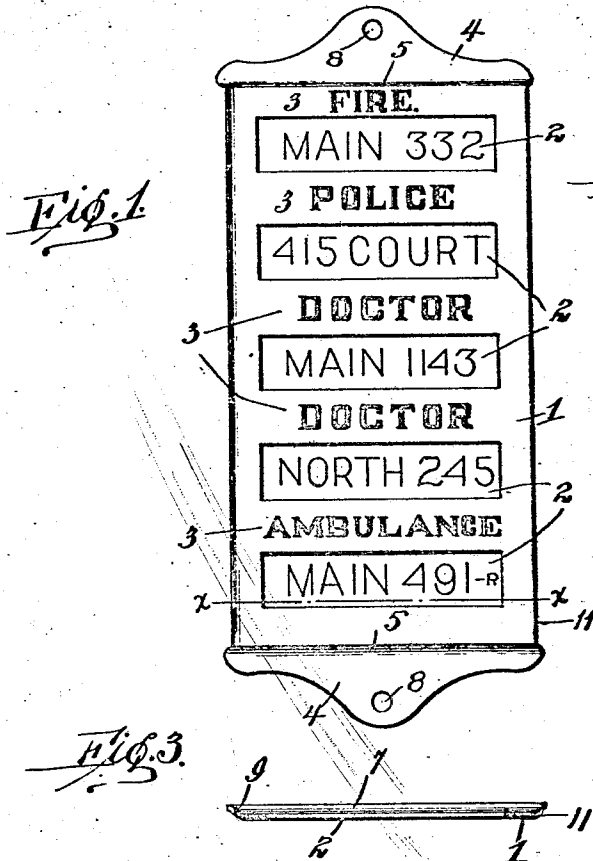


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## TELEPHONE-DIRECTORY.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER WILT, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Telephone-Directories, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to telephone directories, and more particularly to what may be termed an emergency directory adapted to be secured to, or adjacent to, a telephone, and containing the names of persons or places to be called in case of emergency, together with their telephone numbers without taking time to look up the numbers in the usual directory. When, for example, it is desired to call the fire or police departments, a physician, an ambulance, or the like, haste is desirable, and the present invention aims to provide means whereby such emergency telephone calls may be promptly made without the delay incident to handling the ordinary bulky telephone directory book.

The invention comprises a simple and inexpensive plate, preferably of light sheet metal, formed with parallel slots and bearing the names of persons or places to be called (preferably stamped in the metal) above said slots, a card bearing the telephone numbers of such persons or places, in such position as to expose them through said slots and means for retaining the cards in place and for securing the plate against a wall or other convenient support.

The construction of the invention will be more specifically described hereinafter, in connection with the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this specification, and its novel features will be defined in the appended claims.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a telephone directory constructed in accordance with my invention, Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line  $x-x$  of Fig. 1, Fig. 4 is an elevation of the number card detached from the plate, Fig. 5 is a view in perspective of the upper portion of a modified construction of the device, and Fig. 6 is a detail perspective showing the inner side of the lower end of the plate.

Referring to Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, the

reference numeral 1 designates a plate, preferably of thin sheet metal, formed with any desired number of parallel horizontally disposed rectangular slots 2. Each of the spaces 3 on the plate immediately above the slots bears the name of a person or place to be called on the telephone, such as "Fire," "Police," "Doctor" and "Ambulance". The ends 4 of the plate are bent transversely at the points 5 to project the body of the plate forward and provide a space behind the plate, and transverse cleats 7 to support a card behind the plate. The ends 4 are each preferably formed with a central opening 8 to receive tacks or screws to secure the plate to a wall or to the telephone board or box.

One longitudinal edge of the plate is bent rearward to provide a flange 9 against which one edge of a card 10 rests, the opposite edge 11 of the plate being straight to permit the card to be readily slipped behind it to rest upon the lower cleat 7 and the flange 9.

The card bears telephone numbers so spaced apart that when the card is placed behind the plate the number will show through the slots 2 and be readable in connection with the names or designations stamped on the plate immediately above the slots.

In Fig. 5, I have shown a modification of the device in which both longitudinal edges of the plate are bent rearward forming parallel flanges 12 to hold the longitudinal edges of the card, and the upper end portion of the plate is cut away to provide integral arms 13 connecting the top 14 to the body of the plate, said arms being bent rearward to a horizontal position, leaving a space or slot 15 through which the card is inserted. In this modified construction the lower end is the same as that shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the lower cleat 7 serving as a support for the lower edge of the card.

The utility of the device will be apparent without further description.

While I prefer, as above stated, to construct the plate from thin sheet metal as it may thus be stamped out, including the letters on the plate at a single operation, the invention is not of course restricted to the use of sheet metal, as heavy card board or other suitable material might be employed.

I would also have it understood that the invention includes all such modifications and

changes in the details of construction as will be permissible without departing from the terms and scope of the claims.

What I claim is:—

- 5 A device of the character described consisting of a unitary body portion formed of a vertically-extending elongated rectangular plate formed with a plurality of transversely-extending elongated rectangular slots suitably spaced apart and with that portion of the plate arranged above each slot provided with an inscription, each inscription being different, each of said slots of the same area and of a length substantially equal to the width of the front of the body portion, said plate at a point slightly removed from the vertical edges of said slots and at each side thereof bent rearwardly to form rounded side walls having vertically-extending edges adapted to directly abut against a support thereby providing between the body of the plate and the support a space a card bearing inscriptions for exposure through said slots, the inscriptions upon the plate associating with the inscriptions on the card, said plate further having its lower portion bent rearwardly at an inclination to form a lower wall for said space, and then downwardly in a vertical direction to constitute a flange of greater length than the width of the body portion, the inner face of said flange adapted to bear directly against the support, said
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flange of greater width at the center than at its ends and provided at its center with an opening through which is adapted to extend a hold-fast device for securing the lower end of the body portion to the support, said plate further having the upper portion thereof bent at right angles with respect thereto thereby forming an upper wall for said chamber, said angularly-bent portion at the upper end of the plate terminating in a vertically-extending portion forming thereby a flange adapted to bear directly against the support and of greater length than the width of the body portion, said upper flange of greater width at its center than at its end and provided at its center with an opening through which is adapted to extend a hold-fast device for securing the upper portion of the plate to the support, said top wall being cut away to provide an elongated rectangular slot positioned at right angles with respect to the slots in the body portion, and of a length slightly greater than the length of each slot in the body portion, said slot in said top wall allowing for the positioning in said space of said card.

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

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