

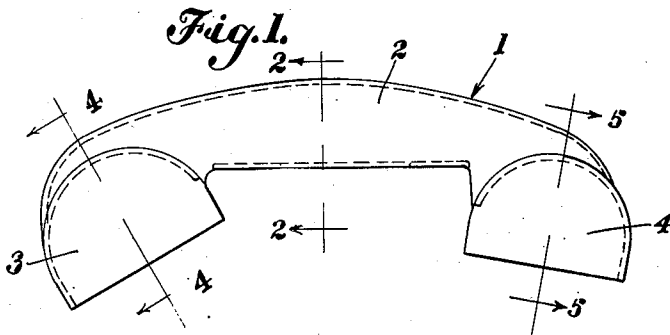
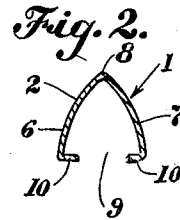
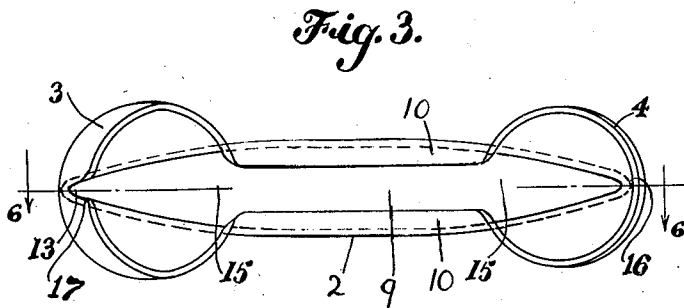
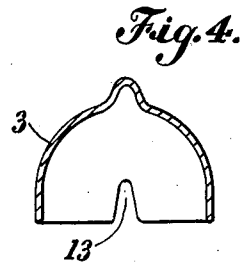
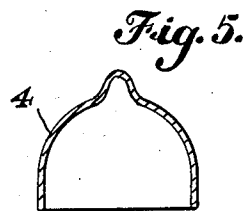
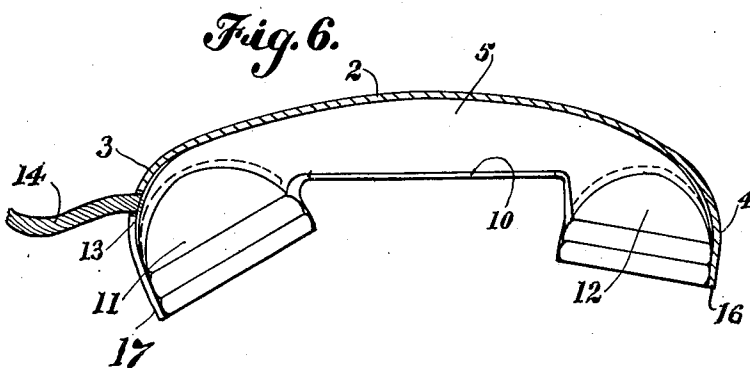
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This invention has for its object to provide a novel decorative cover or housing for the hand piece of the usual dial telephone desk set, which can be removably applied to the hand piece, and by which the hand piece may be given a decorative appearance in harmony with its surroundings or with the color scheme of the room where the telephone is located.

The regular telephone instrument is black and frequently it is installed in a place where its black color introduces an inharmonious color tone in the general color scheme of the locality. Under such circumstances the telephone may constitute more or less of an eyesore to one having an artistic temperament and who is sensitive to inharmonious colors when placed in juxtaposition.

With my invention it is possible to apply to the hand piece of a telephone set a cover or housing of a color which will harmonize with and blend into the color scheme of the locality in which the telephone is located.

The cover or housing elements embodying my invention can be easily applied to or removed from the telephone instrument, and when installed in place on the instrument, they do not interfere in any way with the normal use of the telephone.

This invention, therefore, makes it possible to convert the hand piece of a telephone instrument from one that may be out of harmony with its surroundings into one that blends into the color scheme of its locality.

In the drawings wherein I have illustrated a selected embodiment of my invention,

Fig. 1 is a side view of a housing element for the hand piece of the telephone set.

Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2, Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an under side view of the housing element shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4, Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a section on the line 5—5, Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 illustrates the housing or cover element applied to the hand piece of a telephone, said housing element being shown in section.

The cover or housing element for the hand piece of the telephone set is indicated generally at 1 in Figs. 1 to 6. It is made of sheet material such for instance as some suitable plastic material, which is more or less resilient, and it comprises a central body section 2 and two end sections 3 and 4 which are made as a one-piece integral structure. The central body section 2 presents two relatively thin side walls 6 and 7 integrally connected along the upper edge of the body portion as shown at 8, said side walls having

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a shape to fit the sides of the hand grip 5 of the hand piece of the telephone set. The body portion 2 presents an open bottom as shown at 9 which extends the full length thereof, and the lower edge of each side wall 6 and 7 is bent inwardly slightly as indicated at 10, said inwardly directed portions 10 underlying the hand grip portion 5 of the telephone hand piece when the cover is applied thereto.

The end section 3 has a contour to enclose and fit snugly around the transmitter portion 11 of the telephone set, while the end section 4 has a shape to receive and snugly enclose the receiver portion 12 of said set. Both the transmitter-receiving section 3 and the receiver-receiving section 4 are open at the bottom so that when the cover is in place on the telephone hand set, the faces of the receiver and transmitter are exposed. The transmitter-receiving section 3 is shown as having a slot 13 in one side to receive the telephone cord 14.

Each of the end sections 3 and 4 is provided with an opening 15 in the wall thereof adjacent the bottom of the central body portion 2, each opening 15 extending from the edge of the section upwardly and communicating with the bottom opening 9 of the body section 2. The openings 15 are formed in that portion of the walls of the transmitter-receiving section 3 and receiver-receiving section 4 which are adjacent the bottom of the central body section 2, and each opening 15 extends from the bottom opening of the corresponding section 3 or 4 to and communicates with the open bottom 9 of the central section 2.

As a result, the complete one-piece integral structure comprising the central body section 2 and the end sections 3 and 4, is open at the bottom from the outer edge portion 16 of the receiver-receiving section 4 to the outer edge portion 17 of the transmitter-receiving section 3.

Since the sheet material of which the cover element is made is slightly resilient, the device can be easily and quickly installed on the hand piece of a telephone by separating the side walls 6 and 7 of the central body portion sufficiently to allow the hand grip portion 5 of the telephone instrument to be entered through said opening 9, this operation resulting in separating the side walls of the end portions 3 and 4 sufficiently so that they will readily drop over the corresponding portions of the telephone set. When the cover is properly installed, the resiliency of the side walls 6 and 7 cause them to contract together and thus closely fit the hand grip portion of the

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telephone set, the flanges 10 passing underneath the hand grip 5.

The opening 9 is wide enough to receive the usual switch pins of the telephone instrument and thus the cover, when installed on the hand piece, does not in any way interfere with the normal use of the hand piece.

I claim:

A one-piece integral cover element for the combined transmitter and receiver hand piece member of a telephone set, said cover element presenting a central thin-walled body portion having integral therewith a transmitter-receiving portion at one end and a receiver-receiving portion at the other end, said body portion having a cross sectional shape to fit around the sides and back of the hand grip portion of said hand set and being open along its bottom for its full length, said transmitter-receiving portion having a shape to fit around the sides and back of the transmitter portion of said hand piece but having an open bottom through which the sound-receiving face of the transmitter is exposed, said receiver-receiving portion having a size and shape to fit around the sides and back of the receiver por-

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tion of said hand piece but having an open bottom through which the ear-engaging face of said receiver portion is exposed, said transmitter-receiving portion and the receiver-receiving portion each having an opening in that portion of its side wall which is adjacent the bottom of the body portion, each such opening communicating at its lower end with the open bottom of the corresponding end section of the cover element and at its top end with the open bottom of the body section.

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