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Fig. 1.

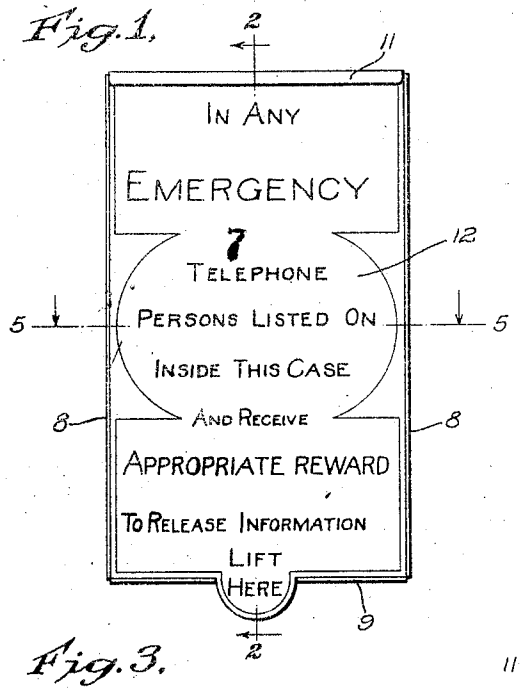


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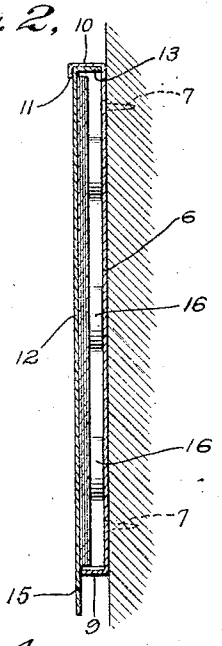


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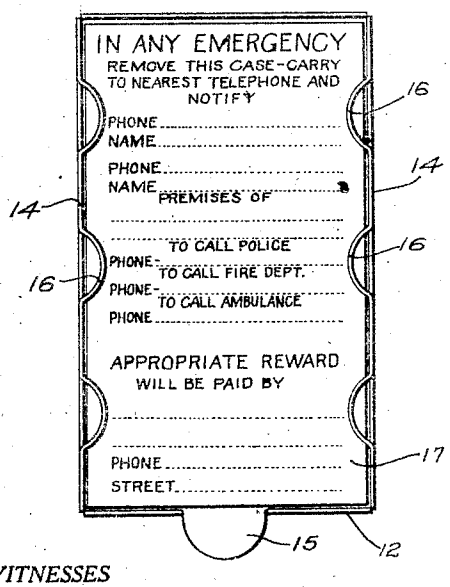


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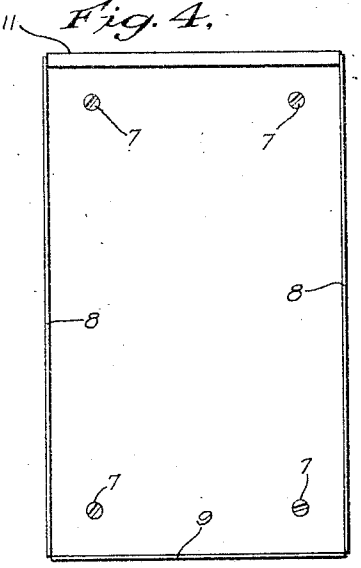
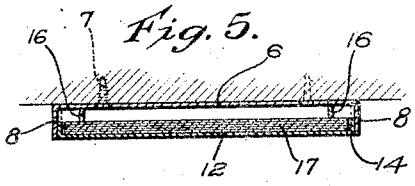


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WENDELL H. PHELPS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Emergency-Call Device, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in emergency call devices and has for one of its objects to provide a device of simple and inexpensive construction which may be attached to any convenient part of the exterior of a building, such as a door frame or the like, and which contains information necessary to the making of emergency calls of various characters, the information being available when one of the parts of the device is detached from another.

The above and other objects will appear more clearly from the following detailed description, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, which illustrates a preferred embodiment of the inventive idea.

In the drawing—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the device constructed in accordance with the invention;

Figure 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a plan view of the interior of the removable member of the device;

Figure 4 is a plan view of the fixed base member; and

Figure 5 is a section on the line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Referring more particularly to the accompanying drawing, the numeral 6 indicates the base member of the device which is fixed to a suitable support, such as a door frame or the like, by fasteners or screws 7. The base member, which is made of any suitable material, is of rectangular formation and provided with the sides 8, bottom 9 and the top 10, the latter of which is formed with a depending retaining flange 11.

The removable member 12 of the device, which is of substantially the same configuration as the base member 6 and made of the same material, is adapted to be mounted in the base member 6 with the top 13 of said member 12 in engagement with the top 10 of the member 6 and the sides 14 of the member 12 nested within the sides 8 of the base member. When in this position the flange 11 overlaps the top edge of the member 12, as shown in Figures 1 and 2, thereby retaining the member 12 in positon within the base member. At the bottom of the member 12 the same is provided with an extension 15 forming a grip which projects downwardly beyond the bottom 9 of the member 6 so that the extension may be grasped and the lower portion of the member 12 pulled outwardly to detach said member from engagement with the base member.

The free edges of the sides 14 of the member 12 are instruck to provide a plurality of card retaining portions 16, the inner edges of which are spaced from the inner face of the member 12 sufficiently to receive a plurality of cards 17 between said inner edges and face, whereby the cards are retained in proper position in said member 12. The outermost card 17, and the remaining cards if desired, have suitably printed on the face thereof data which will enable any one to get into communication with the owner of a dwelling or establishment and also make other emergency calls, as indicated on said card. Thus, should the contingency arise a person having no access to the building may remove the member 12 from its position in the member 6 and refer to the card 17 carried upon the interior of the member 6 for the necessary information in making a call.

For convenience, a person may carry away one of the cards 17. After the member 12 is removed the top card 17 may be taken hold of at a point coincident with the location of the extension 15. The end of the card may then be flexed slightly after which the same may be slidably withdrawn from behind the portions 16. It is to be noted that the bottom end of the member 12 is divided at the extension 15, which permits the card to be removed to be readily gripped.

What is claimed is:

A device of the class described comprising a base member capable of being permanently secured to a support and having marginal flanges, one of said flanges having a depending retaining portion, a card carrier having marginal flanges and instruck card retaining portions and a finger piece, said

card carrier being of a size to fit within the confines of the flanges of said base member with the flanges of said carrier in retaining engagement with the flanges of said base member and with a portion of said card carrier in engagement with said depending retaining portion to hold said card carrier removably associated with said base member, said finger piece extending beyond the adjacent portion of said base member when said card carrier and base member are associated to provide a means for the removal of said card carrier.

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