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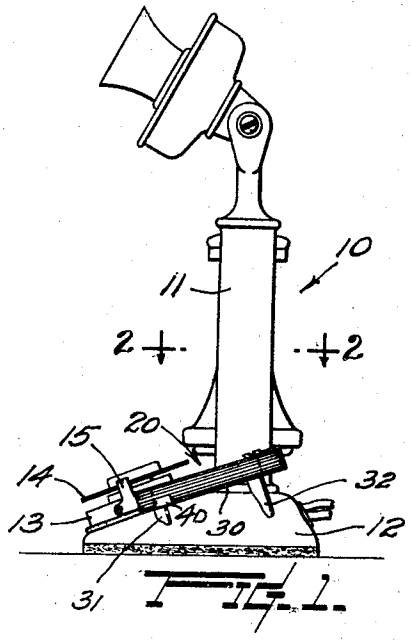


FIG. 1.

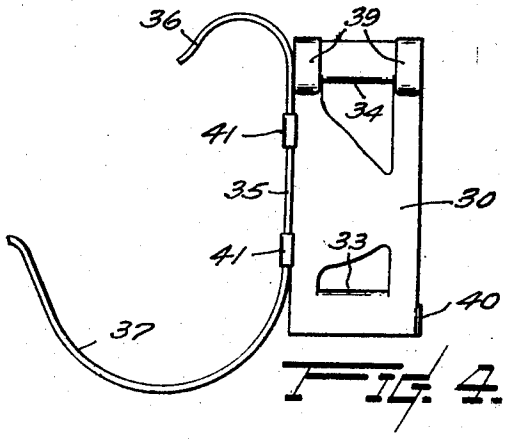


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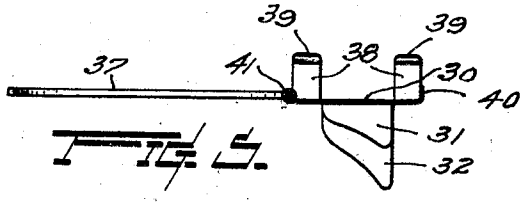


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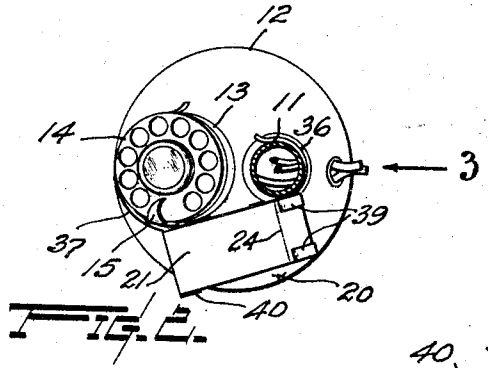


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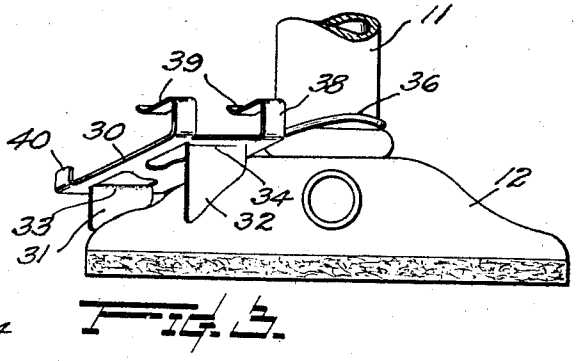


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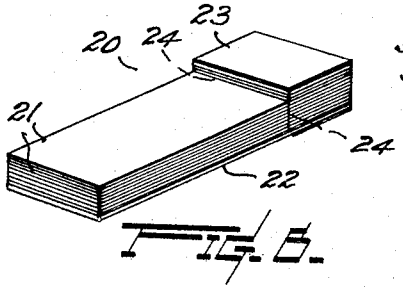


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MEMORANDUM-PAD HOLDER FOR DESK TELEPHONES

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This invention relates to memorandum-pad holders for use with telephone desk-instruments.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive and efficient holder of this character, adapted to be attached to a telephone instrument and which will effectually hold a memorandum pad firmly, in a most appropriate place for convenient writing upon the pad, without interfering with the operation of the telephone dial or the handling of the telephone instrument as a whole.

The invention consists in the novel construction of parts and combinations thereof, more fully described in the following specification and particularly set forth in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings,—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a telephone desk-instrument with an embodiment of my invention applied thereto; Fig. 2 is a horizontal section taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the lower portion of the telephone instrument and the pad holder shown in the preceding views; Fig. 4 is a plan view of the pad holder shown detached; Fig 5 is a front elevational view of Fig. 4; and Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a memorandum-pad suitable for use with the herein illustrated embodiment of the invention.

In said views, the reference numeral 10 represents, generally, a desk telephone of the automatic type having a post member 11 extending vertically from the base member 12 to the rear of the cylindrical casing 13 containing switching mechanism.

14 represents the rotary dial whereby the switching mechanism above mentioned is regulated, and 15 is a stop for the operator's finger when operating the dial actuated switching mechanism when making telephone call-connections.

In practice, the planes of the instrument casing 12 and dial 14 are arranged in inclined relation, substantially as shown in Fig. 1.

According to the present invention, I provide for said telephone instrument a detachable holder and support for a book 20 of memorandum sheets—conventionally known as a "scratch-pad".

As exemplified in Fig. 6, the pad comprises a plurality of leaves 21 upon a stiff backing 22 of cardboard or the like, and, preferably, provided with a cover 23 of stiff material for the upper portion of the leaf assembly.

Said leaves are preferably perforated, as indicated by 24, to afford a weakened tear-off line for the successive leaves when removing the same to be thrown away; or, to file for future reference, as may be desired.

The telephone attachable holder and support, or "holder" as hereinafter termed, which constitutes the present invention, comprises a table-like construction formed of sheet metal having a plane top portion, or plate element, 30 of an oblong rectangular shape, preferably, corresponding to the shape and size of the backing 22 of the pad intended for use upon the holder. Said plate is provided with one or more legs, two being shown, which are indicated by 31 and 32 and shown as portions of the plate struck therefrom and turned downwardly about bends 33 and 34, respectively, so that the planes of said legs will be at right angles, or nearly so, to the plane of the plate and likewise with respect to the longitudinal edges of the plate. Said legs are, furthermore, adapted to have the lower edge of each conform, see Figs. 1 and 3, with the contour of the telephone instruments base 12 at the respective lines of contact therewith.

The plate 30 is detachably coupled with said instrument by means of a clamping device consisting of a spring wire permanently connected intermediate its length to one side of the holder, and by forming the wire to provide hooks 36 and 37 at a side of both

ends of the holder plate 30 for engagement about the post and casing members, 11 and 13 respectively, of said instrument. Said hooks are formed to snugly embrace the referred to members and are arranged with respect to each other and to the pad holder proper, that the latter is caused to be held firmly to and tangentially against corresponding sides of both of the spaced apart post and casing members. By thus arranging the hook coupling devices in opposed relation to hold the holder in tangential relation to the post member, the holder may be made of ample size to accommodate a scratch pad substantially within the area of the base member 12 and be supported upon the latter without danger of being injured or displaced by striking an object when handling the instrument. For connecting the pad 20 to and upon the plate element 30 of the holder, there is provided at the rear end of said plate one or more clips, two being shown, each consisting of an upstanding arm part 38 and a finger 39 extending from its upper end forwardly or toward a person using the instrument.

The elevation of the fingers 39 is such as to accommodate the pad therebeneath when the fingers are sprung slightly upwardly as permitted by the resiliency of the clips.

Supplementary to said clips, the plate 31 of the holder is provided with an upwardly extending lug 40 at its side opposite that side which contacts with the casing 13, whereby the latter and the lug 40 cooperate to prevent side movement of the pad with respect to the holder. The lug 40 need be of a height only sufficient to engage the backing element 22 of the pad.

As illustrated, the device is comprised of two members, namely,—the table or holder member proper and the instrument clamping member; the two members, as represented, being joined, by engaging the intermediate portion 35 of the clamping member within encircling lug elements 41 of the plate portion of the holder.

The operation of the invention is obvious from the foregoing description.

What I claim is:—

1. In a memorandum-pad holder for a desk-telephone instrument having a base member, a post member and a casing containing the switching mechanism, a pad-holding element adapted to be supported by said base member, laterally extending hook devices pivotally connected to said pad-holding element, said hook devices being engageable about said casing and post member for retaining the holder in juxtaposed relation with the casing, and means cooperating with said casing for detachably securing a memorandum-pad upon the holder.

2. A memorandum-pad holder for a desk-telephone instrument having a base member, a post member and a switch containing casing, said holder comprising a table element adapted to be supported upon the base member, laterally extending means pivotally connected to said table for engaging the same to and against the post and the casing of the instrument, and means provided upon said table element for detachably connecting a memorandum pad thereto.

Signed at Seattle, Washington, this 10th day of January, 1928.

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