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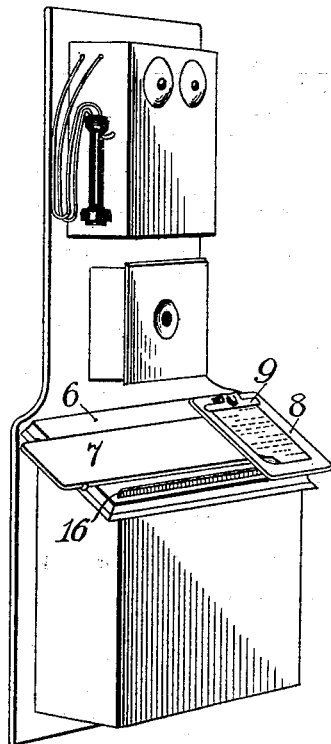
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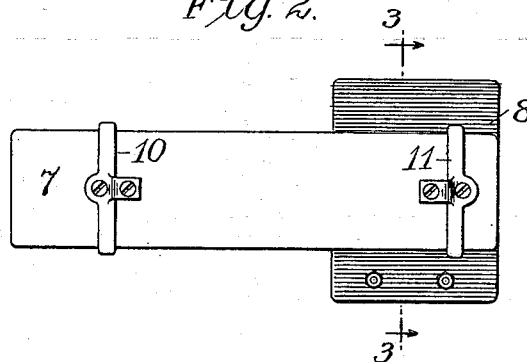
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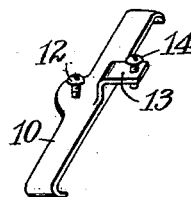
*Fig. 1.*



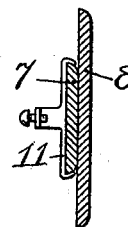
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## TABLET ATTACHMENT FOR TELEPHONES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GLENN S. WILLIAMSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Tablet Attachment for Telephones, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tablet attachments for telephones, and has for its object the construction of an attachment of this sort in a manner such that it can be readily applied to the cover of the battery-box of any make of telephone.

To this end the invention consists of a tablet attachment having securing means therefor which are capable of adjustment both for the width and thickness of the battery-box cover.

The invention further consists in the construction, formation, and combination of parts substantially as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a telephone with my improved tablet attachment secured thereon. Fig. 2 represents my attachment as viewed from the under side. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the attachment, taken on the line 3 3 in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the clamps by which the attachment is secured in place.

This attachment is intended for application to the battery-box of ordinary wall-telephones. These battery-boxes vary in width, and for that reason the securing devices of the attachment must be adjustable. The covers of these battery-boxes also vary in thickness, and for that reason the clamps by which the attachment is secured in place must have adjusting means to accommodate covers of different thicknesses.

In the drawings, 6 refers to the cover of the battery-box.

7 refers to the base-piece of the tablet attachment.

8 refers to the paper-support, which is secured across the top of the base-piece.

9 refers to a paper-clip for holding a pad of paper to the support, while 10 and 11 refer to

the clamps by which the attachment is secured in place.

The base-piece 7 has its edges beveled upwardly, as indicated. The clamps are preferably metallic bars having their ends fitted to the beveled edges of the base-piece. They may be thus fitted by recurving them, as shown. The clamps thus constructed may either or both be adjusted longitudinally of the base-piece to any position thereon, the clamp 11 readily passing under the paper-support 8, as indicated in Fig. 3. To secure these clamps in place upon the base-piece, any suitable means may be provided, such as a set-screw 12. To secure the clamps to the cover of the battery-box, they are provided with arms or lugs 13, through which pass set-screws 14 into engagement with the under surface of the battery-box cover.

The telephone illustrated in Fig. 1 has a battery-box of the maximum width, and to secure the tablet attachment thereto the clamp 10 is placed near the left-hand end of the base-piece and the clamp 11 is placed under the paper attachment near the right-hand end of the base-piece. In adapting the attachment to a narrower battery-box the clamps 10 and 11 will be brought nearer together upon the base-piece and clamped in position such that their set-screws 14 will engage the under surface of the battery-box cover, as in the instance illustrated.

By mounting the paper-support on top of the base-piece room is left for the ends of the clamp 11 to slide along the beveled edges of the base-piece under the paper-support. Then, too, said support is by this manner of mounting raised above the bead 16 usually found upon the cover 6. Still another useful function results from this arrangement when the attachment is applied to a wide battery-box, as shown—namely, the lower end of the paper-support can rest upon said bead and make a firmer rest for the arm of the person using the telephone or tablet.

The formation of the parts of my improved attachment may be changed and their arrangement varied without departing from the invention.

I claim as my invention—

1. A tablet attachment for telephones, con-

- sisting of a base-piece, a paper holder or support rigidly secured on top thereof and in a manner to leave the edges of the base-piece unobstructed beneath the paper-support and
- 5 clamps fitted to the edges of said base-piece and adjustable along the same independently of and beneath the paper-support whereby the attachment may be readily fitted to various telephones.
- 10 2. In a tablet attachment for telephones, the combination with a base-piece having its edges beveled, of a clamp having its ends fitted to said beveled edges in a manner to secure it to the base-piece and render it adjustable longitudinally thereof, and a set-screw
- 15 for fixing said clamp in any desired position.
3. A clamp for a tablet attachment for telephones consisting of a bar having recurved ends for engagement with the base-piece of
- 20 the attachment, a screw passing through the

bar for securing it in place, and an arm or lug projecting from the bar, and provided with a set-screw whereby to secure the attachment in place upon a telephone.

4. A tablet attachment for telephones, consisting of the base-piece provided with the upwardly-beveled edges, the paper support or holder secured on top thereof, and clamps secured to the beveled edges of the base-piece, and each adjustable longitudinally thereof
- 25 throughout the length of the base-piece, whereby the attachment may be fitted to various telephones.
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