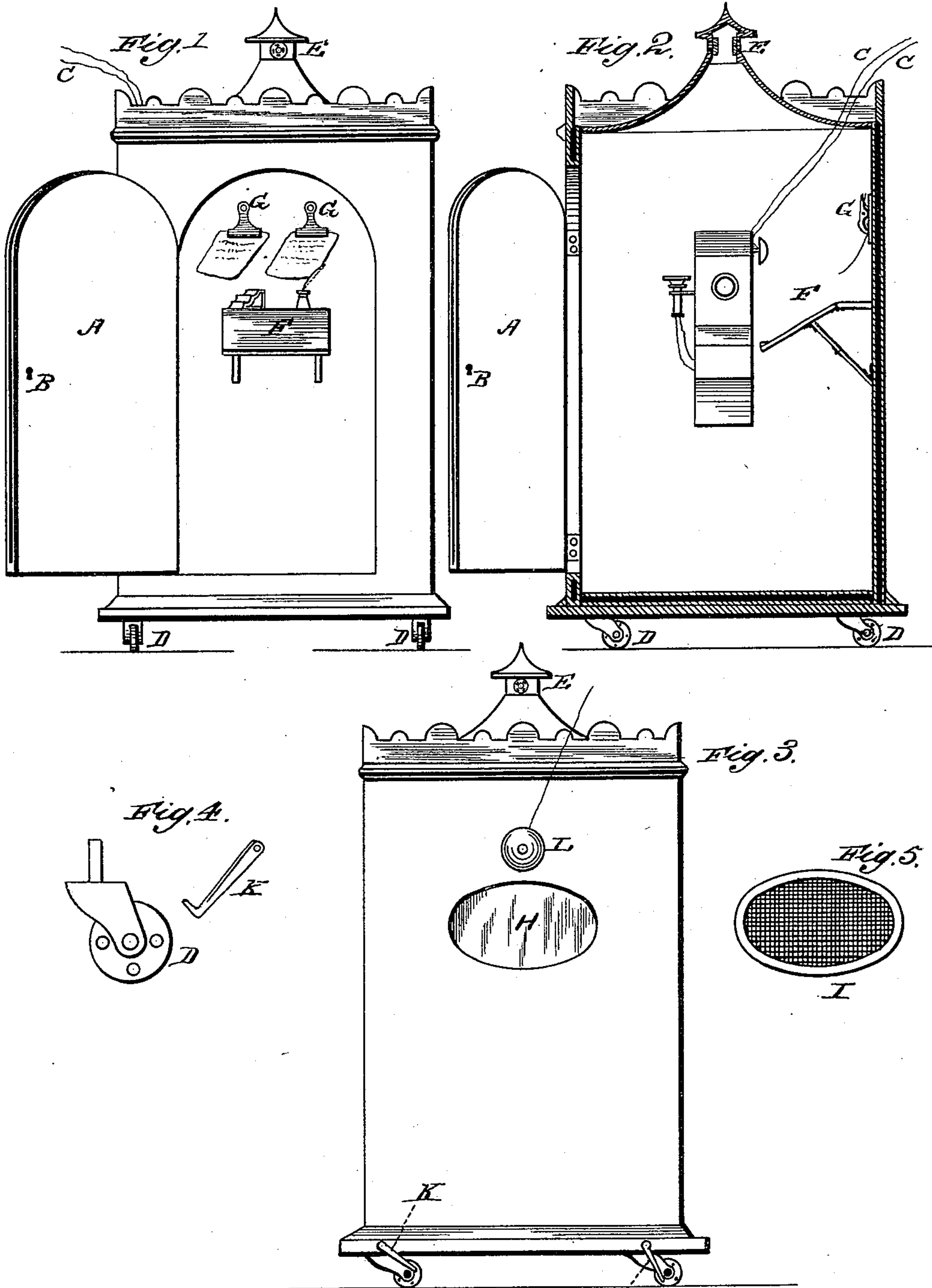


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD BUSTEED, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Telephone-Cabinets; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a front view of my cabinet with the door open. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a side view, and Figs. 4 and 5 are detail views.

This invention has relation to telephone-cabinets; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims appended.

It is generally admitted that messages by telephone, as now sent, are subject to the drawback of being heard by those at or near the instrument, to the inconvenience of the interrogator, especially should privacy be desired. The object of my invention is to overcome this objection by the use of the means hereinafter described. I provide a cabinet four or five feet square if rectangular in form, or about the same number of feet in diameter if round, formed of wood or metal, complete in itself, and lined so as to form a double or triple inclosure, to deaden the sound, when desired, and prevent conflicting voices or sounds from interfering, as in the case of a factory, mill, or public office, in which cabinet I place the transmitter and receiver and a desk, stationery, &c., by which means the occupant of the cabinet can transmit and receive messages more clearly and distinctly, and at the same time with the utmost privacy.

A designates the door of the cabinet, and B the lock and key.

C C designate the protruding wires, which may protrude either from the top or side of the cabinet, as shown. The cabinet is mounted on wheels D, in order that it may be moved from place to place, when desired, and K is a

pivoted lock-check for locking the wheels D, and thereby holding the cabinet in place when it has been moved to its proper position.

E designates a ventilator in the top of the cabinet, which is provided with a register for closing it while the message is being sent or received. In Fig. 2 the position of the telephone is shown in the cabinet.

F designates a desk, provided with pen, ink, and pencils for writing the messages.

G G designate clamps, one for holding written messages sent, and the other messages received.

H designates a window for admitting light to the cabinet, and I is a screen for darkening it when desired.

L designates an outside alarm to summon the occupant of the cabinet. In Fig. 2 a vertical sectional view is given, showing the lining forming the triple inclosure.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it is thought any one skilled in the art will be enabled to construct and use my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A telephone-cabinet provided with a door, window, and ventilator, and a telephone within its inclosing-walls, substantially as specified.

2. A telephone-cabinet formed of wood or metal, lined with suitable material to prevent the admission to or emission from it of the tone required to articulate a message, substantially as specified.

3. A telephone-cabinet constructed substantially as described, and mounted on wheels, provided with lock-checks, as set forth.

4. A telephone-cabinet provided with an outside alarm, substantially as specified.

5. A telephone-cabinet provided with a ventilating-register in its top, substantially as specified.

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

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