

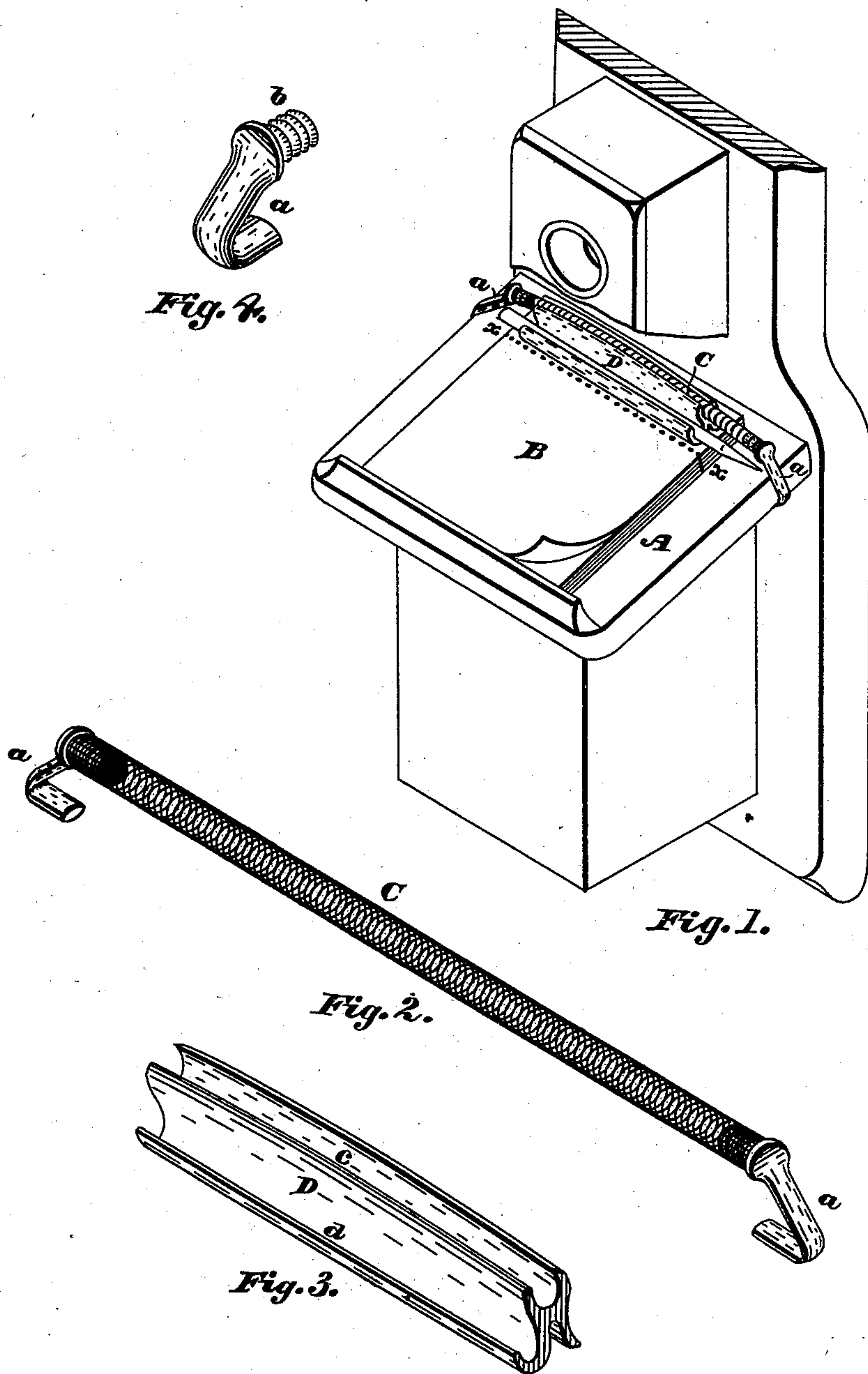
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOWARD H. BUTLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Canton, in the county of Stark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Attaching Memorandum-Tablets to Telephones; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a telephone-desk, showing my improvement attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a detached view of the spring, showing the retaining-hooks attached. Fig. 3 is a detached perspective view of the retaining-plate. Fig. 4 is a detached view of one of the retaining-hooks.

The present invention has relation to devices for attaching memorandum-tablets to telephones; and its nature consists in the different parts and combinations of parts hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the telephone-desk, which may be constructed in the ordinary manner. On the telephone-desk is placed the memorandum-tablet B, which may be located substantially as shown in Fig. 1. The spring C may be substantially of the form shown, to the ends of which are attached the hooks *a a*. These hooks *a a* are provided with the screw-threaded portion *b*. This threaded portion is designed to enter the end of the spring C, as shown in Fig. 2, the screw receiving the coils of the spring C, thereby securely holding said hooks *a a* to the spring C. The retaining plate or

clamp D may be substantially of the form shown, and, as shown, is provided with the groove *c*, which is for the purpose of receiving the elastic coiled spring C. As shown in Fig. 1, this retaining plate or clamp D may be provided with the groove *d*, which is for the purpose of receiving and holding a pen-holder or pencil, as shown in Fig. 1.

It will be seen that by my peculiar arrangement I am enabled to securely hold a memorandum-tablet to a telephone-desk, and at all times have it in position for receiving telegraphic or other messages. It will be seen that the spring C, together with the hooks *a a*, can be used independent of the retaining plate or clamp D; but I prefer to use said plate or clamp D in connection with the spring C, as shown in Fig. 1.

The memorandum-tablet B is perforated, as shown on line *x x*, thereby rendering it easy to detach a leaf from the tablet.

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

1. The combination, with the spring C, provided with the hooks *a a*, of the retaining plate or clamp D, provided with the groove *c*, and a telephone desk or shelf, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. The hooks *a a*, provided with the screw-threaded portions *b b*, the spring C, the retaining-plate D, and a telephone desk or shelf, all combined substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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