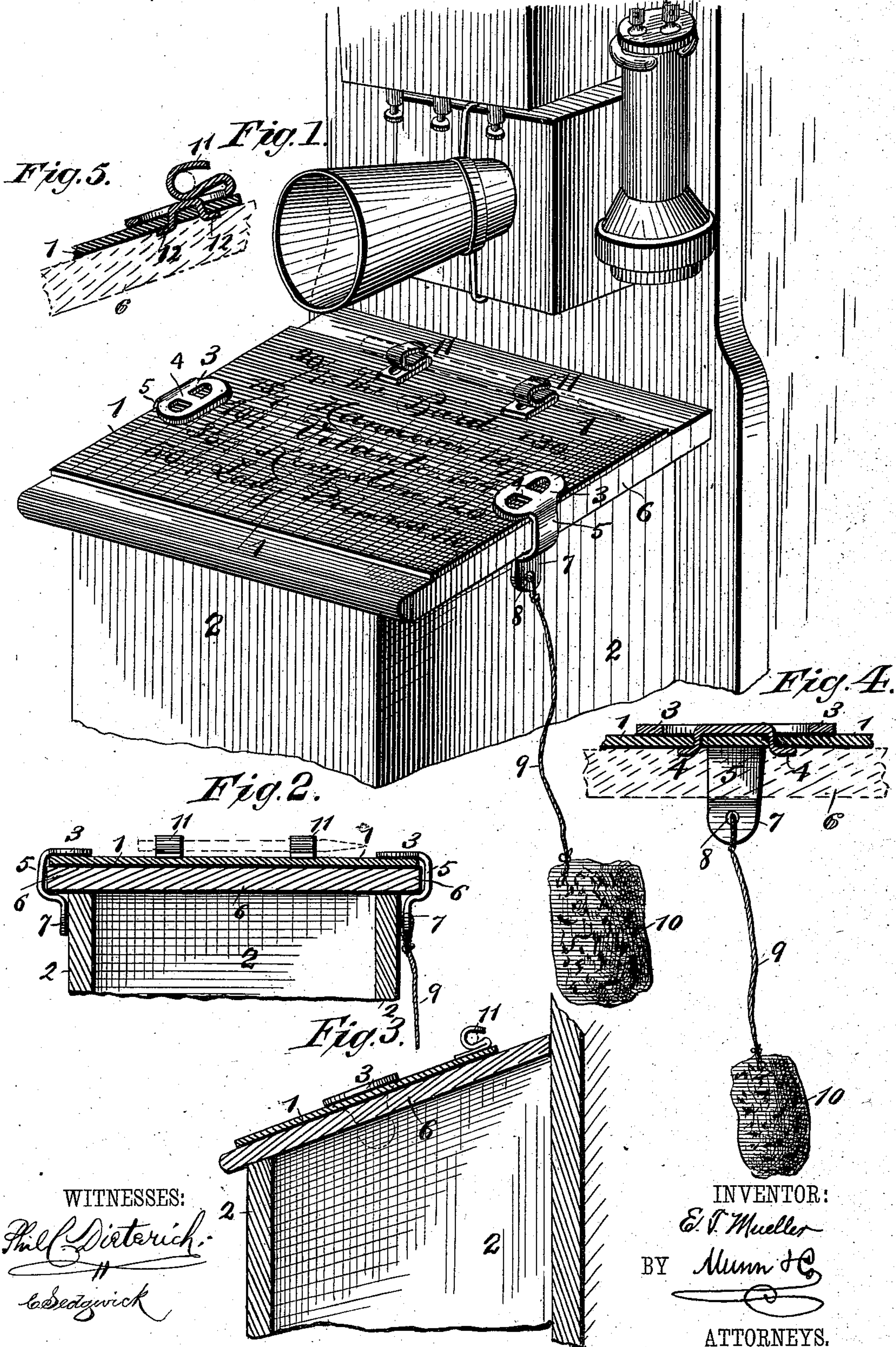


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMIL T. MUELLER, of La Crosse, in the county of La Crosse and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and Improved Telephone Silicate Slate, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention has for its object to provide a slate so constructed that it may be secured to a desk, and has special reference to its use with a telephone-desk.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 illustrates the invention in position for use. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section thereof. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the same. Fig. 4 is a detail section through one of the retaining-clips, and Fig. 5 is a detail section through one of the hooks for holding a pencil.

1 indicates a slate made of pasteboard or other suitable material and covered with any well-known composition adapting it to be written upon with a slate or lead pencil. The slate 1 is of sufficient size to cover a telephone-desk, 2, and is provided with metallic clips 3, having lips 4 cut out of the clip 3, bent as shown, passed through the slate 1, and bent up against its under side, so as to securely fasten the clip to the slate. The clip 3 is further formed with the bent portion 5, adapted to fit over the side edges, 6, of the top of a desk, 2, and having a lip, 7, adapted to bear against the side of the desk. The lip 7 is provided with a perforation, 8, to which a string, 9, with sponge, 10, may be fastened. The upper edge of the slate 1 is formed with metallic hooks 11, constructed with lips 12, secured to

slate 1, similarly to the clips 3. The hooks 11 may be elastic to permit of a pencil being pushed into them and clasped thereby. By means of the hooks 11 a slate or lead pencil may be held in convenient position for use.

The slate is secured in position for use by sliding it onto the top of desk 2, the clips 3 embracing the side edges, 6, of the top of the desk, or by springing the clips 3 over the edges 6 of the desk, the clip 3, as well as the slate 1, being flexible enough for this purpose.

This invention provides a useful and convenient device for recording telephone-messages. It may be constructed of various sizes to fit different desks.

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

1. A telephone silicate slate consisting of a sheet of suitable material covered with a slate composition and having clips formed with bent arms adapted to engage the edges of the top of a desk, substantially as shown and described.

2. A telephone silicate slate consisting of a sheet of suitable material covered with a slate composition and having retaining-clips adapted to clamp the edges of a desk, and hooks to hold a slate or lead pencil, substantially as described.

3. A telephone silicate slate consisting of slate 1, having clips 3 secured thereto by bent lips 4, and pencil-retaining hooks 11 secured thereto by bent lips 12, substantially as described.

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