

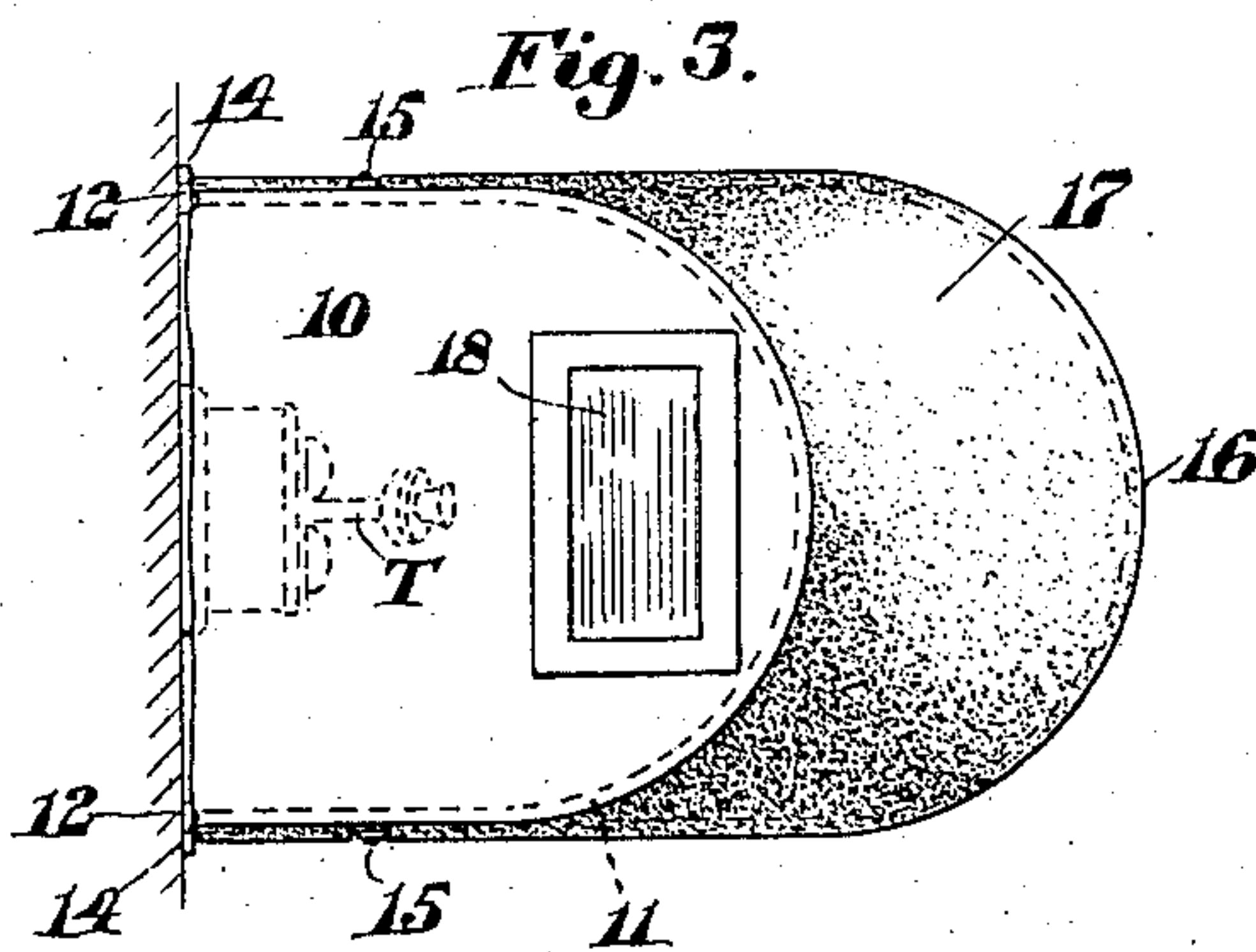
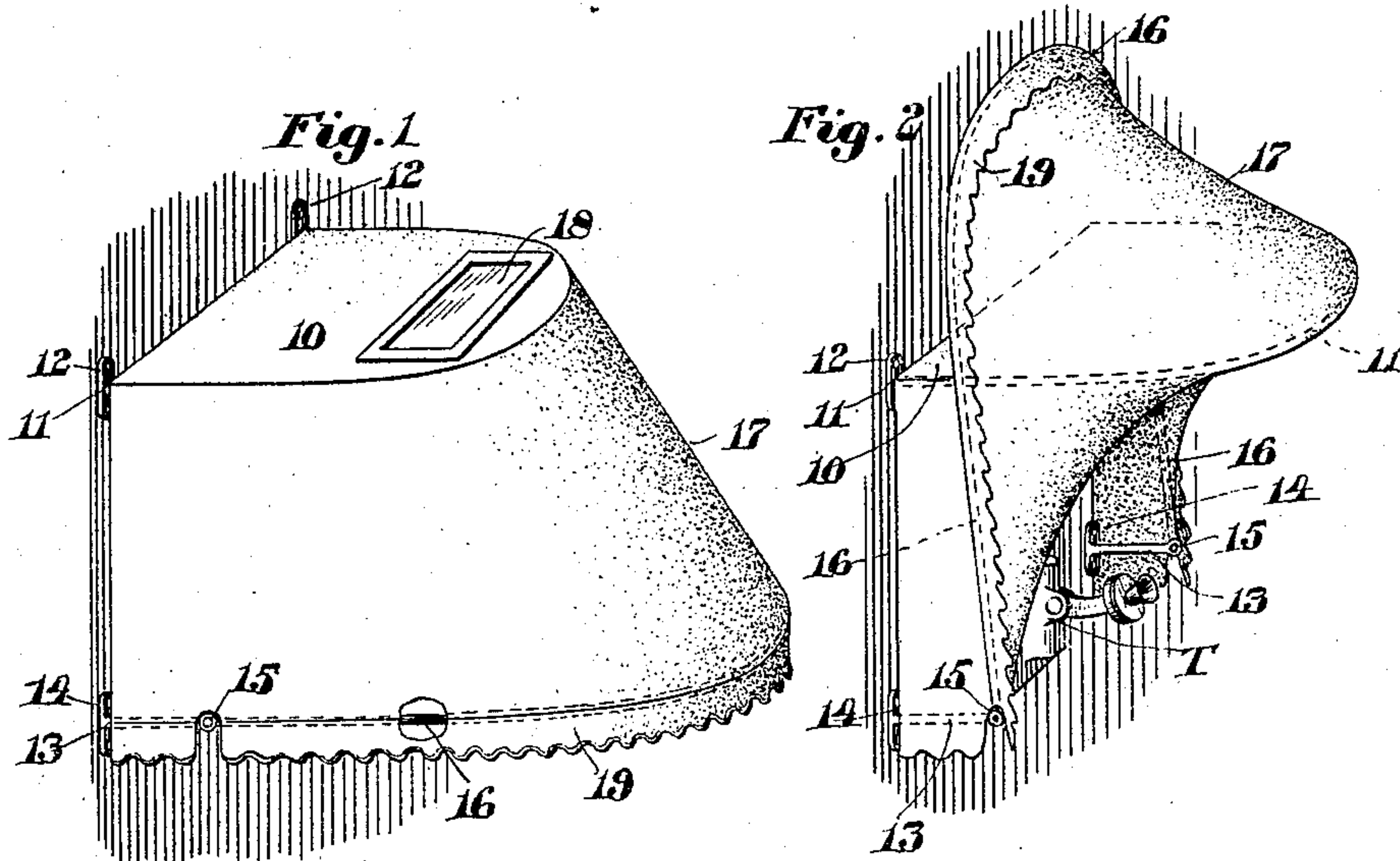
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT J. PARKE, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Inclosures for Telephones, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to inclosures for telephones serving to shelter the instrument and the ears of the person using it from extraneous sounds, and more particularly relates to a hood or awning for this purpose.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device. Fig. 2 is a similar view with a portion raised, showing the telephone; and Fig. 3 is a top plan view showing the telephone in dotted lines.

Similar characters designate like parts throughout the several figures of the drawings.

The numeral 10 designates a top section of the hood or awning, which may be substantially horizontal and may consist of a frame 11, of bent metal rod or tubing, supported at its ends by plates 12 12, which may be secured by screws to the wall upon which the telephone T is hung, being situated sufficiently far above the same to clear the head of the person using the instrument. This frame may be filled in with a sheet of any flexible material, as canvas.

It will be seen that instead of being in the form described the top section might be made of a single piece of wood, metal, or the like suitably secured at its inner edge to the wall.

Below the top section, secured to the wall upon each side of the telephone and so related to the same as to bring them about on a level with the shoulders of a person using it, is a rigid arm 13, carried by a plate 14, preferably similar to those of the frame of the top section, whereby it may be secured to the wall. Pivotally supported at or near the outer end of those arms at 15 is a tilting frame 16, conveniently formed of a bent metal rod or tubing and being of sufficient width to pass outside the top section when raised. Between the top section and the tilting frame is an intermediate section 17, of flexible material, as canvas, of sufficient length to allow the frame to occupy a substantially horizon-

tal position when lowered and permitting it to be swung upward to leave the instrument clear, passing to the inner side of a vertical through its pivotal support, and thus remaining as placed by virtue of its own weight without fastening. However, to insure its so remaining the width of the frame and top section may be such and the latter so inclined at the rear portion of its side edges that after it passes the vertical through its pivots it will frictionally engage said edges, thus more securely retaining it against accidental displacement.

To render the interior of the inclosure less dark, a light or pane 18, of glass or other transparent material, may be located in the awning, preferably forming a portion of the top section.

To carry the inclosure lower than the frame 16, a band 19 of flexible material may depend therefrom, if desired.

The use of the device will be readily understood. The hood may remain normally in its raised position, giving easy access to the telephone. Then when one is using the instrument they can draw down the frame, it falling well below the transmitter, effectually cutting off the sound-waves which would most confuse the ear and the transmitted speech and so muffling the voice of the user outside the inclosure that it cannot be heard save by one near the telephone. At the same time a circulation of air is permitted, rendering the inclosure less uncomfortable in the warm weather than an ordinary booth.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination with a telephone, of an inclosure therefor consisting of a hood or awning closed at the top and sides and open at the bottom.

2. The combination with a telephone, of an inclosure therefor consisting of a hood or awning closed at the top and sides and open at the bottom, and having a portion pivotally supported whereby said hood may be turned back from about the instrument.

3. The combination with a telephone, of an inclosure therefor consisting of a hood or awning closed at the top and sides and open at the bottom, and a transparent section in said hood.

4. The combination with a telephone, of an inclosure therefor comprising a top section supported above the instrument, a frame supported at each side of said instrument, 5 and a section of flexible material between the top section and frame.

5. The combination with a telephone, of an inclosure therefor comprising a top section supported above the instrument, a frame piv- 10 otally supported at each side of said instrument, and a section of flexible material between the top section and frame.

6. The combination with a telephone, of an inclosure therefor comprising a top section 15 supported above the instrument, rigid arms supported at each side of said instrument, a frame pivoted to the arms, and a section of flexible material between the top section and frame.

20 7. The combination with a telephone, of an

inclosure therefor comprising an opaque top section supported above the instrument, a light of transparent material situated in the top section, a frame supported at each side of said instrument, and a section of opaque 25 material between the top section and frame.

8. The combination with a telephone, of an inclosure therefor comprising a top section supported above the instrument and of such width as to frictionally engage the top sec- 30 tion when turned upward, and a section of flexible material between the top section and frame.

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