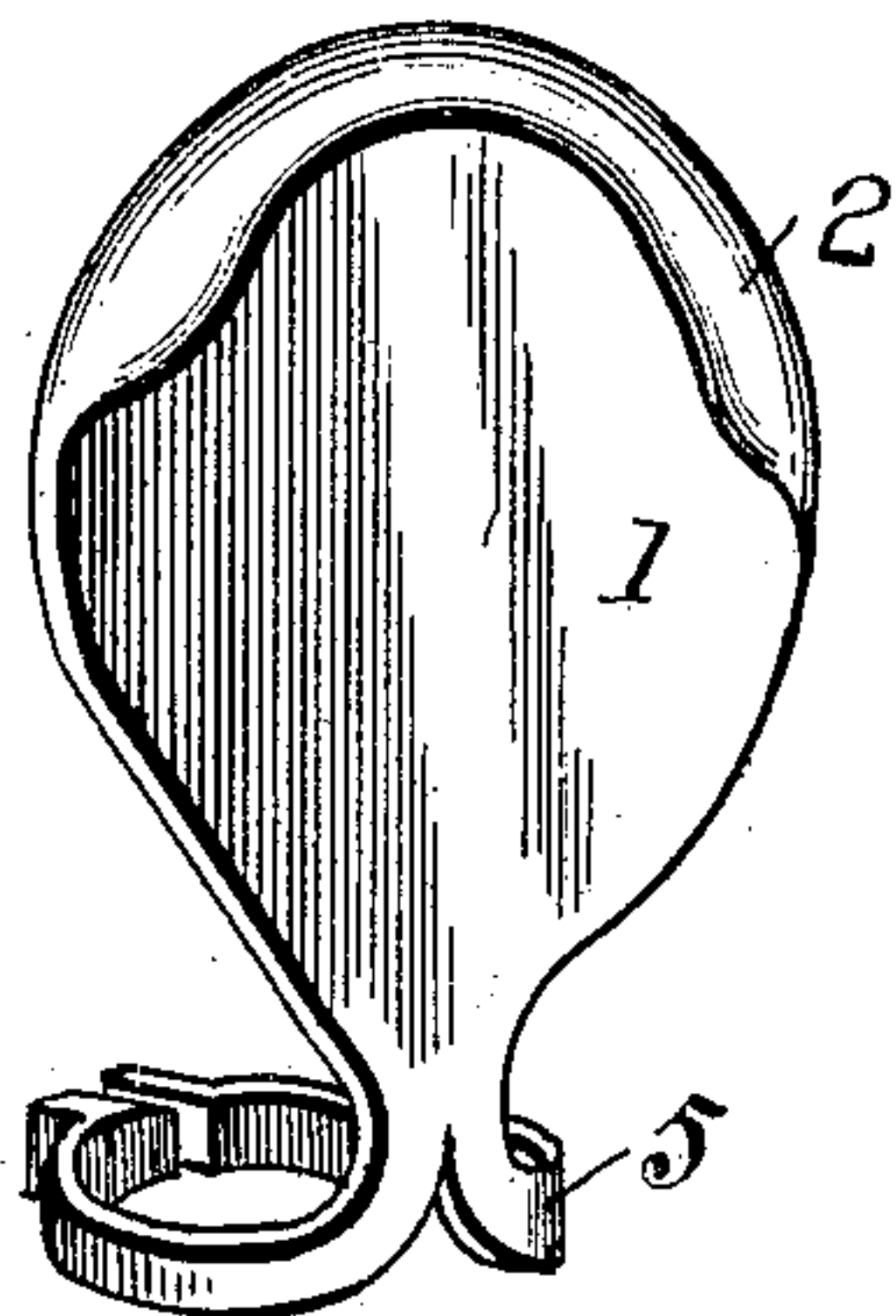


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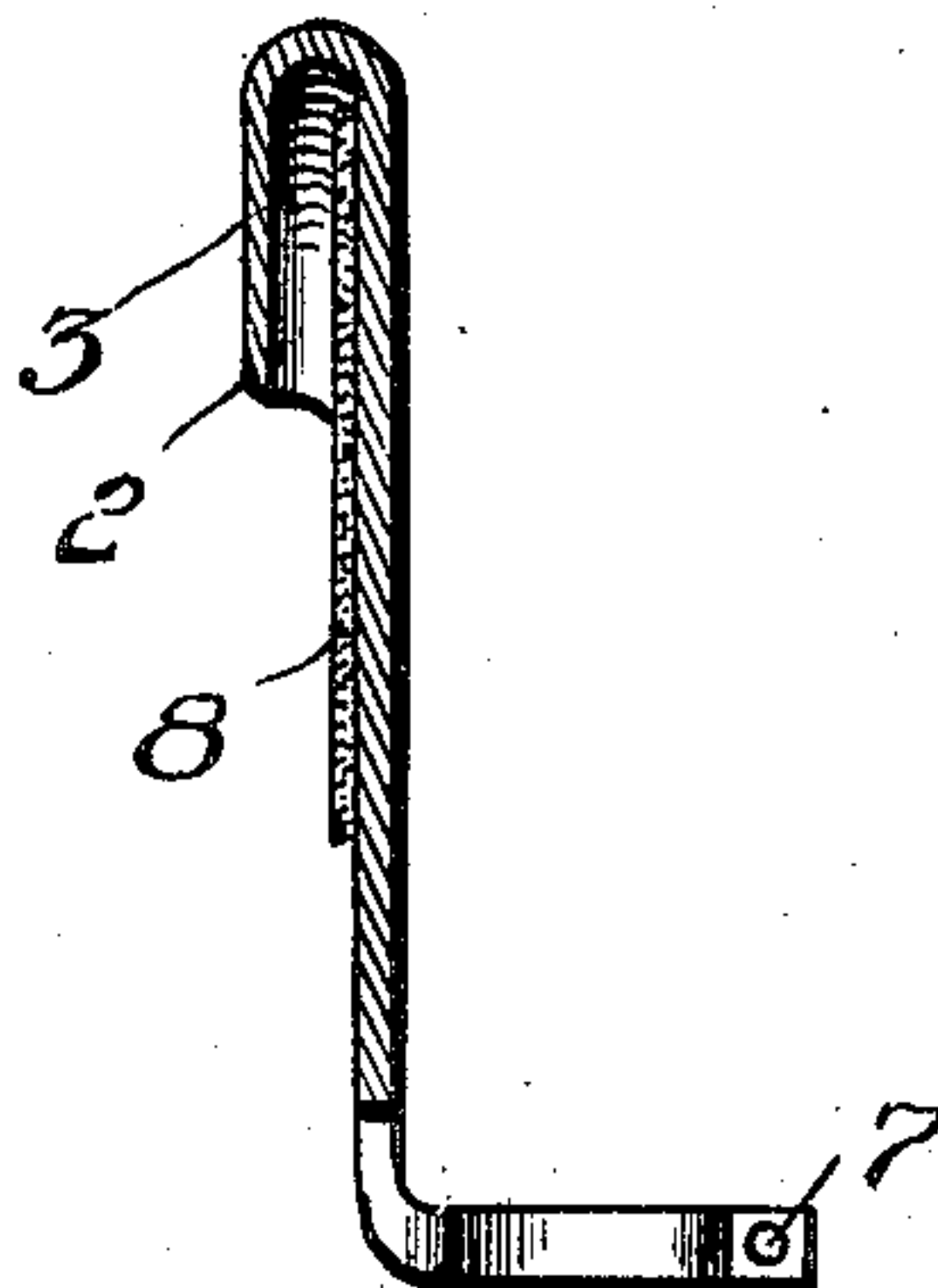
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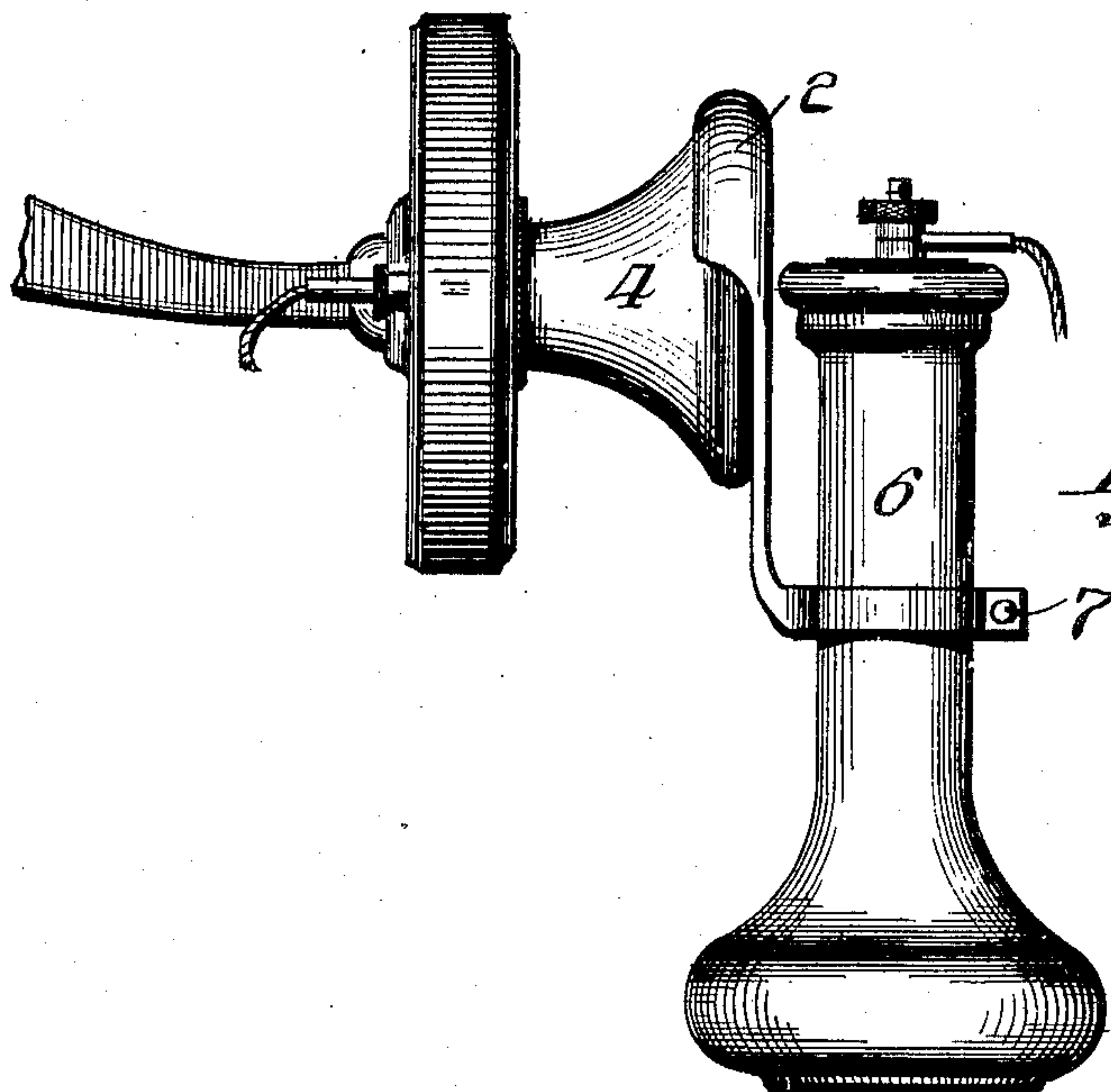
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*

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## TELEPHONE ATTACHMENT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM STANLEY HADDOCK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Uniontown, in the county of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Telephone Attachments, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in telephone attachments; and the primary object of the invention is to provide means adapted to be attached to a telephone-receiver for engagement  
15 with the telephone-transmitter whereby the latter may be closed or sealed against sound until the device is detached from the transmitter.

It is frequently desired by those using the  
20 telephone to converse with others in the office relative to certain matters, and oftentimes it is not desired to have the person at the other end of the line overhear the conversation carried on in the office. Under  
25 these conditions the person speaking does not desire to return the receiver to its hook, for the reason that the line would then be cut off. Neither is it desirable to allow the receiver to hang dependent from its wires, and in case  
30 it is desired to close the transmitter it must be done by holding the hand over the same or by some like inconvenient means.

It is the purpose of this invention to overcome these defects and provide means for  
35 closing the transmitter and also supporting the receiver while it is detached from the hook.

In describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings,  
40 forming a part of this specification, and wherein like numerals of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a detail perspective view of my improved attachment. Fig. 2 is a central vertical sectional view thereof, showing the attachment as provided with a facing of felt or  
45 other like material. Fig. 3 is a side elevation

of the telephone transmitter and receiver, showing the attachment secured to the receiver and in position on the transmitter for  
50 closing or sealing the latter.

To put my invention into practice, I form from a suitable material, preferably a desirable metal, a disk or plate 1, somewhat oval in its general contour and which is provided  
55 around the upper half of its edge with an overhanging flange 2, forming a pocket 3, which is adapted to receive the rim of the bell or trumpet 4 of the transmitter. At its lower end the plate or disk 1 is provided with  
60 straps 5, bent to form clamps which embrace the receiver 6, the ends of the straps being bent at right angles, whereby to receive a screw 7 or other means for clamping the straps upon the receiver. I may, if desired, provide  
65 the inner face of the plate or disk 1 with a facing 8, of felt or other suitable material, whereby to effect a closer seal of the plate with the edge or rim of the transmitter bell or trumpet.

In manufacture I preferably construct the device by stamping the same out of a single piece of material, afterward bending the disk or plate 1 at right angles to the receiver-clamps. However, it will be evident that the  
75 clamps and plate could be made in separate pieces and suitably connected together and also that the overhanging flange 2, which engages the transmitter trumpet or bell, could be a separate piece secured to the plate or disk  
80 1. The clamps are adapted to be attached to the receiver at any desired point, and in case it is desired to use the outer face of the disk or plate 1 for advertising or for placing thereon the number of the telephone or any like  
85 purpose the clamps would be attached to the receiver near the smaller end thereof, whereby when the receiver hangs suspended in the manner shown in Fig. 1 it would not obstruct the front view of the plate or disk 1.

With such a device it will be evident that  
90 when one person answers the telephone-call and another person in the office is desired the first person answering can merely hang



the attachment on the transmitter, which will leave the line open and will close all sound to the transmitter until the person asked for removes the device from the transmitter in order to converse through the telephone.

The device will not in any manner interfere with the usual hanging of the receiver in its supporting hook.

While I have herein shown and described a preferable embodiment of my invention, yet it will be obvious that various slight changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the general spirit of my invention.

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

1. A telephone attachment adapted to act as a transmitter-seal and a receiver-support, comprising a plate or disk having an overhanging flange on its rear edge for engagement with the telephone-transmitter, and means for clamping the plate to the telephone-receiver, substantially as described.

2. A telephone attachment adapted for closing or sealing the transmitter and supporting the receiver, comprising a plate or disk, means carried thereby for engagement with the telephone-transmitter, a facing secured to the inner face of the plate, and means carried by the plate for securing the same to the telephone-receiver, substantially as described.

3. A device of the type set forth comprising a plate closing the transmitter and having integral means at its extremities extending in opposing directions from its opposite faces

for engagement with the receiver and transmitter.

4. A device of the type set forth comprising a plate extending over and closing the transmitter, a flange on the plate embracing said transmitter, and clamps carried by the plate and embracing the receiver.

5. A device of the type set forth comprising a faced plate having an integral portion thereof bent to embrace the transmitter, and formed with means to embrace the receiver.

6. A device of the type set forth, comprising a plate having a flanged upper end and a bifurcated lower end forming clamps with means for securing the latter together.

7. A plate for closing a telephone-transmitter carrying a means at its top to hang over the transmitter, and means for attaching the plate to the receiver.

8. A plate for attachment to a telephone-receiver and for closing the transmitter carrying a pocket to engage over the transmitter-trumpet.

9. A plate for attachment to a telephone-receiver and for closing the transmitter carrying a flange to hang over the transmitter.

10. A plate for closing a telephone-transmitter carrying means at its top to suspend the same from the transmitter and means at its bottom to receive the receiver.

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

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