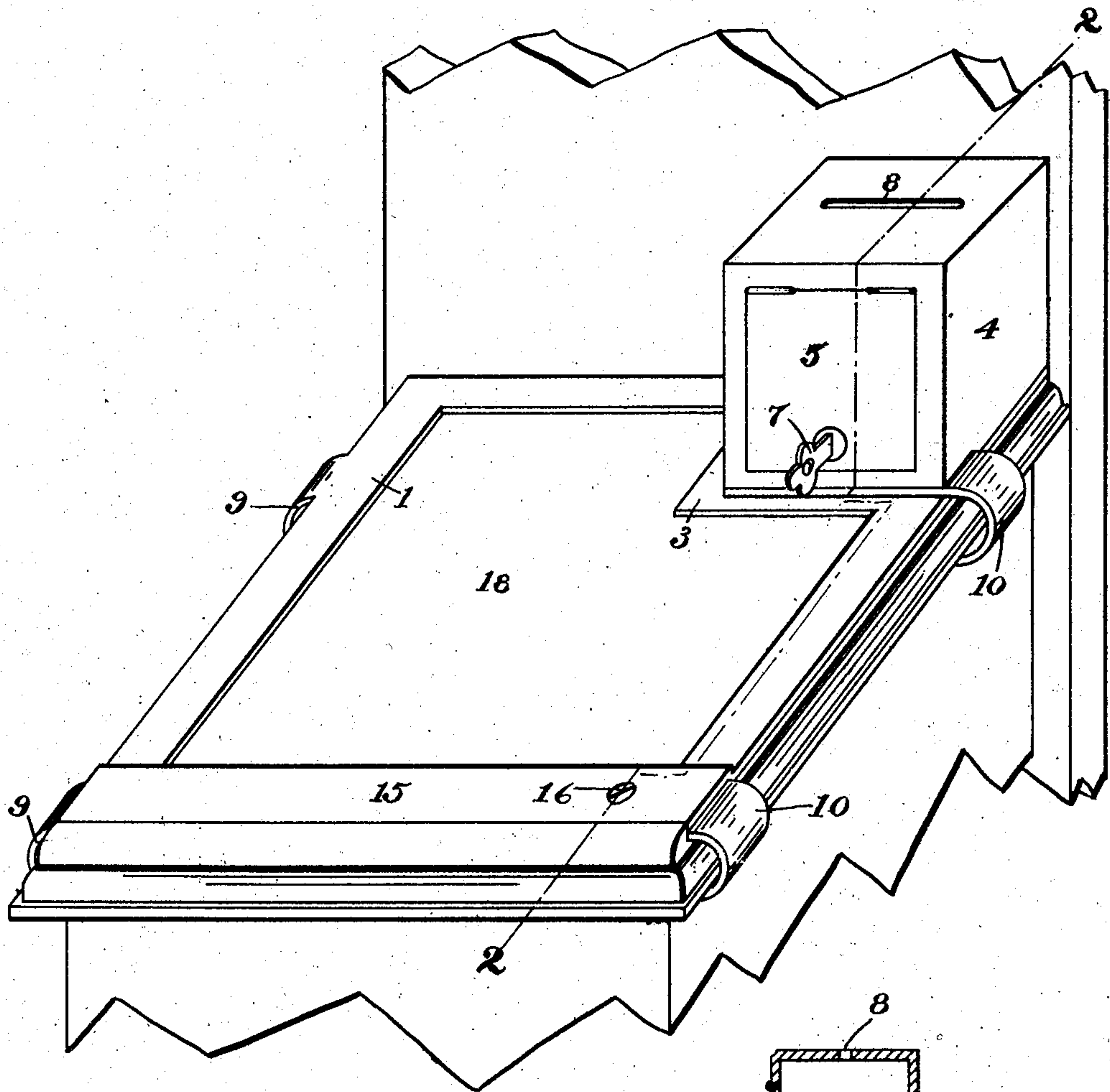


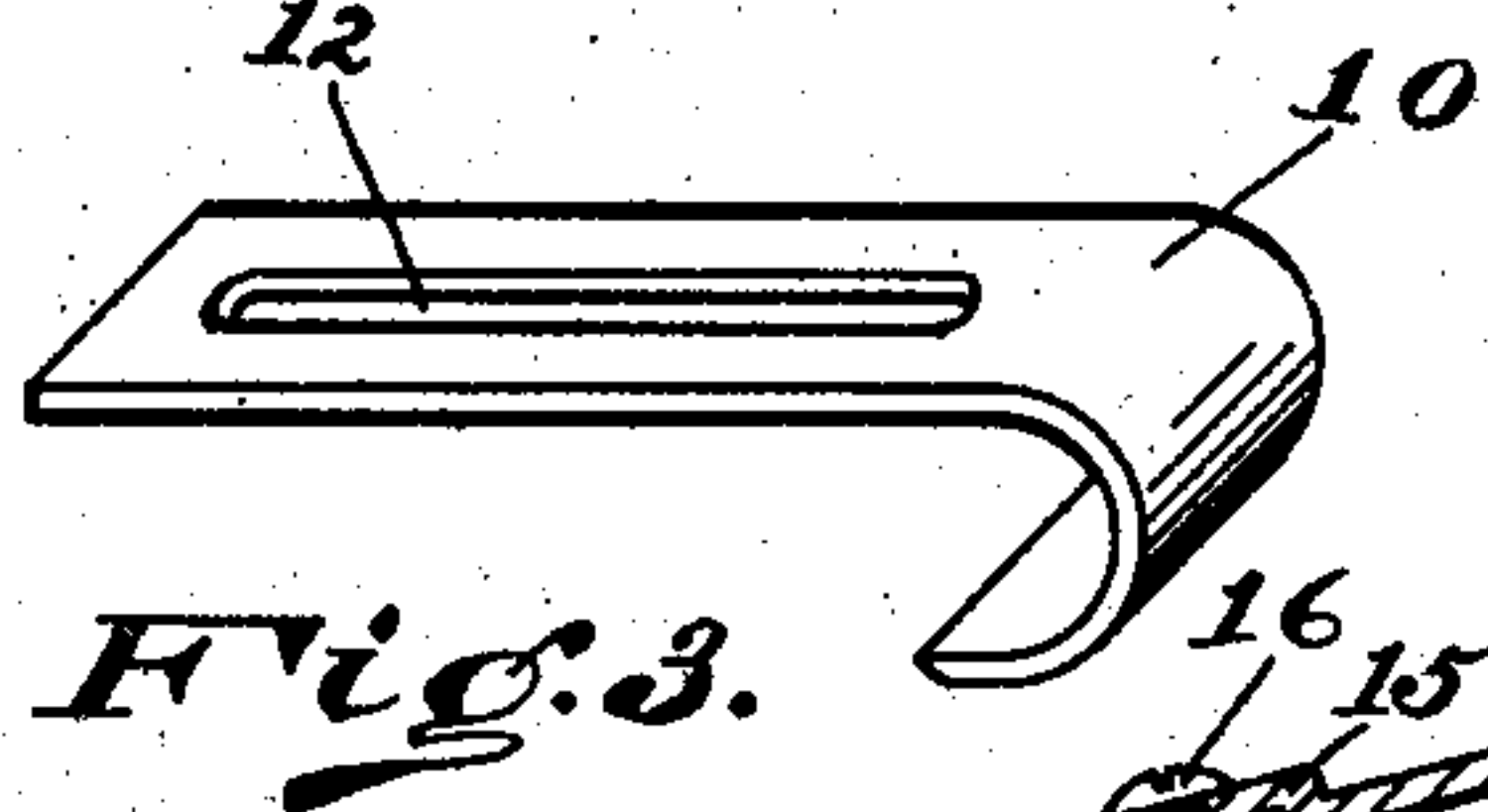
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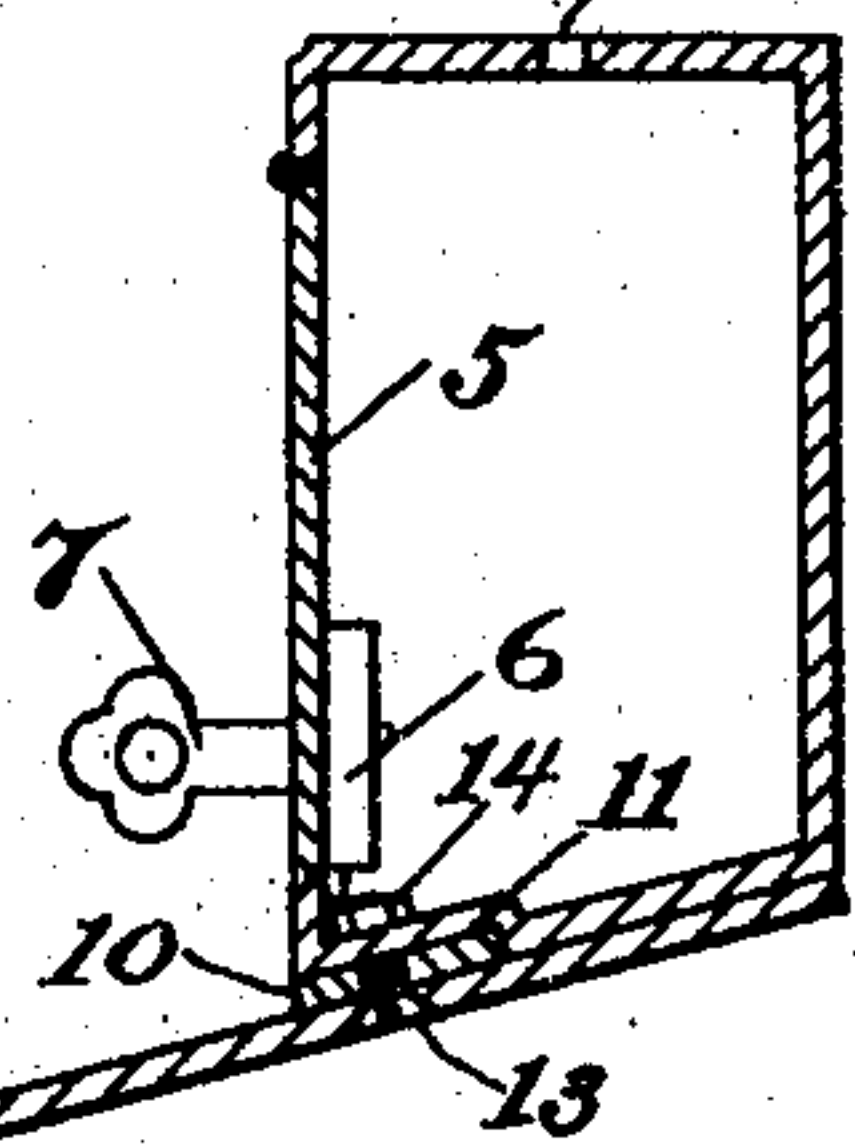
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 2.*

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## SAVINGS-BANK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN B. KING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Texarkana, in the county of Bowie and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Savings-Banks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The purpose of my invention is to provide a convenient small savings-bank for the home which may be readily and easily secured to the writing-shelf of the telephone instruments—a place for the bank the most frequented of all the parts of the house by all the members of the household and where the presence of the savings-bank will be a most frequent reminder of the value of small savings.

The invention consists of that certain novel construction for securing the savings-bank to the various-sized shelves of the telephone to be hereinafter particularly pointed out and claimed and in which the construction is such that the savings-bank cannot be removed from its place except by one possessing the key to the bank.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the telephone-shelf with my improvements attached. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section taken on the lines 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the adjustable clamps.

1 is a rectangular plate or frame of a size to conveniently fit over the ordinary telephone-shelf 18, provided at one corner with an inner extension 3, upon which is mounted the savings-bank 4. This is an ordinary metallic box of any convenient size provided with a door 5, hinged to the front and locked by the lock 6, operated by the key 7. A slot 8 is provided in the top for the insertion of the money to be saved. The plate 1 carries on one side integral therewith the curved clamps 9 9 to fit over the edge of the telephone-shelf, while on the opposite side similar clamps 10 10 are adjustable in order to secure the plate to the varying sizes of telephone-shelves.

The floor of the bank 4 is provided with an inset portion 11 of a width and height to receive the clamp 10 flush with the bottom and front edge of the bank. This clamp 10 is provided with a slot 12, through which is inserted the screw 13, suitable openings being formed in the plate 1 and the raised floor 11 of the bank for the passage of the screw, and 14 is the nut for securing the bank, clamp-plate, and sustaining-plate together. It will be evident from this construction, inasmuch as the nut 14 is inside the bank, that so long as the bank is locked it will be impossible to remove the bank and its sustaining-plate from the telephone-shelf.

At the front edge of the plate 1 an offset 15 is also provided, in which slides the other adjustable clamp 10, provided with the slot 12, through which passes the screw 16, taking into the nut 17 to hold the parts together. Of course it will be understood that when desired two bolts and nuts may be used for securing the adjustable clamps in place.

The savings-bank located as above described may be provided with advertising matter on its front of any desired nature or a warning concerning the use of the telephone by non-subscribers and a suggestion for the deposit of a coin for its use. The bank may be used for savings for any desired purpose, and the fact that all users are obliged to wait at the telephone for proper connections will bring the bank and its object prominently before all members of the household.

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

1. In a support for savings-banks, the combination with the telephone-shelf, of a plate to fit over the top of the shelf, clamps integral with the plate on one side and adjustable on the other, to engage the side of the shelf, a savings-bank with an inset portion in the bottom thereof to receive one of the adjustable clamps, with screw-bolts for securing together the plate, clamp, and bottom of the bank, and a nut for holding and tightening the bolt located within the bank, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a support for savings-banks, the com-

5 bination with the telephone-shelf, of an open rectangular frame to fit over the top edge of the shelf, curved clamp-plates integral with the frame on one side to fit over the side of the telephone-shelf, similarly-curved clamp-plates adjustably secured to said framework on the other side to engage the opposite side edges of the shelf, a savings-bank with an inset portion at the front edge of the bottom  
10 to receive one of the clamp-plates flush with the front and bottom of the bank, and an inset portion in the front edge of said frame to

receive the other adjustable clamp-plate flush with the bottom of the frame, with screw-bolts for securing the adjustable clamps, plate, 15 and the bank, one or more of said bolts projecting within the bank with a nut thereon for holding and tightening the bolt, substantially as shown and described.

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