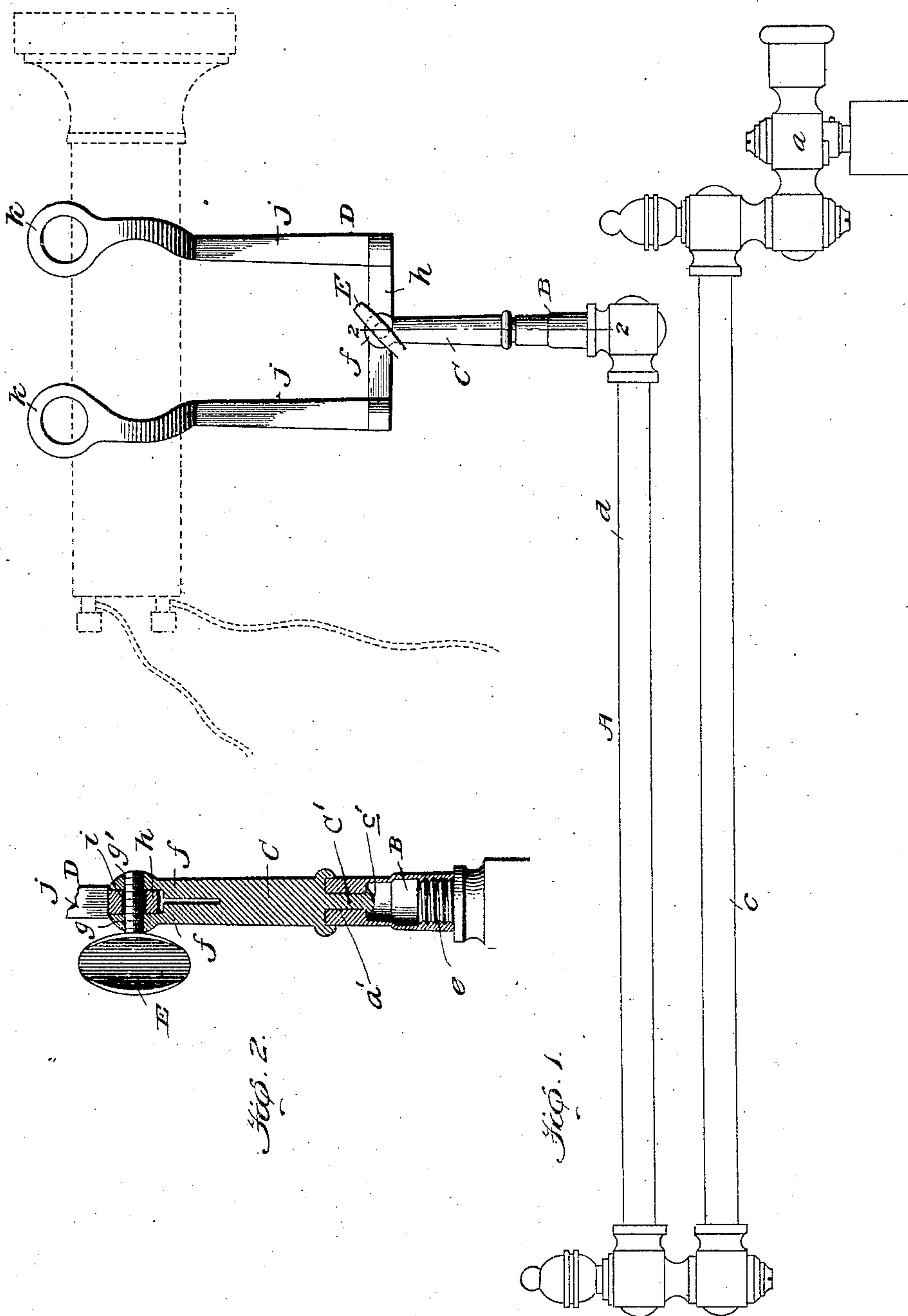


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KATE C. SEAMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Telephone-Receiver Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention pertains to holders or supports for telephone-receivers—*i. e.*, devices for rendering it unnecessary to hold telephone-receivers in the hand when in use; and it consists in the peculiar and advantageous holder hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims appended.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the holder constituting the present and preferred embodiment of my invention, and Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail section taken in the plane indicated by the line 2 2 of Fig. 1 with parts in elevation.

Similar letters designate corresponding parts in both views of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, A is a bracket, which may be and preferably is an ordinary gas-bracket. The said bracket comprises an inner section *a*, adapted to be connected to any telephone-box or to the wall adjacent to telephone or to any convenient place, an inner member *c*, pivotally connected to the section *a* and arranged to swing in a horizontal plane, and an outer member *d*, pivotally connected to the member *c* so as to swing in a horizontal plane and terminating at its free end in a threaded nipple *e*, Fig. 2. I prefer to employ an ordinary gas-bracket because it is readily obtainable. I do not desire, however, to be understood as confining myself to the employment of a gas-bracket, since any suitable bracket having one or more swinging members may be employed without involving a departure from the scope of my invention. I also desire it understood that the bracket may be attached to a wall, a desk, the telephone-box, or arm of speaking-tube of telephone, or any other suitable support without affecting my invention.

B is a support, preferably an interiorly-threaded tube which is screwed on the nipple *e* of the bracket member *d*, and C is a rotatable

post loosely mounted on the upper end of the tube B and having at its lower end a stud *C'*, which is journaled in an aperture *a'* in the upper end of the tube B and has its lower end upset, as indicated by *c'*. At its upper end the post C is provided with resilient jaws *f*, having coincident apertures *g g'*, the aperture *g'* being threaded.

D is a receiver-holding cradle, the lower portion *h* of which is interposed between the jaws *f* of the post C and is provided with a plain aperture *i*, adapted to coincide with the apertures *g g'*, and E is a screw which bears in the apertures *g g'* of post C and extends loosely through the aperture *i* in the lower portion of the cradle D, as best shown in Fig. 2. The cradle D preferably comprises the lower portion *h*, uprights *j*, rising from the ends of the said portion *h*, and U-shaped loops *k* at the upper ends of the upright portions *j*, arranged to receive and hold a telephone-receiver after the manner shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1. In lieu of the said loops *k* loops of any other suitable shape may be employed, or, if preferred, a semicylinder of tin, wire, or other suitable material may be fixed on the upper ends of the portions *j* of the cradle D in position to receive the reduced portion of a telephone-receiver.

In virtue of the bracket members *c* and *d* being arranged to swing in horizontal planes, the post C being adapted to turn axially on the tubular part B, and the cradle D being adapted to swing in a vertical plane on the post C it will be observed that a telephone-receiver placed in the cradle D may be readily positioned to suit the user, and hence the necessity of holding the receiver in the hand is obviated. It will also be observed that when the receiver is in the cradle D it is held in a steady manner to the ear, and the listener is not subjected to fatigue or compelled to use either of his hands in connection with the receiver. It will further be observed that when not in use the cradle D and the receiver therein may be swung back against a wall or other support, where the same will be out of the way.

When it is desired to fix the cradle D in a certain position with respect to the post C,

the same may be readily effected by turning the screw E inwardly, and thereby clamping the jaws *f* of the post C against the lower portion *h* of the cradle.

5 It will be appreciated from the foregoing that my novel holder for telephone-receivers is simple and inexpensive in construction and embodies no delicate parts such as are likely to get out of order after a short period of
10 use, also that the holder is adapted to be plated or otherwise embellished, so as to enhance rather than detract from the finished appearance of a desk, a wall, or other support to which it is attached.

15 I have entered into a detailed description of the construction and relative arrangement of the parts embraced in the present and preferred embodiment of my invention in order to impart a full, clear, and exact understand-
20 ing of the said embodiments. I do not desire, however, to be understood as confining myself to such specific construction and relative arrangement of parts, as such changes or modifications may be made in practice as
25 fairly fall within the scope of my invention as claimed.

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

30 1. A holder for telephone-receivers, consisting essentially of a swinging bracket com-

posed of two hinged members, a support arranged on the outer end of the outer bracket member and having an aperture in its upper end, a post loosely mounted on the upper end 35 of the support and having a stud at its lower end journaled in the aperture of the support, and also having an enlargement on the lower end of the stud, a vertically-swinging cradle connected to the said post, and means for ad- 40 justably fixing the cradle with respect to the post.

2. In a holder for telephone-receivers, the combination of a bracket having inner and outer swinging members, and also having an 45 upright threaded nipple on the outer member, an interiorly-threaded tube arranged on said nipple, a post arranged on and pivotally connected to the said tube whereby it is adapted to turn on its axis, and a cradle arranged to 50 swing vertically on the post, means connecting the post and the cradle, and means at the upper end of the cradle for receiving and holding a telephone-receiver.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set 55 my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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