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Fig. 1.

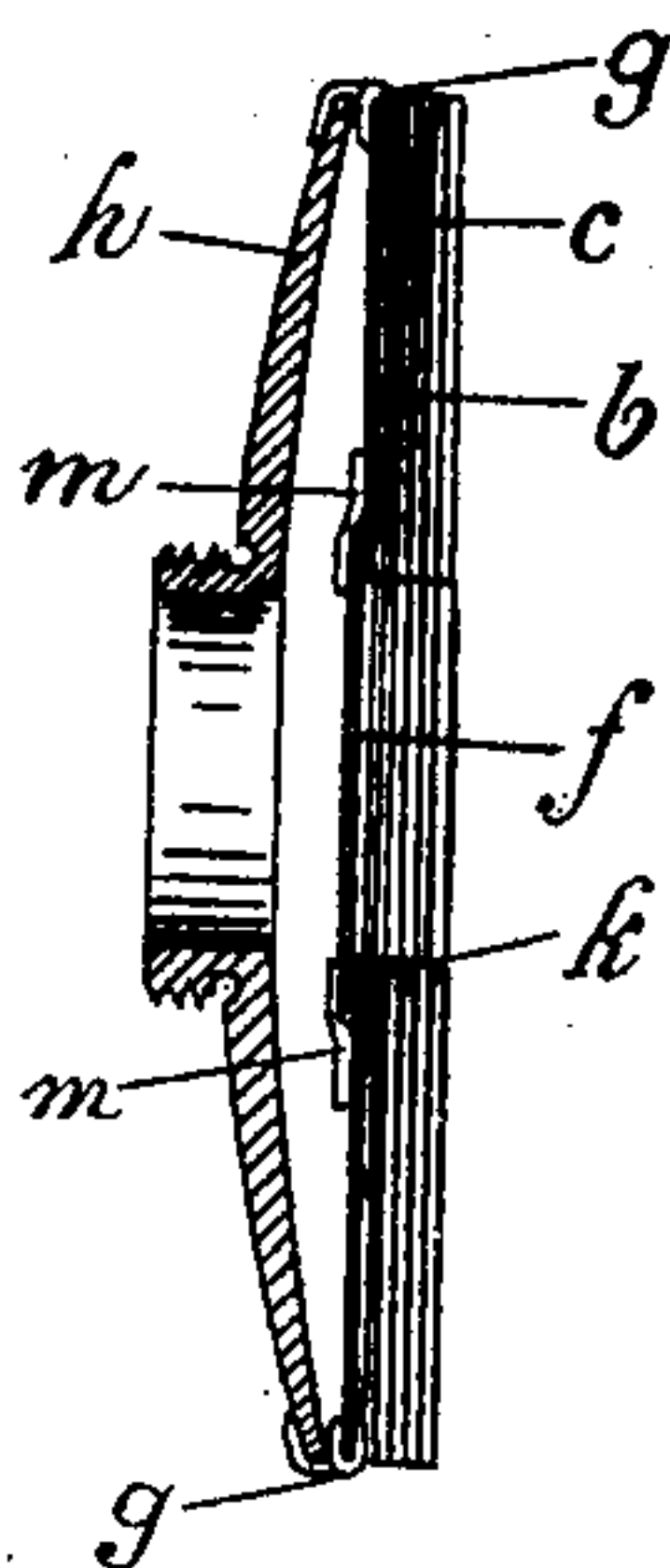


Fig. 2.

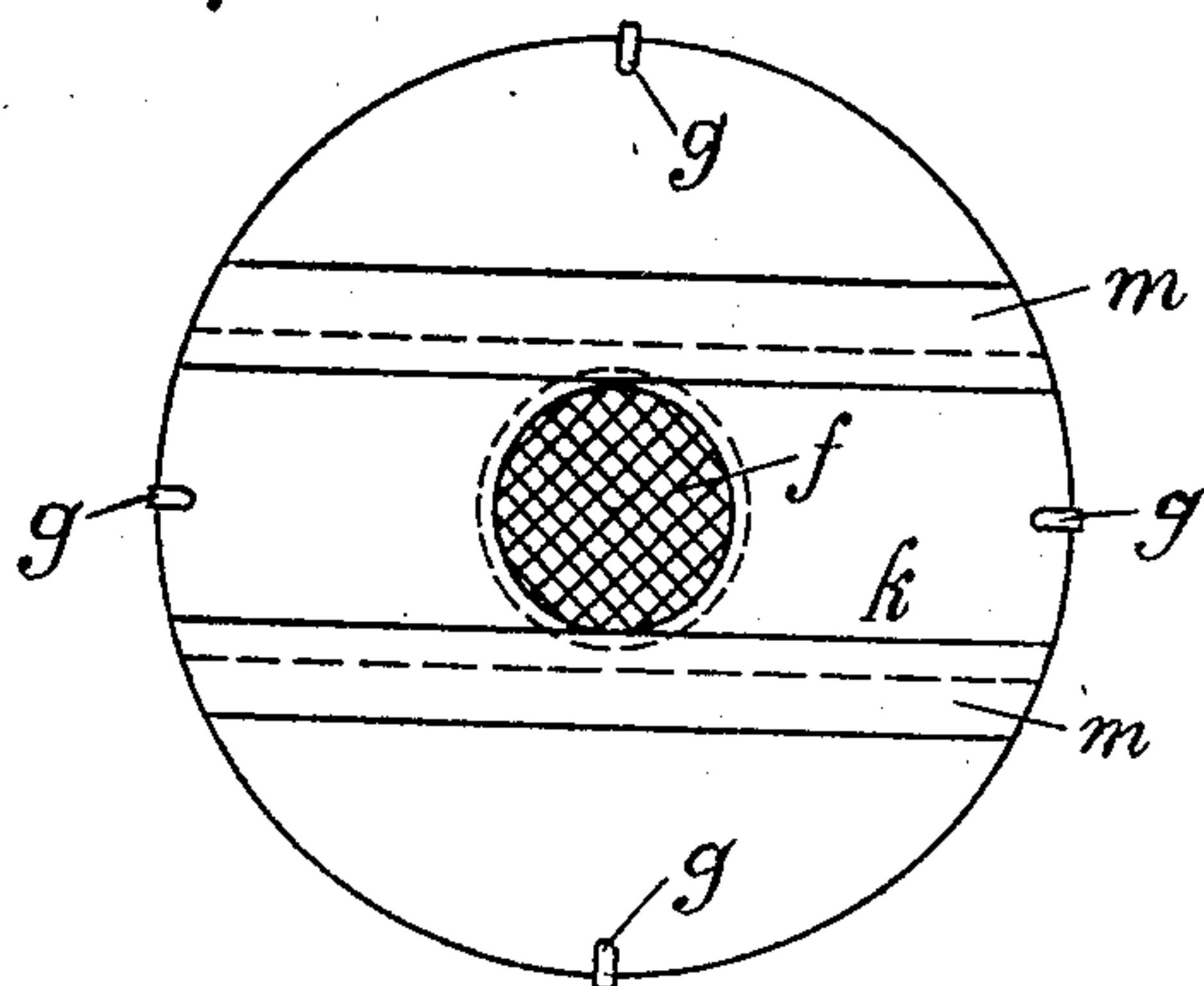
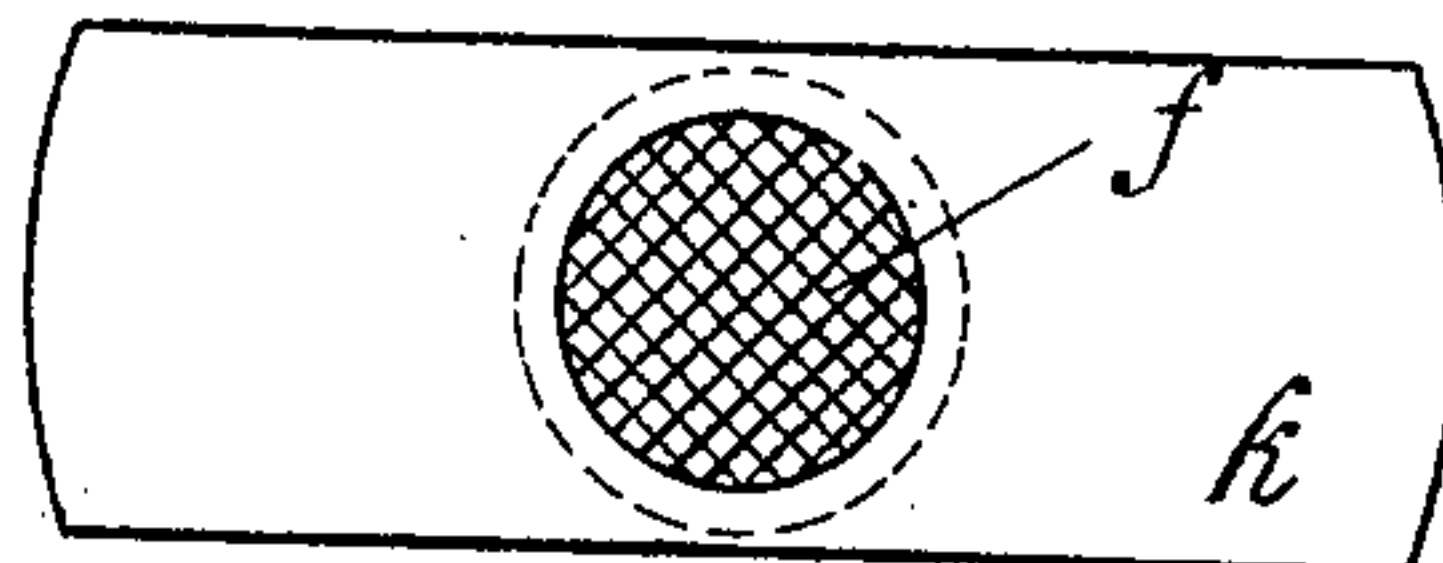


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERNHARD EHRLICH, bookkeeper, a subject of the Emperor of Austria-Hungary, residing at II Obere Donaustrasse 65, Vienna, Austria-Hungary, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Telephone Apparatus; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

10 The object of this invention is to provide a hygienic protective attachment for telephone apparatus; and it consists in improvements in that class of such devices as are provided with a plurality of separately-remov-
15 able leaves or sheets placed one upon another and with antiseptic netting applied to the opening in said attachment.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical section through a tele-
20 phone-receiver and through the attachment secured thereto. Fig. 2 is a rear view of such attachment removed, and Fig. 3 is a front view of the plate or slide having germicidal netting over the sound-opening.

25 The attachment (shown secured upon the receiver *h*) consists of a rigid body-piece or base *c*, provided with sheet-metal or other clasps or clips *g* to be bent over or otherwise engage the edge of the receiver, and is pro-
30 vided with a plurality of separately-removable leaves or sheets *b*, placed one upon another and secured together and to the base *c* by pasting or otherwise. The pile of leaves or sheets is provided with a central opening,
35 and the base *c* is also provided with an opening with which that first named registers. Upon its back the body-piece is provided with attached parallel guides *m*, made of sheet metal or other material, between which a
40 strip or plate *k*, (see Fig. 3,) of cardboard or other material, is slidably and removably held. The slidable strip or plate is provided with an opening, and a piece of netting *f*, treated with germicidal substance, is secured
45 over said opening. When the plate *k* is slid into place, the opening thereof coincides with the openings in the block and in the receiver.

50 The arrangement described prevents all danger of infection when using the telephone, as by tearing off a sheet of paper every time the telephone is used a fresh sheet absolutely clean and non-infected is provided, while the

netting *f* absorbs any contagious material there may be and renders the same innocu-
ous.

What I claim is—

1. An attachment for telephones, consist-
ing of a rigid body-piece and a plurality of
leaves or sheets placed one upon another and
secured to the body-piece, said attachment
60 having an opening extending therethrough,
and a removable plate or slide carrying net-
ting treated with germicidal substance placed
over the opening aforesaid and slidably en-
gaging the rigid body-piece.

2. An attachment for telephones, consist-
ing of a rigid body-piece and a plurality of
separately-removable leaves or sheets placed
one upon another and secured to the body-
piece, said attachment having an opening ex-
70 tending therethrough, and a removable plate
or slide carrying netting treated with germi-
cidal substance placed over the opening aforesaid and slidably engaging the attachment.

3. An attachment for telephones, consist-
ing of a rigid body-piece and a plurality of
separately-removable leaves or sheets placed
one upon another and secured to the body-
piece, said attachment having an opening
80 extending therethrough, a removable plate
carrying netting treated with germicidal sub-
stance placed over the opening aforesaid and
metallic overlapping portions securing the
plate and attachment together.

4. An attachment for telephones, consist-
ing of a rigid body-piece and a plurality of
separately-removable leaves or sheets placed
one upon another and secured to the body-
piece, said attachment having an opening ex-
tending therethrough, a pair of guides carried
90 by the back of the attachment, and a remov-
able plate or slide slidably engaged with the
guides aforesaid, said plate or slide carrying
netting in line with the opening through the
attachment and treated with germicidal sub-
95 stance.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscrib-
ing witnesses.

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