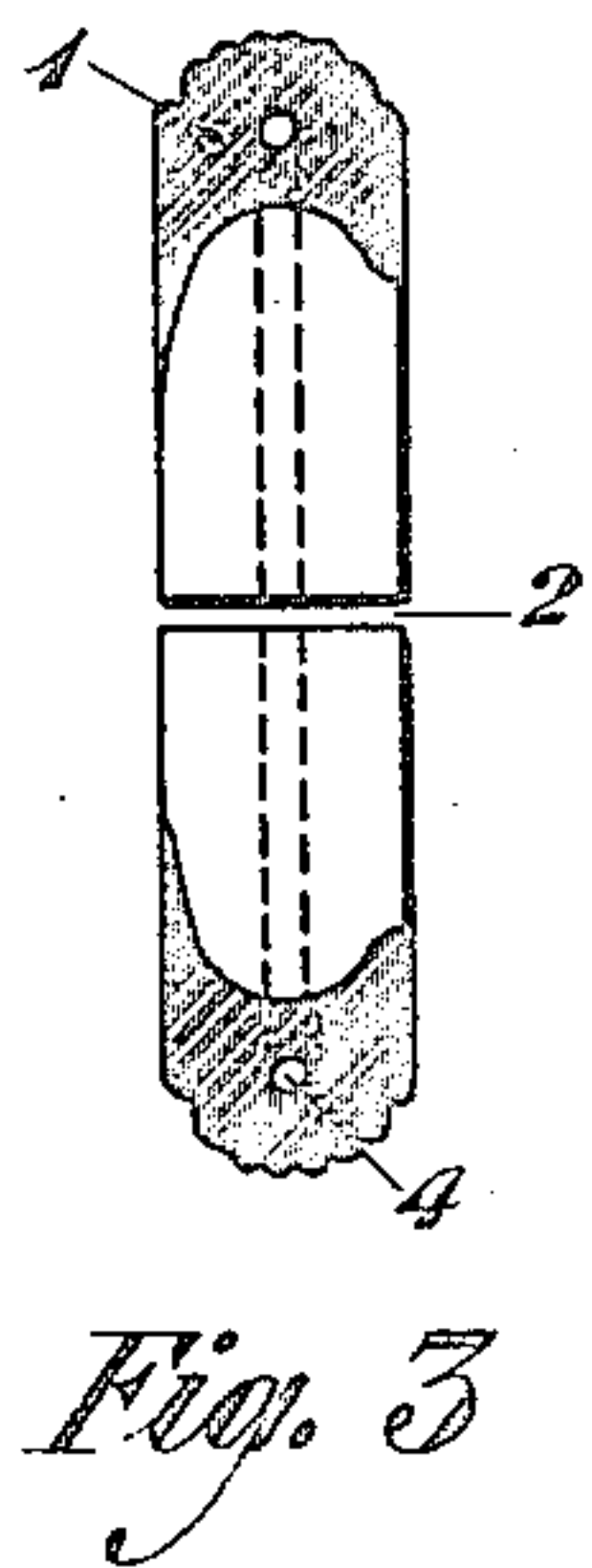
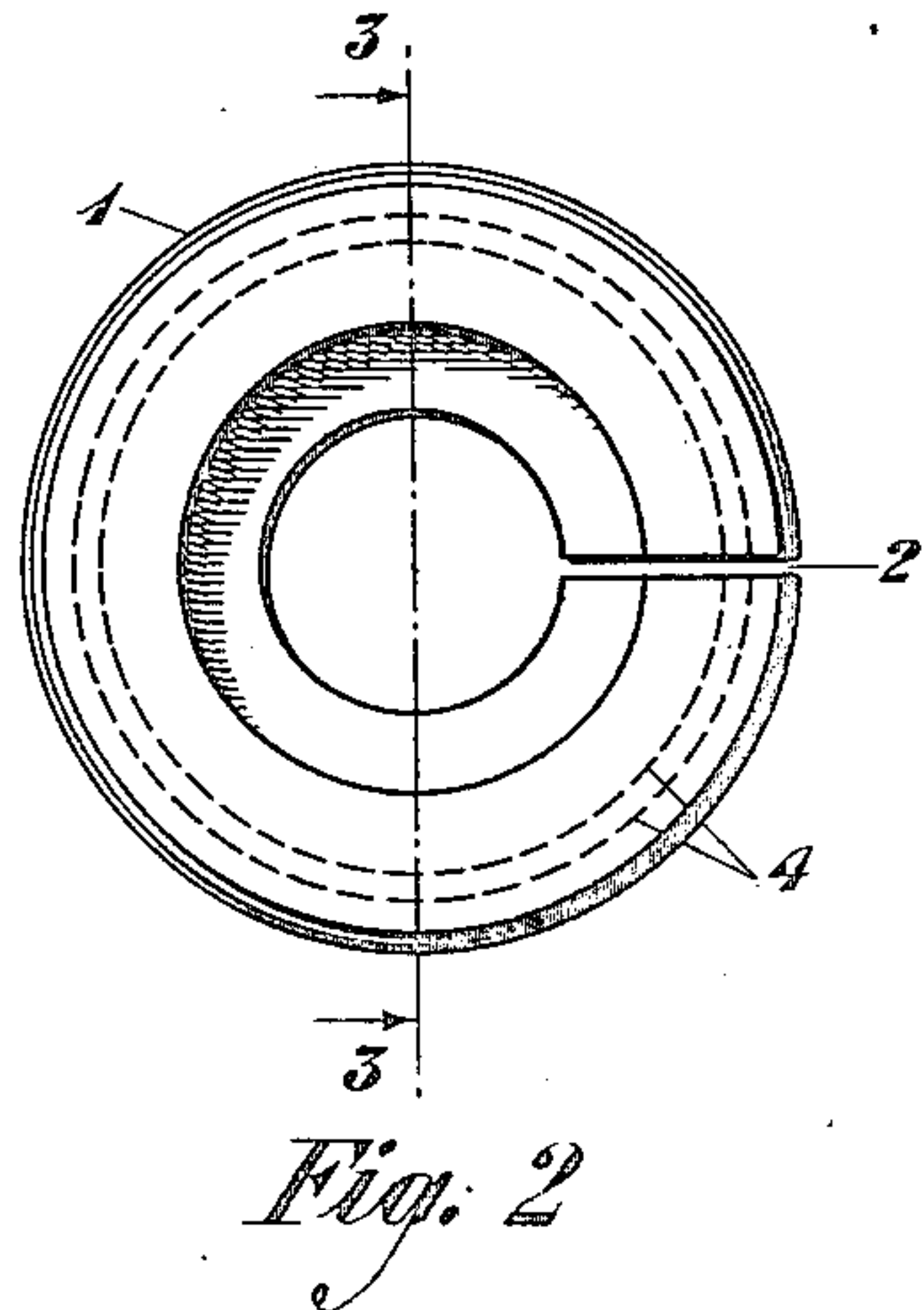
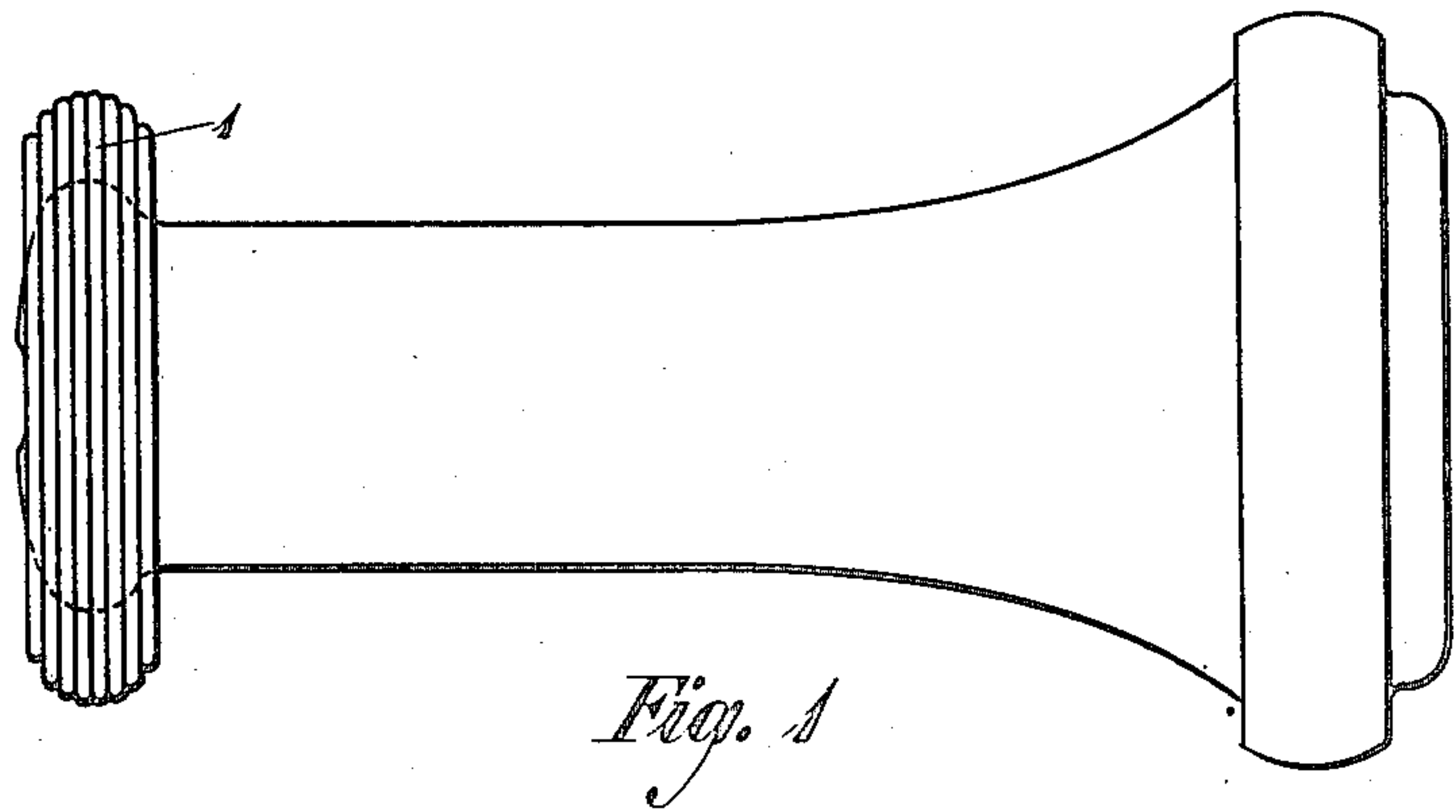


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TELEPHONE-RECEIVER ATTACHMENT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE K. THOMPSON, residing at Maplewood, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain Improvements in Telephone-Receiver Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to attachments for telephone receivers. The object of the invention is to enable the person making use of the telephone to hold the receiver to his ear and at the same time to have the free use of both hands.

It is a well known fact that many persons who regularly make frequent use of the telephone—as, for example, those employed in ticket agencies—find it convenient or even necessary to hold the telephone receiver to the ear in such a manner as to allow the free use of both hands for writing or the handling of tickets. In cases where the receiver with exposed binding posts is used the binding posts themselves provide a good grip upon the shoulder and enable the person using the telephone to hold the receiver between the shoulder and the ear. This type of receiver, however, is no longer manufactured by the larger manufacturers of telephone apparatus and is being rapidly withdrawn from service. The receiver which replaces it has the terminals concealed, and it is practically impossible to hold the new type receiver in the same manner as the old. Therefore, it is desirable to provide a convenient and effective means for supporting the new type receiver on the shoulder.

Applicant's invention, which solves this problem, consists essentially of a ring, preferably of soft rubber, which has its exterior surface corrugated and carries an imbedded spring, the whole being designed to snap over the cord end of the new type receiver. This device provides the necessary friction to prevent the receiver from slipping off the shoulder and is readily applied to the receiver in the field.

Applicant's invention will be more clearly understood when the following detailed description of one desirable embodiment is read in connection with the accompanying drawing. Figure 1 of the drawing shows a side elevation of the new type receiver with applicant's device attached. Fig. 2 shows an elevation view of applicant's ring

taken from that side which lies to the right in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, in the direction indicated by the arrows. Fig. 4 shows the receiver equipped with applicant's ring in its operative position. Like numerals of reference in the several figures of the drawing designate corresponding parts of the device.

With reference to the details of the drawing, the ring 1, preferably constructed of soft rubber, has its exterior surface corrugated, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, and is cut or parted at 2, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. 4 is the circular spring imbedded in the ring, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. It is obvious that the device can be snapped over the cord end of the receiver easily and quickly.

What is claimed is:

1. A telephone receiver attachment designed to fit over the terminal end of the receiver, said attachment comprising a ring having an irregular exterior surface, and a circular spring imbedded in said ring.

2. A telephone receiver attachment designed to fit over the terminal end of the receiver, said attachment comprising a parted ring having an irregular exterior surface, and a circular spring imbedded in said ring.

3. A telephone receiver attachment designed to fit over the terminal end of the receiver, said attachment comprising a ring having a corrugated exterior surface, and a spring imbedded in said ring.

4. A telephone receiver attachment designed to fit over the terminal end of the receiver, said attachment comprising a parted ring having a corrugated exterior surface, and a spring imbedded in said ring.

5. A telephone receiver attachment designed to fit over the terminal end of the receiver, said attachment comprising a parted ring having a corrugated exterior surface, and a parted circular spring imbedded in said ring.

6. A telephone receiver attachment designed to fit over the terminal end of the receiver, said attachment comprising a corrugated ring, and a spring imbedded in said ring, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification this 20th day of April, 1923.

GEORGE K. THOMPSON.