

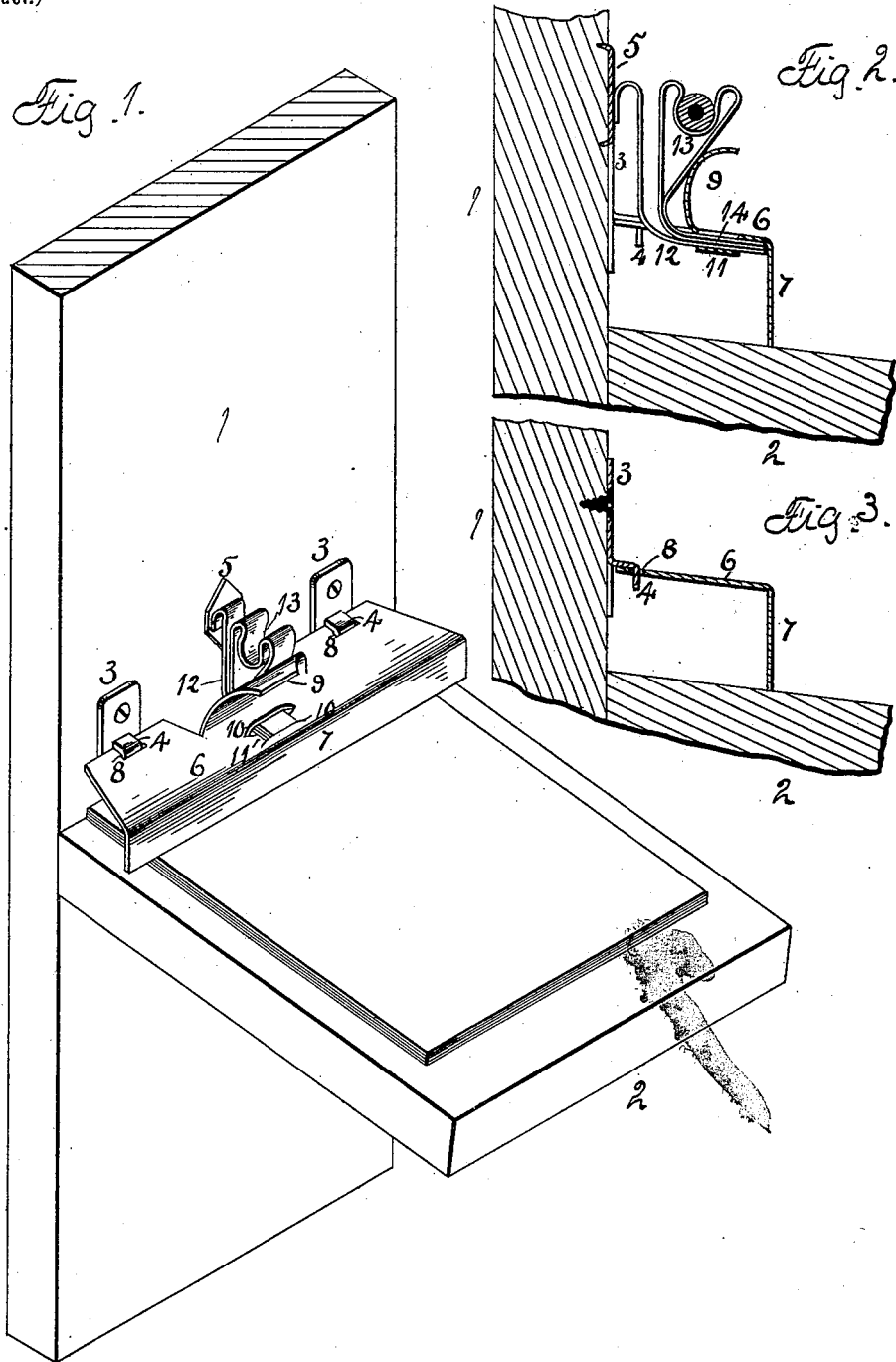
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN Q. ADAMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Marengo, in the county of McHenry and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tablet-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to construct a tablet-holder of few parts, easily assembled, and in connection with which is formed a pencil-holder.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an isometrical representation of my improved tablet-holder. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the tablet-holder through the spring and pencil-holder. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the tablet-holder through the hinge connection.

In the drawings I have shown my improved tablet-holder in connection with the base-board 1 of a telephone, from which extends a shelf 2. To the base-board are secured two plates 3, having a tongue 4, extending outwardly and downwardly, forming a part of a hinge. A plate 5 has its ends driven in the face of the base-board and is located centrally between the plates 3. A clamping-plate is formed from sheet material, bent to form the horizontal portion 6 and the vertical portion 7. The horizontal portion has two openings 8 near its ends. A section 9 of the horizontal portion of the clamping-plate is curved upwardly and forwardly, forming a hook by which the clamping-plate is raised. In front of the hook are cut two slits 10, having the

section 11 of the horizontal portion bent down. A spring 12, made from sheet material, has one end located in the opening formed by the section 11, and its other end is curved upward and rests against the plate 5, secured to the base-board. A pencil-holder is formed from spring material having the cavity 13, from which point the material bends downward and the ends 14 enter the opening formed by the section 11 and are located above the spring 12. The tongues 4 of the plates 3 enter the openings 8 in the horizontal portion of the clamping-plate, thereby forming a hinge connection between the clamping-plate and base-board. The spring 12, having one end resting against the base-board, holds the vertical portion of the clamping-plate against the shelf 2 with considerable force, and by pressing down on the horizontal portion of the clamping-plate near its hinge connection with the base-board it may be detached from the tongues and the spring 12 and pencil-holder remain intact therewith.

I claim as my invention—

In a tablet-holder the combination of a suitable back or base board, two tongues extending therefrom, a clamping-plate having a detachable connection with the tongues, and a spring connected with the clamping-plate and bearing against the base-board.

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