

New Telephone Booth

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Telephone Apparatus Development

BECAUSE of the premium on space in many public places where telephone booths are needed, the present standard booth* has been designed to be economical of floor area. For some places, however, such as clubs and hotels, where it is desired to provide more space in the interest of the comfort and convenience of telephone patrons, a larger booth has recently been developed.

This new booth is the same in height as the standard type but is eight inches wider and six inches deeper, thereby affording sufficient room for a comfortable revolving chair which is of appropriate design to harmonize with the rest of the booth. The coin collector is located in the corner. The door is made in two parts, hinged together so as to fold back against the inside of the booth, as in the present type, and is provided with full-length bevelled glass panels. Two-thirds of the front area is occupied by the door and the remaining space by a fixed glass panel, thus giving the

front of the booth a symmetrical appearance when the door is closed and providing increased illumination and visibility. The steel floor and the rubber floor covering, which extends six inches up the sides of the booth, are the same as in the standard booth. The smooth sheet steel lining which covers the side walls of the booth is finished in mottled brown and gold.



Fig. 1—The new telephone booth is larger than the standard type shown at the right. It is equipped with a revolving chair for added convenience. The door which would normally be closed when the booth is in use has been left open in order to show the arrangement of the interior equipment more clearly

*RECORD, May, 1930, p. 421.



Fig. 2—The new booth is equipped with full-length glass panels for increased illumination and visibility

Another feature is the provision of a built-in ventilating fan. This is housed in a compartment above the ceiling and forces air downward into the booth through a grille. The intake in the top of the booth is covered with a screened cowl. The air escapes through the lighting fixture in the

light fixtures, hardware and switch operating mechanism for example are standard parts.

The new booth is available in walnut and light or dark mahogany and is arranged so that it can be used singly, in groups, or in conjunction with standard booths.

ceiling to a grille in the roof and also through a gap underneath the door. A continuous change of air is thus obtained. The fan, which has been specially designed and mounted to insure quiet operation, is normally controlled by the door switch which turns the fan off when the door is open. An additional switch is provided near the coin collector so that the patron may turn the fan off and on at will when the door is closed. Parts of the standard booth have been used in the new design wherever possible without sacrificing comfort, convenience or appearance. The