

I claim as my invention:-

1. A telephone instrument comprising separate parts which are secured to each other one part at least being moulded from a mouldable material and wherein the parts are secured together by means of screws or the like through the medium of one or more flexible members arrangements being provided for limiting the amount of strain exerted by the flexible member or members on the two parts when drawn together substantially as described.
2. A telephone instrument according to Claim 1 in which the flexible member or members comprise a strip or strips

- of resilient metal, substantially as described.
3. A telephone instrument according to Claim 1 in which each flexible member comprises a strip of resilient metal, the said two parts being secured one to each end of said member.
 4. A telephone instrument according to Claim 1 in which each flexible member comprises a resilient metal strip secured at an intermediate point to one of said parts and at its two ends to the other of said parts.
 5. A telephone instrument according to Claim 1 wherein each flexible member comprises a spring washer substantially as described.
 6. A telephone instrument according to Claim 1 in which the flexible members are directly mounted on one part and associated with the adjacent part through the medium of said screws or the like, the screws or the like passing loosely through the fixed part and engaging the adjacent part substantially as described.
 7. A telephone instrument according to Claim 1 in which the screws or the like pass loosely through one part and directly engage the other part, the screw engaging said first mentioned part through the medium of said flexible member, a tubular spacing member embracing the screw or the like for limiting the amount of insertion of the screw or the like into the said second mentioned part.
 8. A telephone instrument according to Claim 1 in which webs project from the parts of the instrument about the position occupied by the flexible members the webs being of such dimensions as to surround or partly surround and project beyond the depth of the members substantially as described.