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Picture (a) is a replica of Bell's 'liquid transmitter' of 1876

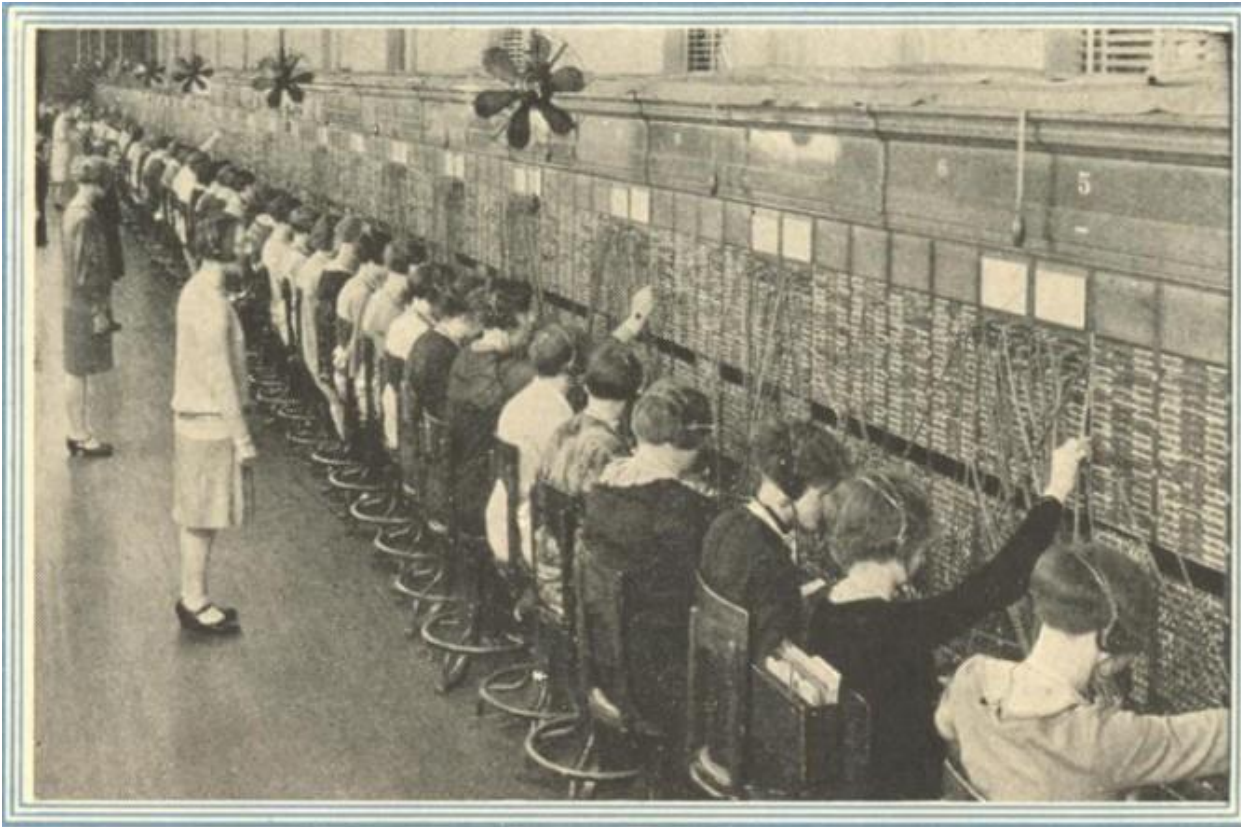
Picture (b) is a Bell telephone and terminal panel from 1877

Picture (c) Edison's wall telephone was developed by 1880

Picture (d) the classic 'candlestick' table top phone by 1900.

Picture (e) as technology improved the transmitter and receiver were made into a single handset

Picture (f) once automatic switching had been invented room had to be found for a dial



Telephone switchboards, 1880s, were replaced with automatic switching

Picture (g) the discovery of plastics, starting in the 1920s, allowed telephones be made into new shapes

Picture (h) later discoveries led to color being used in telephones for the first time

Picture (i) Trimphone, 1970s

Picture (j) Dials were gradually replaced by push buttons, Keyphone, 1972.

Picture (k) Finally use of digital technology and miniaturization, making parts smaller, allowed telephone makers to add other functions to much smaller headsets.

Picture (l) is a 'hinged' mobile phone of 2004.