

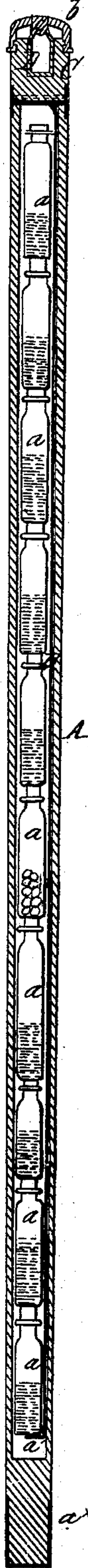
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*Cane.*

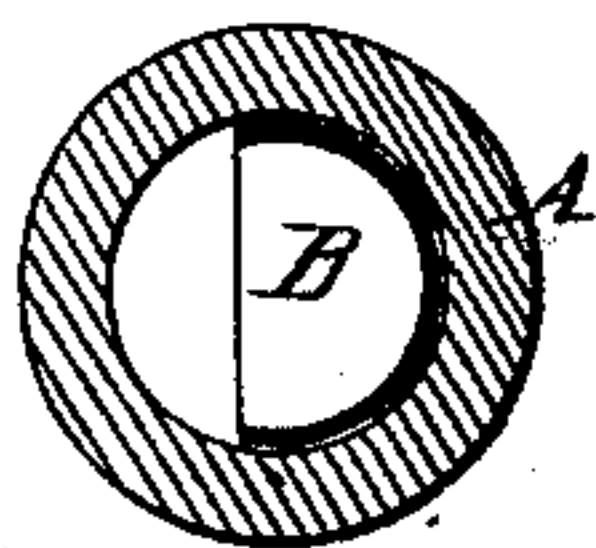
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*Fig. 1.*

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*Fig. 2.*



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## CANE FOR PHYSICIANS.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 26,721, dated January 3, 1860.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, S. T. TROWBRIDGE, of Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful  
5 Article of Manufacture, the same being a Cane Designed for the Use of Physicians; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed  
10 drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal central section of my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of ditto.

15 Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the two figures.

This invention consists in having the cane hollow or formed of a tube closed at its bottom and having a semi-tube attached to the  
20 knob or handle, said semi-tube fitting within the cane and allowed to pass freely in and out of it, and forming a receptacle for vials containing medicines.

The invention is chiefly designed for  
25 country physicians who are compelled to carry medicines with them and is intended to supersede the use of the cumbersome saddle-bags, chests, etc., which are now carried by them.

30 To enable those skilled in the art to fully understand and construct my invention I will proceed to describe it.

A, represents the body of the cane which is tubular and of slightly conical form.

35 The cane is of the usual length and may be of medium diameter, the lower end being provided with a ferrule  $a^x$ .

40 Within the body A, of the cane a semi-tube B, is fitted and allowed to slide freely in and out. This semi-tube extends nearly

the whole length of the cane and has the knob or handle C, attached to its upper end. The semi-tube B, may be formed of thin metal and should comprise a trifle more than the longitudinal half of a tube in order to  
45 form a lock to retain a series of vials  $a$ , within it. This will be understood by referring to Fig. 2, in which it will be seen that if the vials are equal in diameter to the interior of the semi-tube its edges must nec-  
50 essarily be distended as the vials are forced into it, the edges returning to their original position when the vials are in and retaining them in the semi-tube.

The knob or handle C, may be provided  
55 with an ink bottle D, over which a cap  $b$ , may be fitted and secured by a screw flanch, the under side of the cap having a stopper  $c$ , attached which, when the cap  $b$ , is screwed down fits into the ink bottle D. The ink  
60 bottle may prove convenient in case a prescription or written directions are necessary to be left with a patient.

The cane may be constructed at a small expense not greatly exceeding one of usual  
65 construction. The body A, may be of wood and the knob or handle C, of ivory or other material usually employed for such purpose.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Let-  
70 ters Patent as a new and useful article of manufacture—

A physician's cane constructed with a semi-tubular vial receptacle substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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