

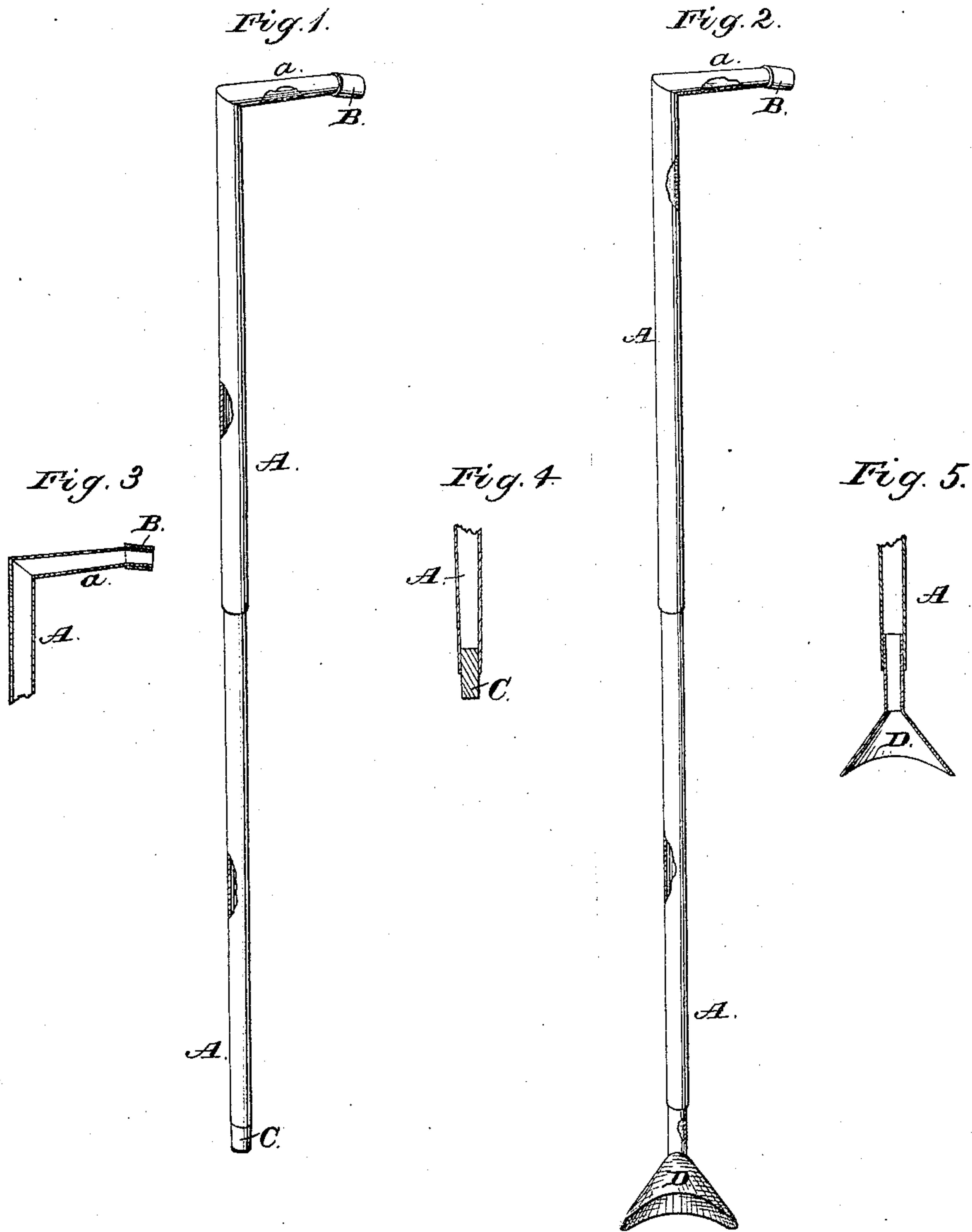
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEO. G. SMITH, of Gainesville, in the county of Hall, and in the State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Walking-Cane and Auricle; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device arranged as a walking-cane, a portion of the same being broken away in several places to show its tubular character. Fig. 2 is a like view of the same arranged as an auricle. Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal section of the upper end or handle of said device; and Figs. 4 and 5 are like views of the lower end of the same, and show, respectively, the arrangements for use in walking and as an aid for hearing.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

The object of my invention is to furnish, in a convenient and inexpensive form, means for aiding a person in walking and in hearing; and to this end it consists in a device which is adapted to and capable of use as a walking-cane and as an auricle, substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter specified.

In the annexed drawings, A represents a tube constructed from sheet metal, gutta-percha, or other suitable material, which has such diameter and length as to adapt it for use as a walking-cane. The upper end of said tube is provided with a lateral branch, a, which has the necessary length to permit it to

be used as a handle, and terminates in an open end that curves slightly downward, and is provided with an elastic sleeve, B, which is adapted to fit within the ear of its user. The lower end of the tube A is provided with a metal plug, C, that, when the device is used as a cane, furnishes a bearing for said end, and is also provided with a trumpet-shaped piece, D, which may be substituted for said part C whenever it is desired to use the device as an aid for hearing.

The device constructed as described is complete and its use will be obvious. When serving the purpose of a cane the part D is carried in the pocket of its user, who, when desiring to converse with another, removes the plug C and substitutes therefor said part D, and placing the sleeve B within his ear receives the desired communication through the said part D.

The device thus constructed is simple, inexpensive, and furnishes, in a convenient and compact form, two heretofore separate instruments.

Having thus fully set forth the nature and merits of my invention, what I claim as new is—

A device which is adapted to and capable of use as a walking-cane and as an auricle, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of June, 1881.

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