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Fig. 1.

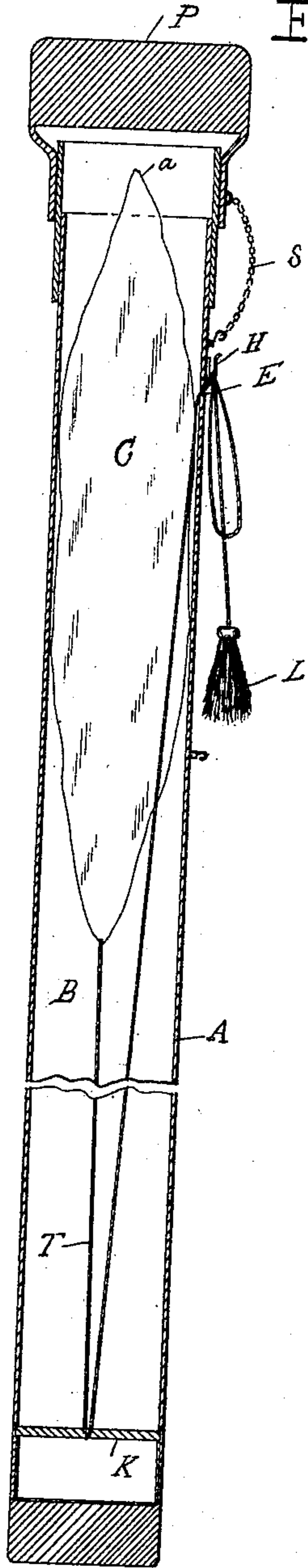


Fig. 2.

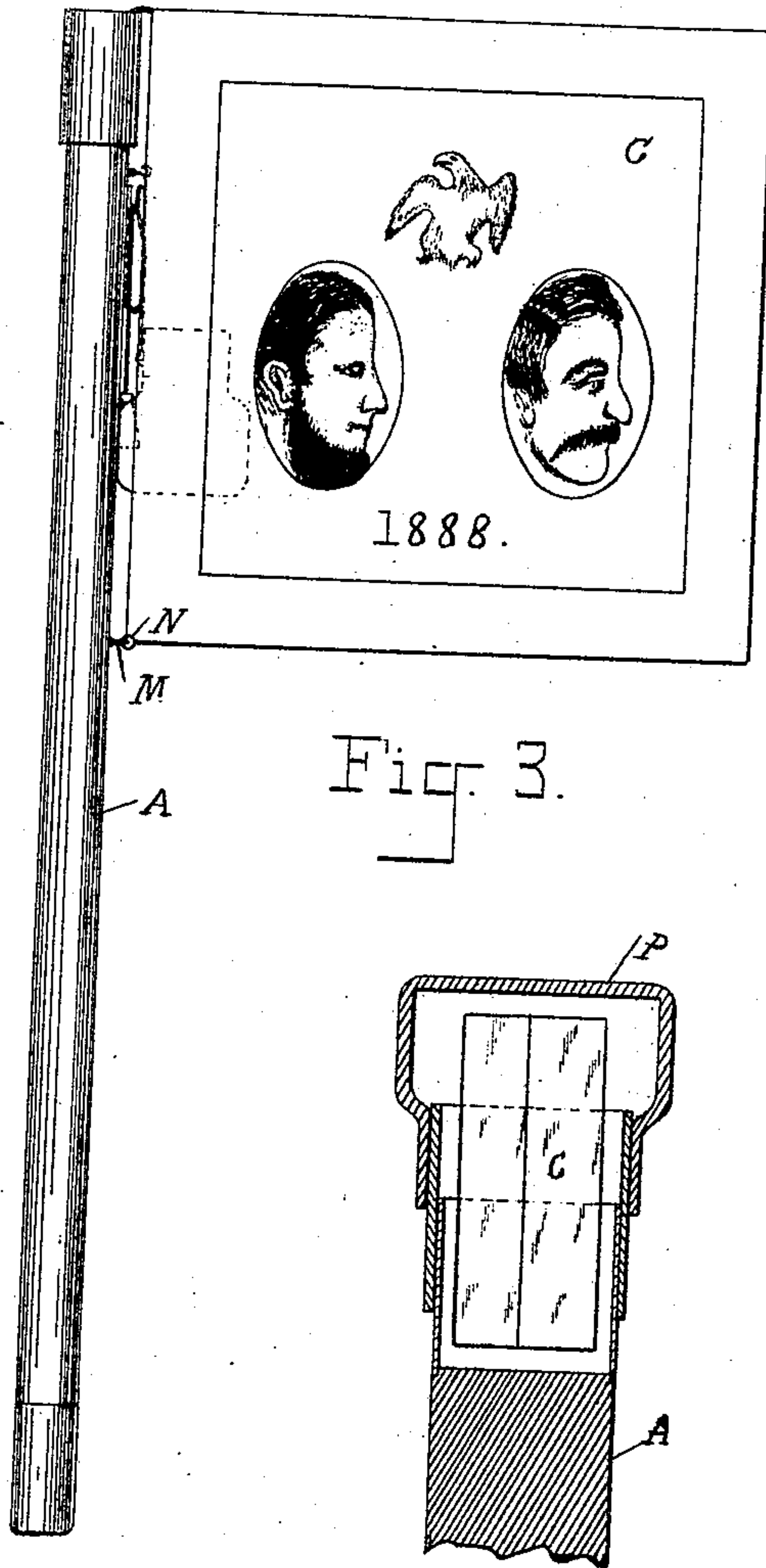
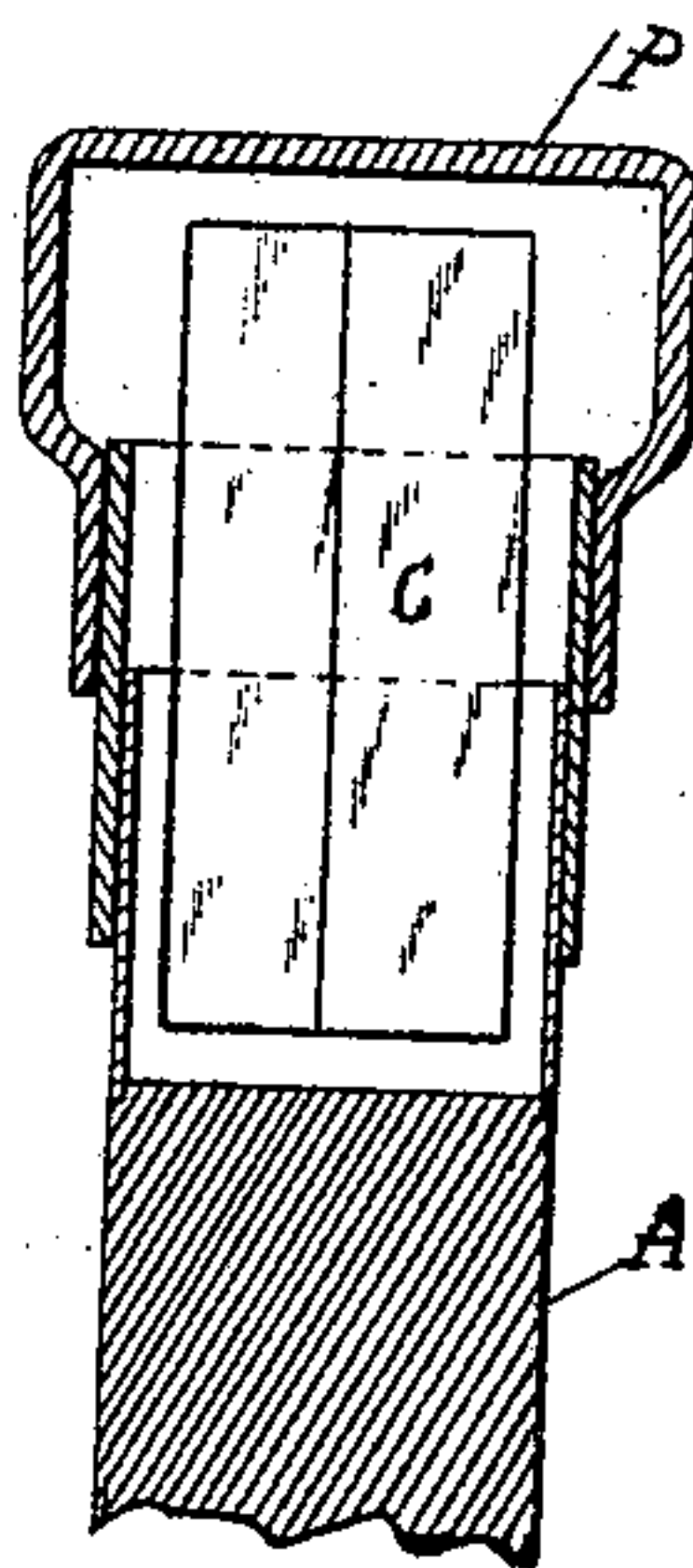


Fig. 3.



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## WALKING-CANE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES ELLIS HALE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Plainfield, county of Union, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Canes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a cane or combined cane and flag, the said cane being hollow and having means for withdrawing a handkerchief or banner which is concealed in the interior, and which after it is withdrawn may be easily attached to the cane, thereby forming a flag or standard.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of a combined cane and flag. Fig. 2 is an elevation to a smaller scale. Fig. 3 is a detail of a modified form.

In the drawings, A is a cane or stick formed of any suitable material, having an opening, B, extending from the top down as far as may be desired. This opening or hollow portion B constitutes a chamber for the reception of the handkerchief or banner C, as shown in Fig. 1. This handkerchief or banner is drawn into and through the top of the hollow cane by means of a tape or cord, T, which is fastened to the handkerchief at one corner and extends downwardly through the hollow of the cane and around the cross-bar or bearing K. This cross-bar or bearing is located in the bottom of the cane, as shown in Fig. 1. The tape or string T extends around the cross-bar or bearing, as stated, and then upwardly and through the hole or eye E. The tape or string terminates at its outer end in a tassel, L, as shown, which may be hung over the catch or hook H when the tape is drawn out.

As above stated, the tape or string T is fastened to one corner of the handkerchief or banner, and when the latter is drawn out of the hollow cane this corner will be held against the cane or stick, while the other corner is attached to the cane by means of a fastening device, M N, located, respectively, on the handkerchief and cane. It is shown this way in Fig. 2 of the drawings, and, as can readily be seen, forms a flag or standard which may be utilized for campaign purposes.

The handkerchief or banner may have the

pictures of the candidates and the year of the campaign printed thereon.

The cane is provided with a cap or knob, P, made so as to be readily removable. A safety-chain, S, connects the cap to the cane.

When it is desired to withdraw the handkerchief or banner and arrange it for a flag, it can be easily done by catching hold of the end *a* of the handkerchief and drawing it out. It can then be fastened as before explained.

In view of the cane being hollow I may make the handle or knob hollow and the upper portion of the cane hollow, if preferred. This is shown in Fig. 3, and I consider it equivalent to the others. The handkerchief may be folded up and easily placed inside.

Having thus described my invention, the following is what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. The combination of a hollow cane, a handkerchief, and a string or tape fastened to the handkerchief and entering the cane, substantially as described.

2. The combination of a hollow cane, a handkerchief, a string or tape fastened to the handkerchief, and cross-bar or bearing near the bottom of the cane, around which said cord or tape is passed, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. The combination of a hollow cane, a handkerchief, a cord or tape fastened to the latter, and a cross-bar or bearing for said cord or tape, said cane having a hole near its upper end through which said cord or tape is passed, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

4. In combination with a hollow cane, a handkerchief having means for fastening one corner to the end of said cane, and a hook-and-eye or equivalent mechanism for fastening an adjacent corner to an intermediate point on the cane, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

5. The combination of the hollow cane, the handkerchief adapted to enter the same, the string for pulling said handkerchief into the cane, and the catch whereon said string may be suspended, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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