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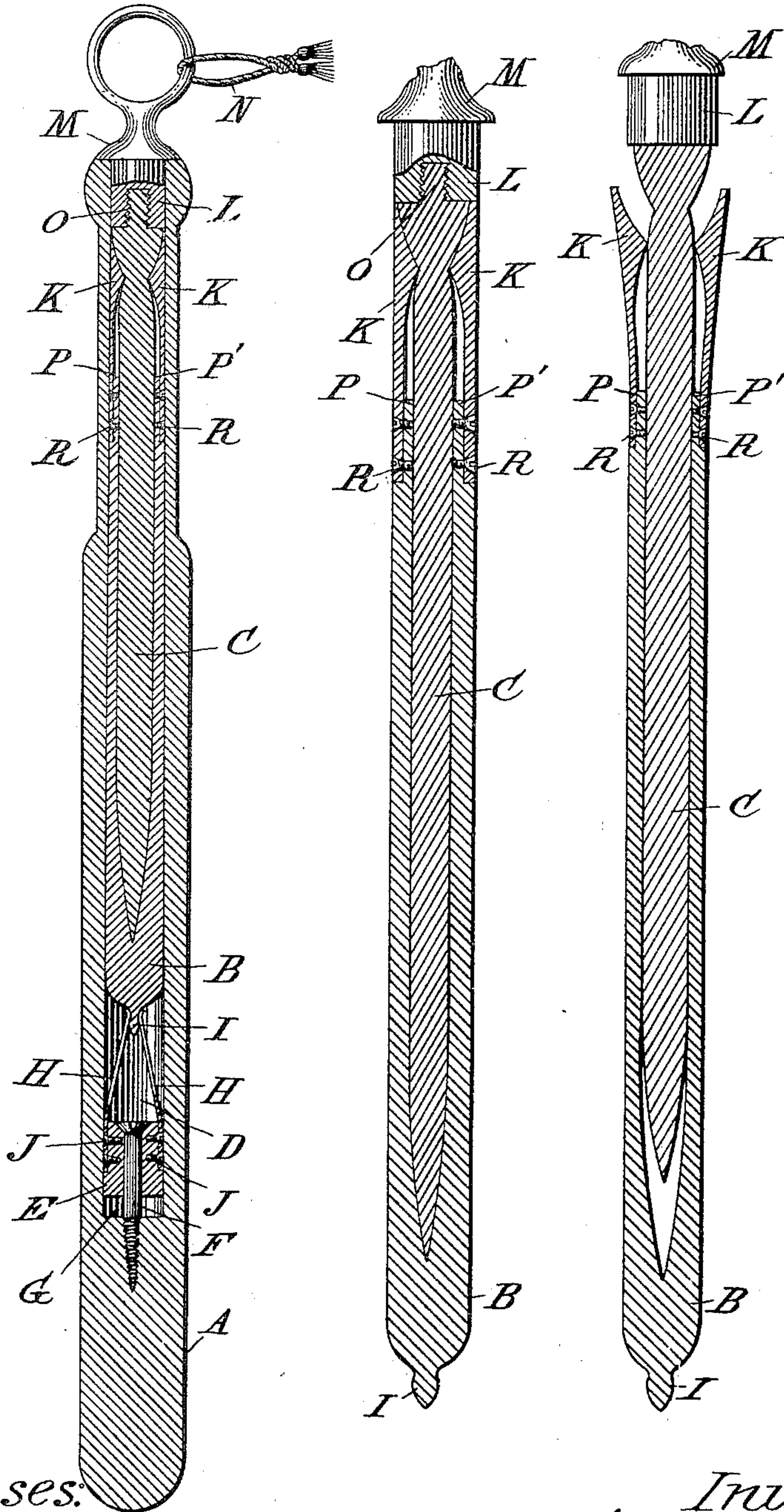
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Fig.1.

Fig.2.

Fig.3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH W. WILLEFORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Peoria, in the county of Peoria and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Policeman's Club; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention belongs to that class of defensive weapons commonly known as "policeman's club."

Its object is to provide a weapon which cannot be wrested from the hand of the officer, or in case it is attempted the officer may surrender the case, while he retains the more effective club in his own hand, and in case the offender shall again attempt to snatch the club, he can wrest only the sheath from the officer and leave the officer a drawn dagger.

My invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, with the aid of which I will describe it.

Figure 1 is a longitudinal cross section of the club, showing the club A with its interior club B inserted therein, also showing the dagger or knife C in the inner club. The club A is revoluble and detachably mounted on the handle M, and is superimposed upon the club B. The club B is revoluble, and also detachably mounted on the handle M, and is superimposed upon the knife or dagger C. The knife or dagger C is contained within the club B, and is revoluble therein and detachable therefrom. It is rigidly mounted on the handle M, as shown.

I construct the outer club A preferably of wood. This is hollow and capable of receiving the club B, as shown. In the bottom of this hollow I insert a grip or clasp to hold the interior club in place. This I construct as shown in the drawings. On a block of any suitable material I fasten, on the opposite sides thereof, springs H H, by means of the screws J J. This is held in the body of the exterior club by means of the screw F. The block, as shown in the drawings at G, is not in contact with the bottom of the cavity. This permits it to be tightened, in case of necessity, by further driving of the screw F.

The interior club B, (shown at Figs. 2 and 3,) I construct, preferably, of metal. At the extremity of this I construct a finial. (Shown at I.) The recess there shown is designed to furnish a hold when it is inserted in the hollow of the club A. The clasps of the springs H H spring around the swell of the finial I and hold it against ordinary force, but releasing it when a quick strong pull is exerted. It also acts as a swivel when the club is held by the handle M. The club may be revolved on the handle, so that in case an offender should attempt to twist it in the hands of the officer it would revolve.

Within the inner club B, I construct a hollow in which I insert a knife-blade or dagger C. This is held in place in the club, the latter acting as a sheath, by means of the springs K K, as shown in the drawings. It will be observed that the knife cannot be withdrawn from its sheath when the latter is in the interior of the club A. As is shown at K, Fig. 1, the springs K K are held by the outer case. When the club B is withdrawn from the club A and the knife C is in its case B, the springs K K grasp the handle in the notch under said springs and hold it from ordinary force; but in case it is sharply and strongly pulled the springs will release the knife.

The operation of this implement is as follows: In case an offender attempts to wrest the club from the officer by a twist the case A will revolve. In case he attempts to jerk it from the officer's hand the springs H H will yield and the officer holds the interior club, while the offender has the shell. In case the offender shall a second time attempt to wrest the club B from the officer it will revolve on the joint formed by the springs K K. In case it is jerked the case will come off and leave the knife C, drawn, in the hands of the officer.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A policeman's club consisting of the club A, revolubly and detachably mounted on the handle M, having a second or interior club B contained therein, said interior club B being also revolubly and detachably mounted on the handle M, said club also having in its interior the dagger C, revoluble therein and de-

tachable therefrom, and rigidly mounted on the handle M, all acting together in the manner and for the purposes specified.

2. A policeman's club consisting of a knife
5 or dagger rigidly mounted upon a handle, having one or more clubs in the form of sheaths severally revoluble and detachably superimposed thereon, one over the other, and

detachable only one after the other; substantially as shown and described. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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