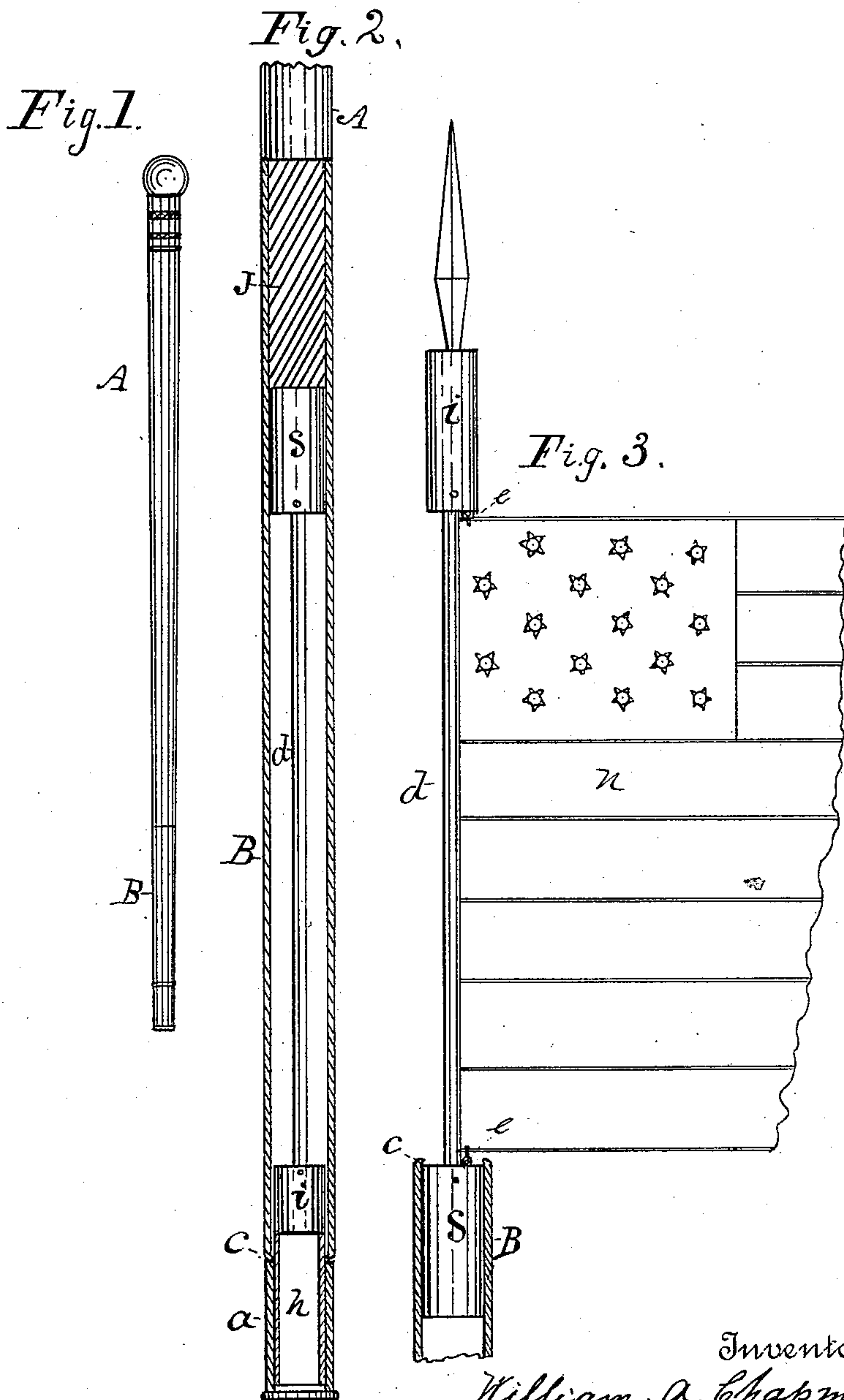


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN and EDGAR GASH, citizens of the United States, residing at Macomb, in the county of McDonough and State of Illinois, have invented a new mode of constructing walking-canes in such a manner that a flag can be concealed in the cane or displayed, as may be desired, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention has for its object the construction of a walking-cane, the lower part of which is a tube wherein a flag attachment is concealed from view when the cane is in common use, while on patriotic occasions the attachment and flag can be drawn out of the tube and displayed when desired.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents an elevation of the cane. Fig. 2 represents the lower end of the cane in section to show the manner of construction. Fig. 3 represents the flag attachment drawn out of the cane and the flag unfurled.

Similar letters refer to like parts in each view of the drawings, in which—

A represents the upper part of the cane.

B represents a metal tube flush with the part A and eight or ten inches long. This tube is rigidly attached to the wood part in the cane at J and becomes like an integral part, making a complete walking-cane.

Inside of the tube B is fitted the rod *d*, which has at the ends heads *s* and *i*, which have eyes *e e*. The upper head *s* is fitted close in the tube B, so that when it is drawn out it will stay at any place that may be desired. The lower end of the tube B is closed in at *c* sufficiently to keep the head *s* from being drawn out of the tube. The head *i* on the lower end of the rod *d* is made so as to fit into the lower end of the tube B. A socket *h* is formed in the head *i*, in which a spear-head or other ornament can be placed when the rod *d* is drawn out of the tube B, as shown in Fig. 3. Over the socket *h* is placed a close-

fitting cap *a*, which holds the rod *d* and flag *n* in place and protects them from becoming soiled.

The flag *n* is attached to the rod *d* between the heads *s* and *i*, wherein small eyes *e e* are placed, to which the upper and lower edges of the flag are secured, which prevents the flag from slipping on the rod *d* when being furled on the rod for inserting into the tube B.

Operation: This walking-cane, when in common use, to a casual observer would not have any attraction whatever; but when the cane is carried in a patriotic procession and the operator wishes to display the flag of his country he first grasps the cap *a* and draws it off the head *i*, and then takes hold of the head *i* and draws out the rod *d*, to which the flag is attached, until the head *s* is at the lower end of the tube B. (See Fig. 3.) Then any ornament desired can be placed in the socket *h*. The flag is then unfurled, the cane then becomes a flag-staff, and the cane is held in any position that the operator wishes.

To change the device into a walking-cane, the operator furls the flag tightly around the rod *d*, slides it back into the tube B, and then places the cap *a* on the socket *h*. The cane is then complete as before.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A walking-cane having concealed a flag attachment, the cane being constructed with a metal tube at the lower end and having fitted in said tube the rod *d*, which rod has heads *s* and *i*, head *i* having a socket *h*, between which heads the flag *n* is attached and held in place by means of the eyes *e e*, substantially as shown and described.

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