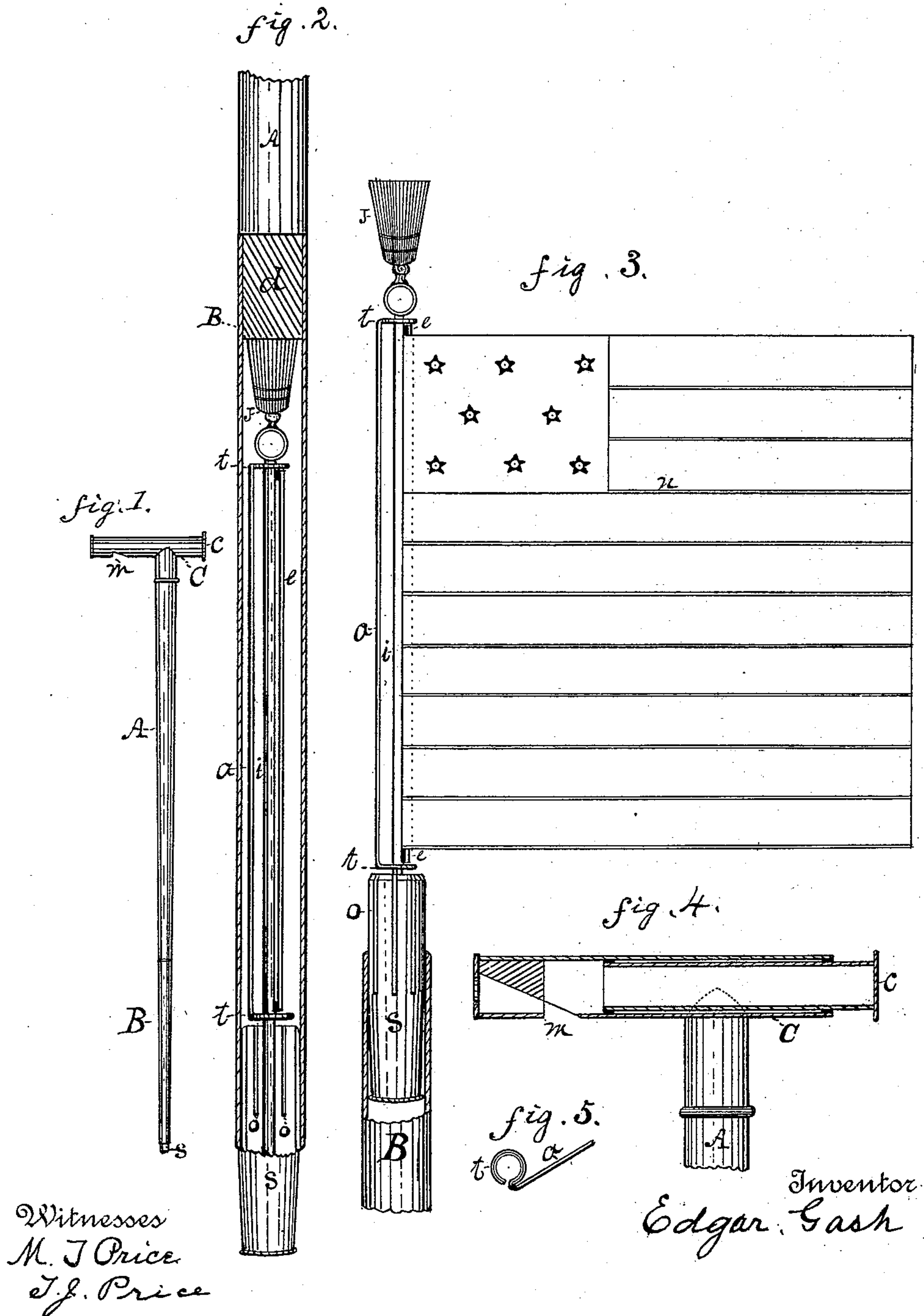


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDGAR GASH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Macomb, in the county of McDonough and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Walking-Canes, of which the following is a description which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the cane. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the lower section of the cane, showing the manner of construction and a concealed flag attachment. Fig. 3 shows the flag attachment reversed with the flag unfurled. Fig. 4 represents the head of the cane, partly cut away to show the construction. Fig. 5 is an end view of the guiding-frame within which the flag is rolled.

The object of this invention is to construct a walking-cane principally for patriotic and school processions, and its novelty is hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

My improved cane is composed of two sections A and B. The upper section A is made of wood or other suitable material. The lower section B is made of metal tubing, and the two sections are rigidly attached together at *d*. (See Fig. 2.)

In the tube which composes section B is fitted a flag attachment, which is composed of a center rod *i* or flag-staff, which at the upper end has an ornament *J* of any suitable design that is desired. The lower end of the rod *i* is firmly secured in a wood or metal plug which is firmly secured in the lower end of the metal ferrule *s*, the upper end of which is open and extends above the plug, which extension has slots *o*. The slots allow the upper end of the ferrule to act as springs of sufficient strength when pressed into the lower end of section B to hold the flag attachment in place either when concealed, as shown in Fig. 2, or, as shown in Fig. 3, when reversed and the flag *n* displayed. The rod *e* at each end is rigidly attached to the rod *i*. On this rod *e* the flag *n* is attached.

a represents a guide-frame which has an

eye formed at each end, which eyes fit loosely around the rod *i*. This frame *a*, when furling the flag around the rod *i*, guides the flag and prevents it from kinking when being inserted into section B of the cane.

C represents the cane-head, which is constructed out of metal tubing.

In the left end of the handle is constructed a whistle *m* in the usual manner. (See Fig. 4.) The right end has a sliding tube *c*, the outer end of which is capped and projects out sufficient to be grasped with the thumb and finger. This tube *c* by being either slid in or out changes the tone of the whistle to any desired key.

The operation is as follows: This walking-cane is in particular adapted for patriotic and school processions, and its use as a common walking-cane is very obvious. The operator, when wishing to make a display of the flag of his country, grasps the outer end of the ferrule *s* and draws out the flag attachment, unfurls the flag, then reverses the attachment and slides the lower end of the ferrule *s* into the lower end of section B of the cane, (see Fig. 3,) which holds the flag in position for display. Then reverse the cane and the whole then becomes a flag-staff with the flag unfurled. When desired, the whistle can be blown upon, and by operating the slide *c* the tone of the whistle can be changed as may be desired. When the operator wishes to furl the flag, the flag attachment is drawn out of the section B. Then while one hand grasps the guide-frame *a* and holds it stationary the other hand turns the center rod *i*, which rolls the flag tight around said rod *i*, leaving the guide-frame on the outside, holding the flag in a suitable position for inserting into the section B, where the flag is concealed as before.

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

1. A walking-cane composed of two sections A and B, the section B being composed of a metal tube in which is fitted a flag attachment consisting of a center rod *i*, having an ornament *J* at the upper end, the lower end being fastened within the slotted reversible ferrule *s*, the rod *e*, rigidly attached thereto,

and the guide-frame *a*, loosely fitted to the rod *i* at each end, substantially as shown and described, for the purpose set forth.

2. In a walking-cane, the combination of
5 the tubular lower section *B*, the slotted reversible ferrule *s*, having rigidly attached a flag attachment consisting of the center rod *i*, the rod *e*, connected thereto, and the guiding-

frame *a*, all extending outward from the cane when the ferrule *s* is reversed, substantially as shown and described.

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