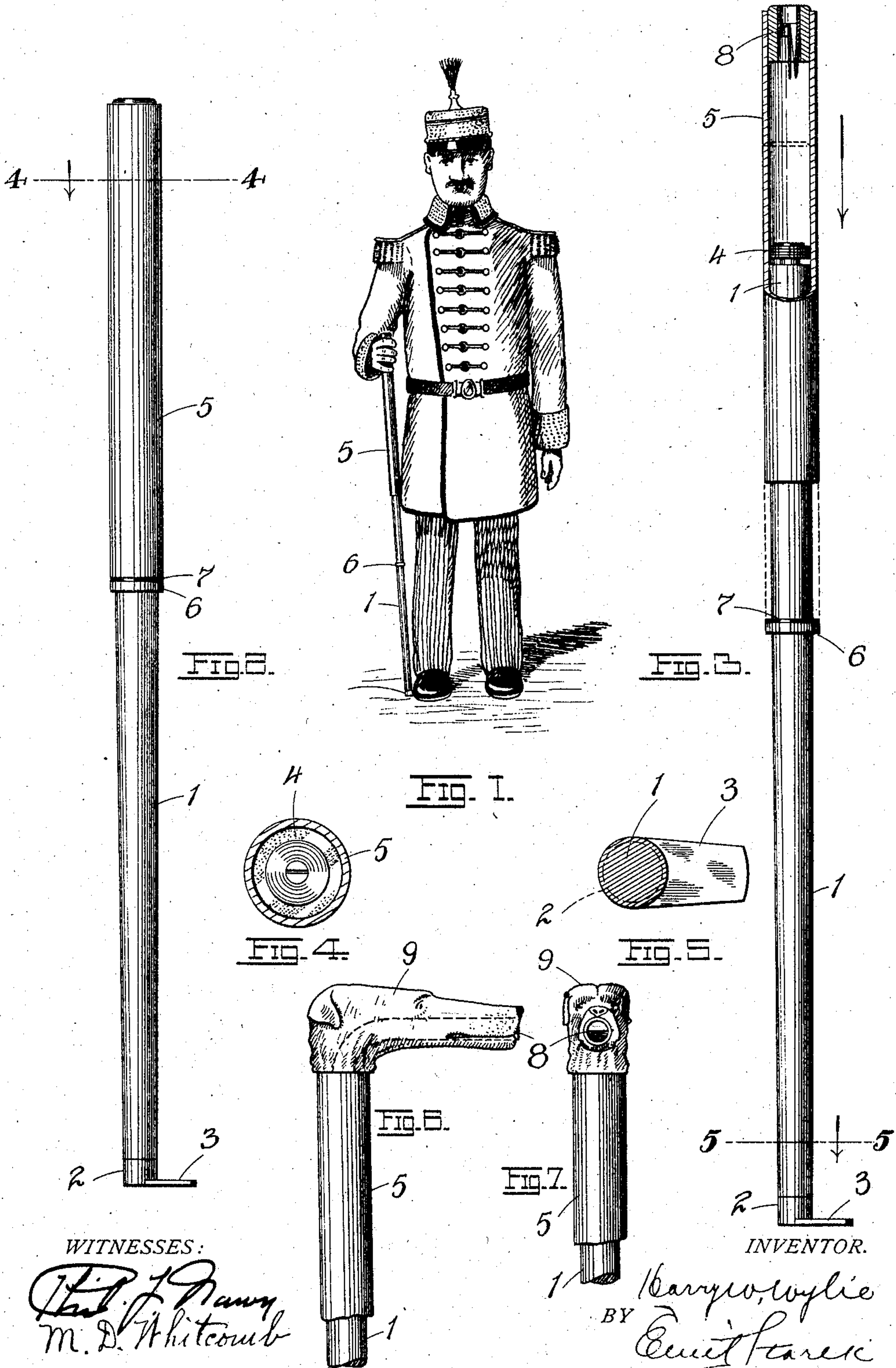


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## PARADE-CANE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRY W. WYLIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Parade-Canes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention has relation to improvements in parade-canes; and it consists in the novel construction of cane more fully set forth in the specification and pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a man in uniform with the cane in position to be sounded. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the cane in its closed position. Fig. 3 is an elevation thereof in its extended or expanded position. Fig. 4 is a cross-section on line 4 4 of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a cross-section on line 5 5 of Fig. 3. Fig. 6 is an elevation of a cane with an ornamental head, and Fig. 7 is a view at right angles to Fig. 6.

The object of my invention is to construct a cane of two telescopic sections, one of the sections being provided with a sounding device, like a whistle, reed, or similar wind instrument, which can be sounded upon the movement of one of the sections in one direction, (preferably the direction which corresponds to the collapsing or closing position of the respective sections.) The cane is admirably adapted for parade purposes, where the sounding thereof not only affords amusement, but serves to attract the attention of the public to the marching column of paraders.

In detail the invention may be described as follows:

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the lower section or stick of the cane proper, the lower end of the same terminating in a ferrule 2, which is provided with a basal laterally-projecting toe or extension 3, adapted to be held down against the ground by the foot of the operator, Fig. 1. The upper end of the stick 1 terminates in a series of washers or packing-rings 4, whereby a tight joint is effected between said rings and the outer telescoping and reciprocating section or sleeve 5. The latter is arrested or limited in its downward movement by a ring or band 6, carried by the stick or section 1, said ring being pref-

erably provided with a leather or rubber buffer 7 to receive the impact of the section 5. The upper open end of the section 5 is provided with a whistle 8 or similar wind instrument capable of sounding or making a noise with the sudden flow of compressed air there-through. The sleeve 5 may terminate in an ornamental head 9, as shown in Figs. 6 and 7, in which event the sounding device is located in the tubular passage of such head.

The operation of the device is as follows: When the parts are in their collapsed or closed position, Fig. 2, the friction between the packing-rings or washers 4 and the section 5 is sufficient to retain the parts in such closed position. Should occasion arise to sound the whistle, the operator sets the cane on the ground, placing his foot on the toe-piece 3, thus holding the stick 1 stationary while he partially withdraws the section 5, Figs. 1, 3, the space between the whistle and the packing-rings 4 within the sleeve 5 filling with air. The operator now suddenly forces the section 5 downward to its lowest position, the sudden rush of air through the whistle sounding the latter and affording considerable amusement.

The cane could answer the purpose of a toy for children and might be considerably modified in detail without departing either from the nature or spirit of my invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

A cane composed of an inner stick, an outer sleeve enveloping the upper portion of the stick, a limiting band or ring on the stick for arresting the movement of the sleeve in one direction, suitable packing-rings on the stick for effecting a tight joint with the inner wall of the sleeve, a laterally-projecting toe-piece at the base of the stick, and a wind instrument in the sleeve adapted to be sounded upon the downward movement of the sleeve, substantially as set forth.

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

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