

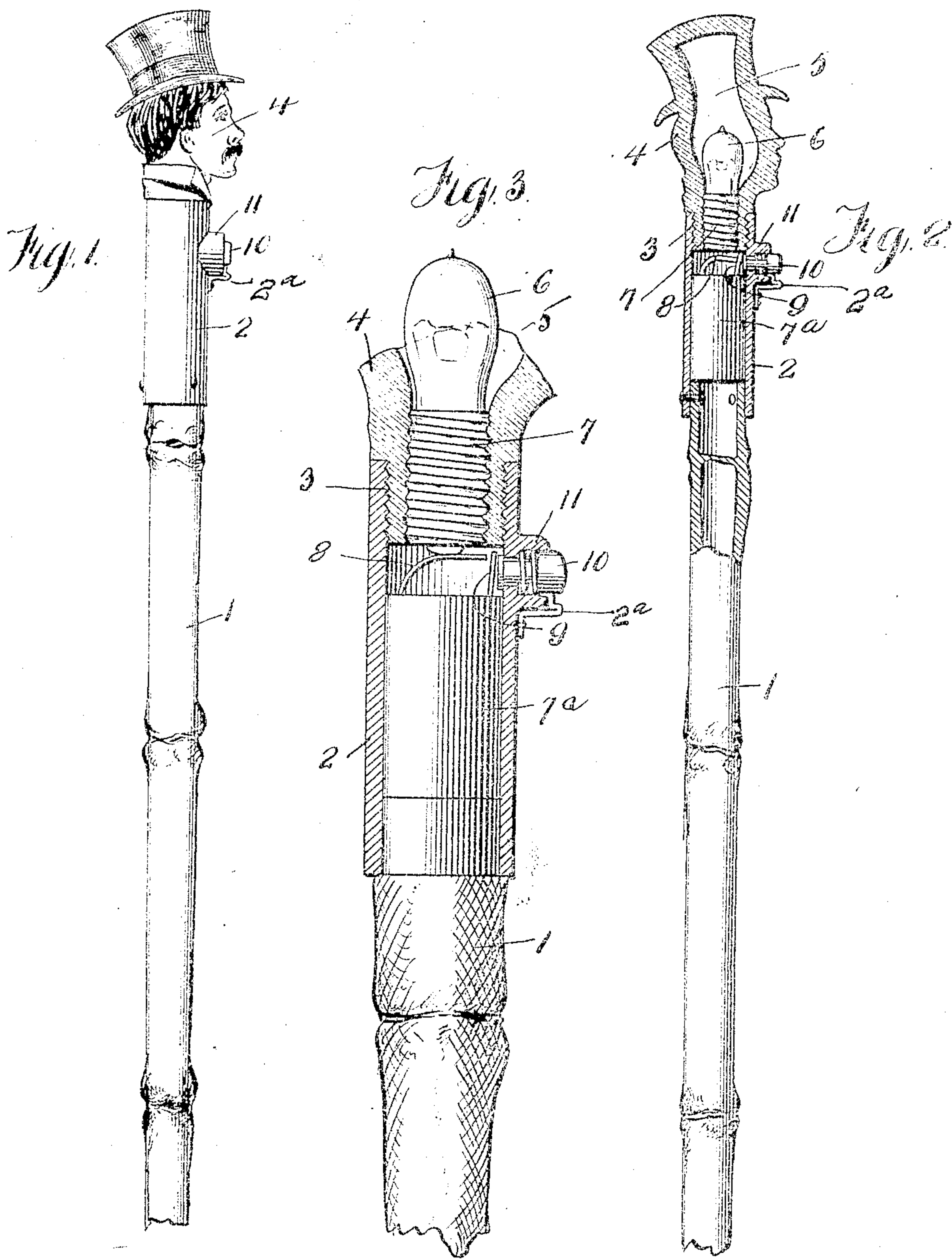
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE C. HOCKENBERRY, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Ravenna, in the county of Portage and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Campaign-Canes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to canes, and the invention has for its object to provide a novel cane particularly adapted for campaign purposes, the cane being provided with a transparent head or handle which is illuminated from the interior thereof. To this end, I construct a cane, having a transparent head or handle formed of glass or similar vitreous material, the head or handle being designed to represent the owner of the cane or some prominent person. When the cane is used for campaign purposes, the head or handle will represent the nominee or personage prominent in politics. The cane is provided with a small storage battery adapted to illuminate a small incandescent bulb located in the head or handle of the cane, the electrical circuit being controlled by a push button convenient to the handle or head of the cane.

My improved cane can be constructed of a suitable durable material and finished to conform to the purpose for which it is intended.

The detail construction entering into my invention will be hereinafter more fully described and then specifically pointed out in the appended claims, and referring to the drawing forming part of this specification, like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which:—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a portion of a cane constructed in accordance with my invention, Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same partly in elevation, Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail sectional view of a portion of the cane.

To put my invention into practice, I construct my improved cane of a stick or rod 1, the lower end of which is provided with a conventional form of tip (not shown), while the upper end is provided with a sleeve 2 having interiorly arranged threads 3, to receive a head or handle 4. The head or handle 4 is constructed of a transparent material, such as glass, and can be shaped to represent various objects. The head 4 is

hollow, having a cavity 5 to receive an electric bulb 6, said bulb being threaded, as at 7, in the lower end of the transparent head 4.

Located within the sleeve 2 is a conventional form of storage battery 7^a having a positive contact 8 adapted to engage the lower end of the electric bulb 6, and a negative contact 9 adapted to complete a circuit to illuminate the electric bulb 6. The negative contact 9 is movable and is controlled by a spring pressed push button 10 mounted in a boss 11 carried by the sleeve 2. The sleeve 2 is provided with a spring latch 2^a for holding the button 10 in a fixed position, either in engagement with the negative contact 9 or out of engagement therewith. The transparent head 4 can be suitably colored whereby when the head is illuminated, the features thereof will stand out in bold relief.

The body of the cane can be constructed of any desired material and may be suitably colored especially when used for campaign purposes.

After the battery 7^a has been exhausted, the head or handle 4 or the sleeve 2 can be removed from the body of the cane and a new storage battery placed in position to illuminate the incandescent bulb.

I do not care to confine myself to the design of the head or handle 4 or to any particular form of storage battery used in connection with the same for illuminating the head or handle.

Such other changes in the size, proportion and minor details of construction as are permissible by the appended claims, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. In a cane, a stick, a sleeve secured to the upper end thereof and projecting beyond said upper end of the stick having an interiorly threaded outer end and provided near said outer end with an apertured boss, a hollow transparent handle threaded into the outer end of said sleeve, an incandescent bulb mounted in said handle, a storage battery mounted in said sleeve between the outer end of the stick and the inner end of said handle, a contact engaging the plug of said bulb, a second contact carried by said battery normally out of engagement with the first mentioned contact, and a spring-pressed push button mounted in said apertured boss for engagement with the last mentioned contact

to move the same into engagement with the first mentioned contact and complete an electric circuit from said battery to said bulb.

2. In a cane, a stick, a sleeve secured to
5 the outer end thereof and extending beyond the stick, a hollow transparent handle removably fitted in the outer end of said sleeve and provided at its inner end with internal threads, an incandescent bulb extending into
10 the hollow handle and having the plug thereof engaging the internal threads of said handle, a storage battery within the sleeve between said lamp and outer end of the stick, a stationary contact carried by said battery
15 and normally engaging said lamp plug, a movable contact carried by said battery, an

apertured boss carried by said sleeve, a spring-pressed push-button in said boss projecting into the sleeve and adapted when forced inwardly to move said movable contact into
20 engagement with the stationary contact and complete an electrical circuit from the battery to the incandescent bulb, and a spring catch carried by the sleeve in the depressed or retracted positions.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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