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COMBINED CANE AND FLAG.

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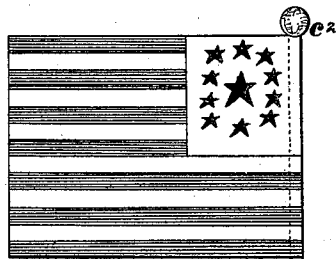


Fig. 1

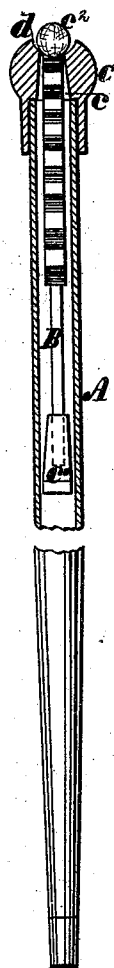
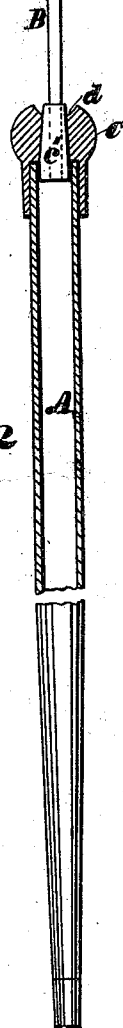


Fig. 2



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## IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED CANE AND FLAG.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. PARK, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Cane and Flag; 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 pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a broken vertical section, showing the flag concealed. Fig. 2 is a broken vertical section, showing the flag unfurled.

The object of my improvements is to simplify the construction and lessen the cost of a combined cane and flag, such as shown in Letters Patent No. 169,918, dated November 16, 1875, issued and granted to me.

These improvements consist, essentially, in dispensing with the spring shown in said patent, substituting therefor a simpler device involving a less laborious and expensive method of fastening the flag-staff in the cane than is shown therein.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, A designates a cane made hollow the whole or a portion of its length for the reception of the flag-staff B. C represents the handle or top of the cane, which, in the first instance, is made separate from the cane, but is not intended to be detached from the latter after it has been once applied thereto. The handle C is formed with a central aperture or opening, *e*, for the passage of the staff B, which is provided at its lower end with a tapering plug, *c*<sup>1</sup>, and at its upper end with a ball, *c*<sup>2</sup>.

When the flag and staff are inserted in the cane, as shown in Fig. 1, the cane being then designed for use as a walking-stick, the ball *c*<sup>2</sup> rests in a cavity, *d*, in the upper part of the handle C, in such manner that it will not interfere with the convenient grasping of the latter, while, at the same time, it may be readily taken hold of for withdrawing said staff from its concealed position.

The flag-staff is fixed in the handle of the cane by drawing it out from the latter until the tapered plug *c*<sup>1</sup> becomes wedged in the

opening *e*. To conceal the flag in the cane it is first furled, and its staff simply pushed down into the latter.

This construction, it will be observed, dispenses with the spring shown in my aforesaid patent, substituting therefor a simpler and less expensive device. In said patent, when the flag was exposed, the top of the cane was withdrawn, and had to be carried in the hand or pocket. This, in the case of a child's cane and flag, is somewhat objectionable, as the detached handle, under such circumstances, was likely to become lost or misplaced. With my present improvement this objection is removed, for the head or top, after being once applied, is not designed to be taken off at all.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. The flag-staff B, provided with a tapering plug or wedge, *c*<sup>1</sup>, for fastening said staff in the cane when the flag is exposed to view, substantially as shown and described.

2. The cane head or handle C, when formed with an opening, *e*, for the passage of the staff.

3. The combination of the cane A, having a fixed handle, C, formed with an opening for the passage of the flag, with the staff B, having a fastening device, *c*<sup>1</sup>, substantially as shown and described.

4. The handle C, having an opening, *e*, and cavity *d*, in combination with the staff B, provided with a ball, *c*<sup>2</sup>, substantially as shown and described.

5. A combined cane and flag, in which when the latter is exposed it is held in position by having the end of its staff fastened in the head or top of the former.

6. The cane A, having the fixed handle C, with opening *e* and cavity *d*, and the flag-staff B, having the plug or wedge *c*<sup>1</sup> and ball *c*<sup>2</sup>, substantially as shown and described.

7. A combined cane and flag, in which the latter may be concealed within the former, and which permits the flag-staff to be drawn out without removing the cane head or top.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of January, 1876.

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