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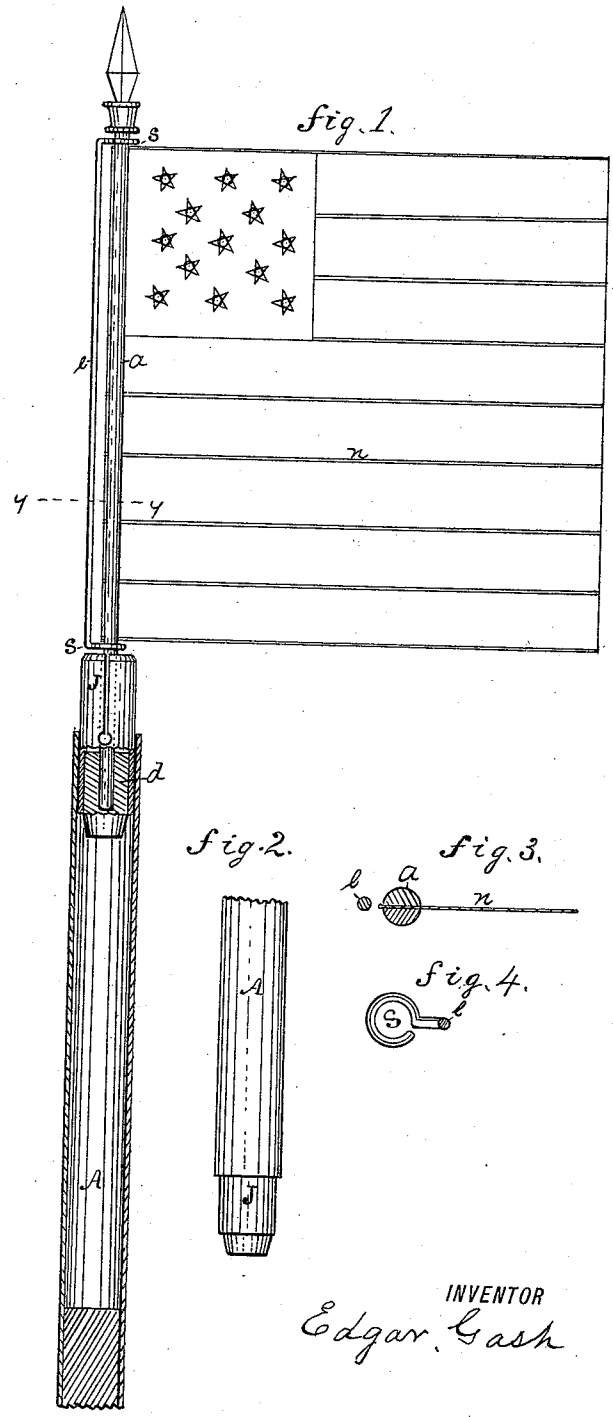

Fig. 1.

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Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDGAR GASH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Macomb, in the county of McDonough and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Flag-Staffs and Attachments for Attaching Flags to Walking-Canes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in flag-staffs and attachments for walking-canes; and its novelty will be fully set forth in the following specification and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of the flag-staff with flag unfurled, also showing the lower section of the walking-cane to which the staff is attached. Fig. 2 represents a section of the lower end of a walking-cane, showing the lower end of the flag-staff when placed in the tubular section of the cane. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the flag-staff on the line *y y*, Fig. 1, showing the construction of the staff and manner of attaching the flag. Fig. 4 represents the eyes formed on the ends of the guide-frame.

In the several views, A represents the lower end of a walking-cane, which is composed of a metal tube of sufficient length and size so that the flag-staff and flag can be inserted therein, all except the lower part of the ferrule J, which extends out sufficiently to be grasped by the thumb and finger (see Fig. 2) and drawn out when required.

The main feature in this invention consists in the construction of a flag-staff in two parts consisting of two half-round spring-metal rods, (see Fig. 3,) which at the lower end are secured firmly in the plug *d*, which is firmly fitted in the lower end of the ferrule J, the upper end of which is slotted, which causes its sides to act as springs, so that when the ferrule is placed in the tubular part of the cane the sides of the ferrule spring against the inside of the tube sufficiently to keep the flag-staff straight and erect when displaying the flag. The upper end of the flag-staff is firmly secured in a spear-head or ornament. This mode of attachment at each end of the rods, having their flat sides placed together, causes them to lie close together. (See Fig. 3.) The rods are sprung apart sufficiently to insert the end of the flag between them. Then the rods are allowed to spring back and clamp the flag, which holds it firmly in place. The guide-frame *e* is constructed with eyes *s s* (see Fig. 4) at each end, which are bent at right angles, which eyes are fitted loosely around the staff *a*. When furling the flag, their guide-frame keeps the flag straight and smooth and in the right position for being inserted into the tubular part of the cane when not wanted for display.

The operation is as follows: The operator, when in a procession of any kind and wishing to display the flag of his country, grasps the lower end of the ferrule J, draws out the flag-staff, and unfurls the flag, and then reverses the ferrule J and places it in the lower end of the cane. The cane is then reversed and the flag is held above the head, so that a full display of the flag is made.

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

In a flag-staff and attachment for walking-canes, the flag-staff *a*, in two parts composed of two half-round spring-metal rods, the slotted reversible ferrule J, rigidly attached to the lower end of the staff, the upper end of the staff being securely attached to a spear-head or ornament, and the guide-frame *e*, having eyes *s s*, which are fitted loosely around the staff at each end, substantially as shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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