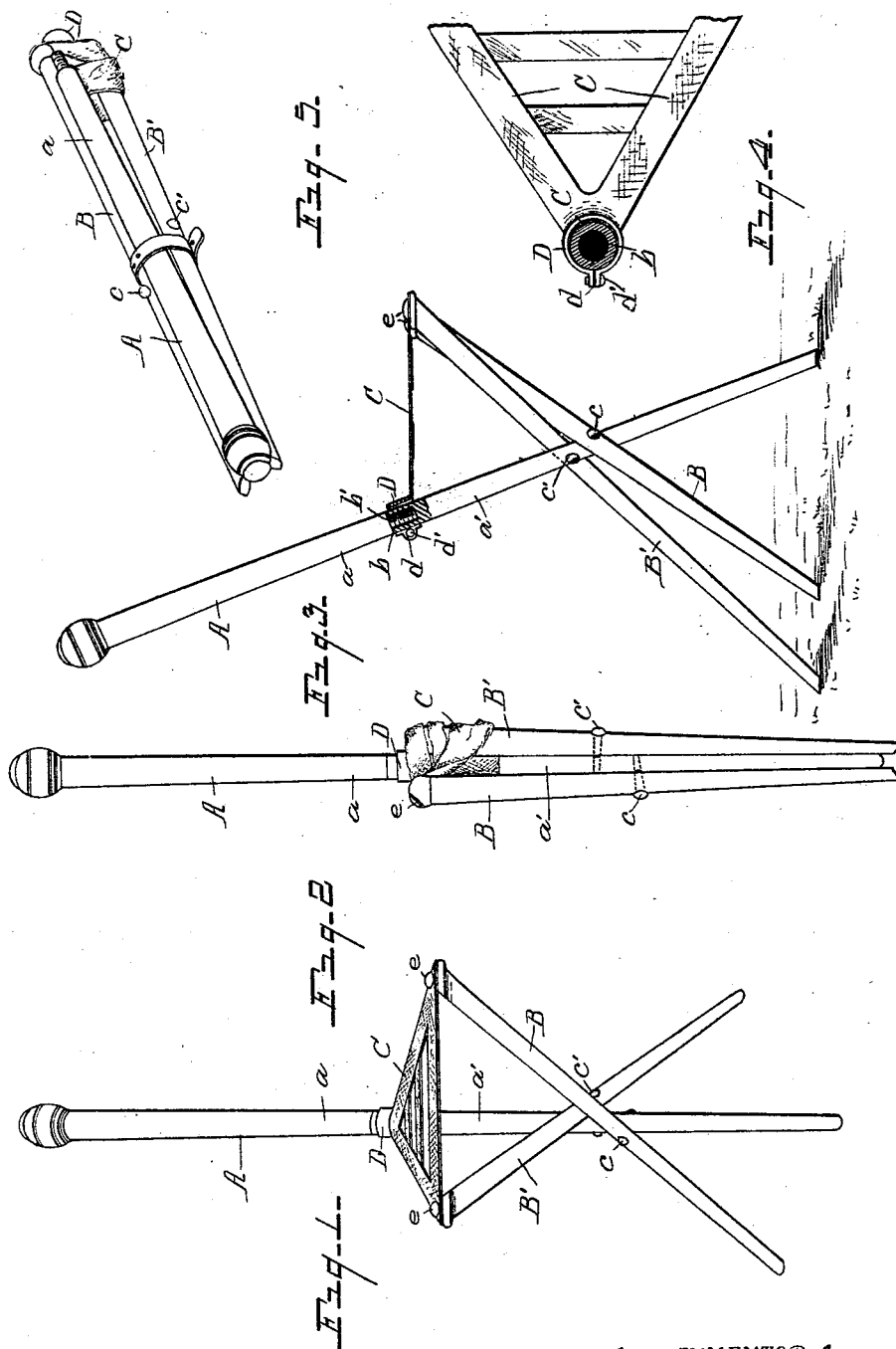


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MATTHEW R. MATHEWSON, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Camp-Stool and Cane; and I do 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a combined camp stool and cane, and consists in a certain construction and arrangement of parts, whereby, a simple, light and effectual camp stool is formed in such manner as to enable the parts to be so converted as to render it useful in the capacity of a walking cane, and thus serve as a convenient means for transporting said stool, and also to enable the parts to be folded compactly when not in use, to decrease the dimensions thereof and permit the same to be packed or carried in a comparatively small parcel. All of which will be hereinafter fully set forth and the essential features pointed out particularly in the claim.

To these ends my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device as adjusted to form a camp-stool. Fig. 2 is a front elevation thereof as adjusted to form a cane. Fig. 3 is a side elevation partly in section, showing manner of connecting the separable staff. Fig. 4 is a detail in horizontal section of the staff, showing manner of attaching the seat thereto. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the parts disconnected, folded and bound together forming a parcel.

Referring to the letters of reference, A designates a separable staff of suitable form and dimensions to serve as a walking cane. Said staff is composed of the upper and lower members *a a'*, respectively, the latter member being provided with a screw threaded aperture *b* in the upper end thereof that receives the

threaded stem *b'* formed on the lower end of the member *a*, whereby said members are detachably connected and form a centrally separable staff, as shown in Fig. 3.

B B' are members similar in form and dimensions to the lower member *a'* of the staff, and are pivotally attached to said member parallel therewith upon the journals *cc'* respectively, see Fig. 2. The journal *c* passes horizontally through the longitudinal centers of the members B and *a'*, and the journal *c'* passes horizontally through the members B' and *a'* at a point slightly above the journal *c* and at an obtuse angle with said latter journal, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2, whereby as said members B B' are swung upon their respective pivots, the upper ends thereof are caused to move in diagonally opposite directions from the staff and cross each other, thus causing their lower ends, together with the lower end of said staff, to move apart in the direction of the angles of a triangle and assume the form of a tripod. The seat consists of a triangular piece of canvas or other suitable material C which is attached at two of its corners to the upper ends of the members B B' by suitable screws or brads *ee*, the third corner of which is attached to the upper end of the member *a'* by means of the collar D which encircles said member and is provided with the divided ears *d*, that receive the screw *d'* by which said collar is contracted, and between which and said member the fabric is environed, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. By this construction said collar acts as a ferrule to strengthen the walls of the aperture *b* and also serves to bind the threaded portions when engaged to obviate their accidental disengagement when handling or carrying the device by the staff, and when the parts are adjusted to form a stool, the upper end of said staff serves as a back therefor, and when desirable, said back or staff may be disconnected by unscrewing the same which may then be secured together with the folded members in the form of a bundle convenient to carry in a valise or other suitable receptacle, as shown in Fig. 5.

It will appear from the foregoing that the device so constructed embodies all the advantages of the ordinary camp-stool while it

also serves the purpose of a walking cane and is thus rendered of great utility especially to tourists, pleasure parties and the like.

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

In a combined camp-stool and cane, the staff composed of two separable sections united by engaged screw-threaded portions, and having a split collar encircling said engaged portions with means for contracting said collar, the members B B' pivoted to said staff upon in-

dependent journals so as to swing in opposite directions, the seat fabric attached to said members and inclosed and secured to said staff, by said split collar substantially as specified. 15

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

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