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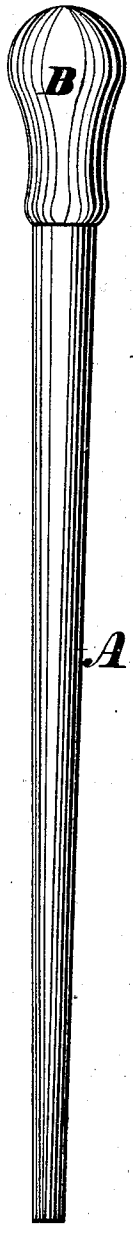

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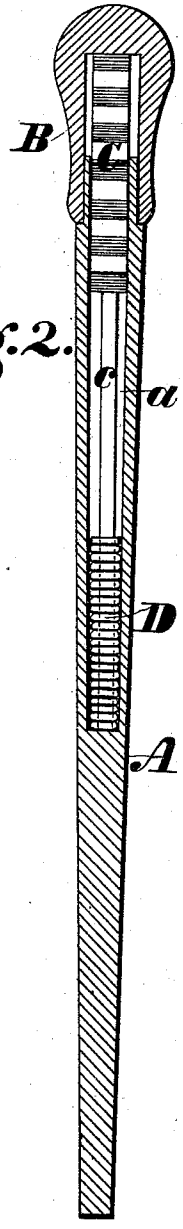

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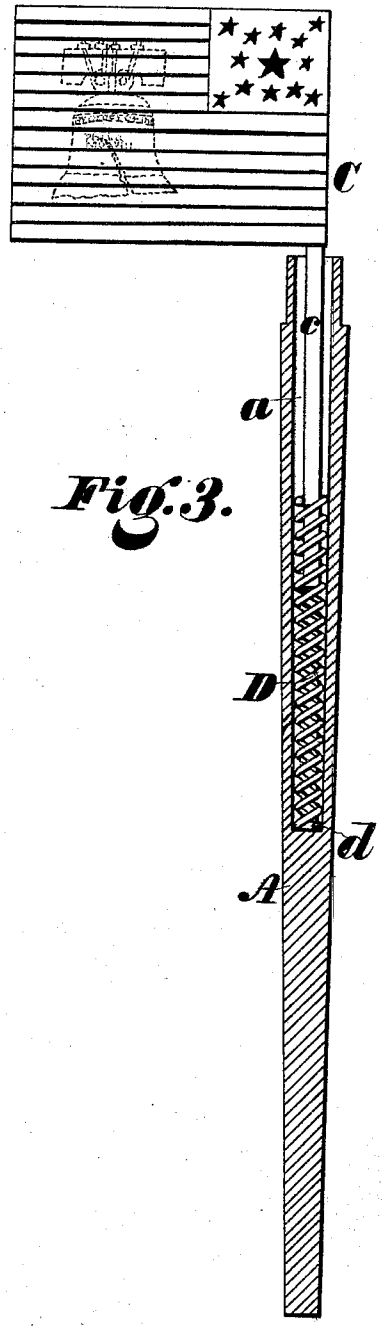

Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CANES.

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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 a certain new and useful Combined Walking-Stick 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 an elevation, showing the flag concealed from view. Fig. 2 is a vertical section, showing the flag concealed from view. Fig. 3 is a vertical section, showing the flag unfurled out of the cane.

My invention consists of a cane having a longitudinal recess or chamber, within which is concealed a flag attached to a staff, which is, in turn, mounted on a spiral spring in such manner that when the head of the cane is removed the flag will be expelled to be used as standard, banner, or signal.

A in the accompanying drawing shows a cane, having a longitudinal chamber, *a*, covered by a removable head or cap, B. C represents a flag attached to a staff, *c*, the lower end of which is secured to a spiral spring, D, fastened in the chamber *a* at *d*. The concealment of the flag is effected by furling it on its staff, which is then pressed down into the chamber *a*, the spring D being thereby duly compressed. The head B is then put on, slipping or screwing on, as may be desired, wholly concealing the flag, and keeping it within the chamber *a*.

When desired to display the flag as a signal, or for any other purpose, the head B is removed. The staff C at once shoots out of its chamber by the force of the spring D, and may be used as a signal, or for any other purpose desired.

This will be found to be a very attractive toy for children, particularly during the approaching Centennial year, and will also be of service to participants in processions, and other celebrations, who may desire to show their patriotism while on the march and in line, but wish to avoid display and notice while returning therefrom to their homes. This they will be enabled to do by concealing the flag, the device then serving as a walking-stick.

What I claim as my invention is—

The walking-stick A, having the recess *a*, the removable cap B, flag-staff *c*, and spring D, the several parts being combined and arranged substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of September, 1875.

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