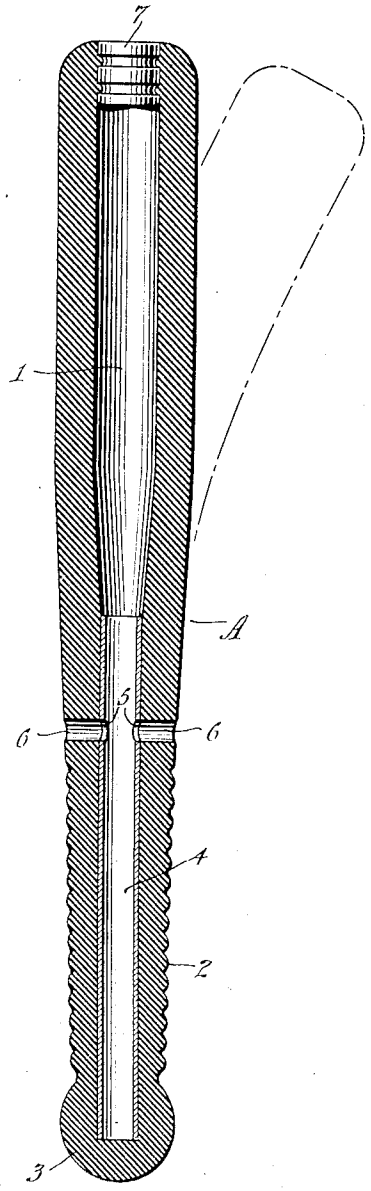
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This invention relates to humane police clubs, an object of the invention being to provide a club which is adapted to be used by policemen and which will stun a criminal without danger of fracturing the skull or cutting the scalp. It is a well known fact that police clubs are of wood and when it is necessary to use them the offender is often seriously injured, when it is only the intention and desire of the officer to subdue and control him.

With my improved club the officer can most effectually use the same without danger of seriously injuring the person on whom it is used.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts, all of which will be more fully hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

The accompanying drawing is a view in longitudinal section illustrating my improved club.

A represents the club illustrated in the drawing, which is composed of comparatively soft rubber, sufficiently soft to bend and to conform to some extent to the surface of the object with which it comes in contact. The club may, of course, be of any size and shape, for all practical purposes it need not be quite as large as the club or stick with which policemen are at present equipped. Clubs of this character come in various lengths, some for use as day sticks and others as night sticks and riot sticks and, of course, it is well within my invention to make my improved club of various sizes.

The club A is hollow, that is to say it has a longitudinal bore 1, the bore being slightly greater in diameter at one end of the club than at the other. The club is somewhat reduced in diameter at one end forming a handle or grip portion 2 with a rounded knob 3 at the extremity thereof, and the smaller diametered portion of the bore 1 is within the handle or grip portion 2. A metal tube 4, preferably of steel, is located in the smaller diametered portion of the bore 1, and is provided with openings 5 communicating with openings 6 in the club so that air may move into and out of the hollow club as the club is distorted by contact with an object.

The bore 1 extends through the larger end of the club and a grooved plug 7 is secured in the end of the club closing the end of the bore 1. By providing the plug 7 with annular grooves, as illustrated, the material of the club A will engage in the grooves and act as keys to permanently secure the plug therein. When the club is used to strike an object it will bend, as indicated by the dot and dash lines, the bend being in the larger end only of the club, as the steel tube 4 will prevent any bending of the club at the handle or grip end.

A club of this character can be used to render a prisoner unconscious without fracturing the skull or cutting the scalp, so that when the club is used in the ordinary manner it is not a deadly weapon. Should the officer feel that he needs a deadly weapon it is simply necessary to grip the larger end of the tube and strike the criminal with the handle end, and as this handle end contains the steel tube it is rigid and this end of the club is in effect a deadly weapon.

While I have illustrated what I believe to be the preferred embodiment of my invention it is to be distinctly understood that various slight changes may be made with regard to the form and arrangement of parts without departing from my invention, and hence I do not limit myself to the precise details set forth but consider myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the claim.

What I claim is:

A humane police club having a grip portion at one end of less diameter than the main portion of the club, said club having a longitudinal bore extending from its larger end to a point near its smaller end, a metal tube in the bore at the smaller end of the club, said tube having openings at opposite sides, said club having openings therein communicating with the openings in the tube, said club with the exception of said tube composed entirely of soft pliable rubber free from reinforcement, and a rubber plug secured in the end of the bore at the larger end of the club.

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