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WALKING CANE.
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Fig. 1

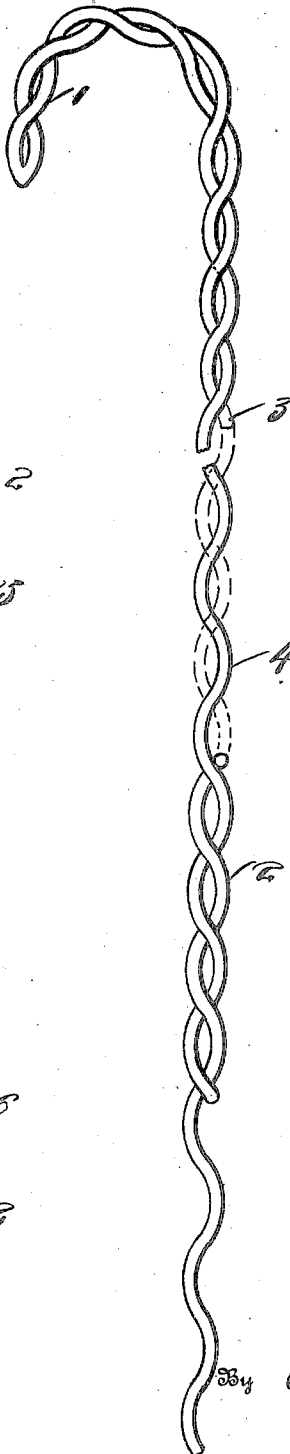
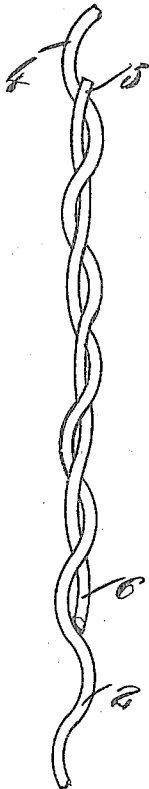


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS ALVERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Worth, in the county of Tarrant and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Walking-Sticks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new article of manufacture, and the object is to provide a unique walking stick which will be both useful and a source of amusement.

Other objects and advantages will be fully explained in the following description and the invention will be more particularly pointed out in the claim.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings which form a part of this application.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a walking cane, constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of a part of a walking stick, showing a variation in the construction.

Similar characters of reference are used to indicate the same parts throughout the several views.

The walking stick is preferably constructed of steel wire. The wire for making the stick is first bent or spiraled by a machine for making spirals of wire. A portion of the spiraled wire twice the length intended for the stick is cut. This piece of wire is then bent upon itself and the two parts meshed together. A handle 1 may be formed at the upper part. One leg 2 of the wire is then cut at 3. The part 2 may then be screwed up and down on the part 4.

The stick is shown broken for convenience in illustrating the invention. The stick so constructed makes a convenient and useful stick.

The stick is made an object of amusement by painting the legs of different colors. The effect of one leg being one color and the other of a different color makes the stick useful for foot-ball "rooters" and for base-

ball "fans." Different teams can have sticks bearing the colors of the clubs or teams. An appearance of running a stick into a person can be created by screwing the loose leg out as far as it can be screwed without coming off and then pressing the end against a person and pressing on the handle. The loose leg will telescope or screw on the fixed leg. A leg of one color running on a leg of a different color creates an interest or attracts attention and creates amusement.

A lock is or may be provided for preventing the legs from coming entirely apart. By making the ends 5 and 6 of the different legs straight or approximately straight for a short distance from the ends, a lock is made so that when the loose leg is screwed down until its straight portion reaches the straight portion of the fixed leg it cannot be screwed farther on the fixed portion, but the loose leg can be screwed back to its normal position and the loose leg will run up and down the fixed leg by gravity simply by changing ends of the stick, that is, turning first one end down and then the other end down.

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

A walking stick comprising a fixed leg, a handle integral therewith, said fixed leg being constructed of spiral wire, a loose leg of spiral wire meshing with and movable on said fixed leg, and a lock for preventing said leg from coming apart consisting of an approximately straight portion formed on the lower end of the fixed leg and an approximately straight portion formed on the upper end of the movable leg.

In testimony whereof, I set my hand in the presence of two witnesses, this 3rd day of July, 1909.

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