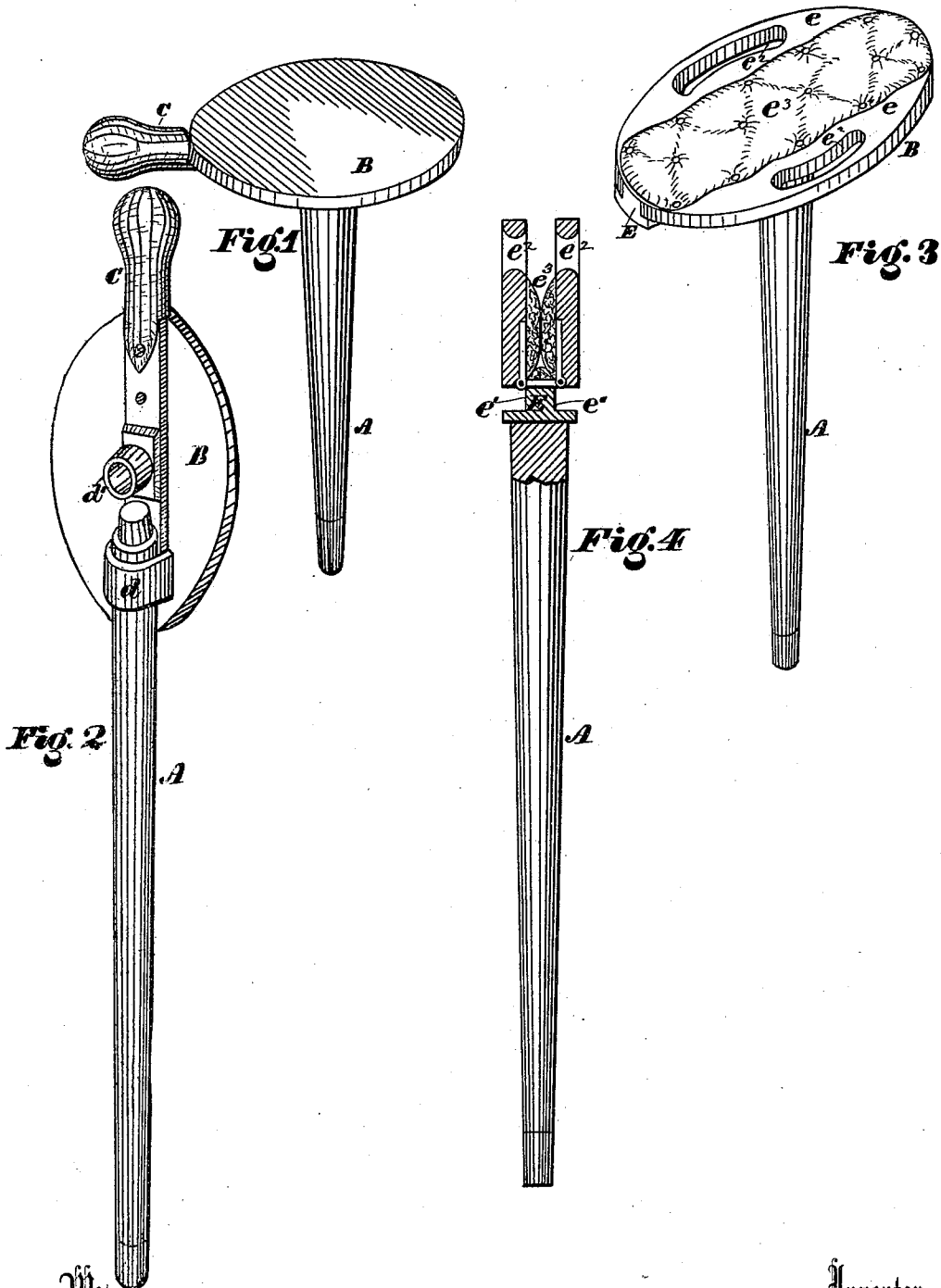


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COMBINED CANE AND STOOL.

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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED CANES AND STOOLS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN SMITH, of Conshohocken, in the county of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Combined Cane and Stool; 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 a perspective of my "cane-stool" when used as a stool having a rigid seat. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the same when used as a cane. Fig. 3 is a perspective of my cane-stool when used as a stool having a folding seat. Fig. 4 is a broken transverse vertical section of the same when used as a cane.

The object of my invention is to provide a cane which can be used for pedestrianizing in the usual manner, and which can be utilized as a stool when, through fatigue or other cause, a seat becomes necessary or desirable.

My invention accordingly consists of a cane provided with an attachment which can, at will, be converted into a seat, so as the device may be used as a stool having but a single leg or support.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, A designates an ordinary staff or stick, and B an oval or other shaped board, which may be either rigid and in one piece, or formed in sections. When made in one rigid piece it is provided with a short projecting handle, C, and two sockets, *d* *d'*, which sockets may, if desired, be in a single casting. When used as a cane the upper end of the staff A will enter the socket *d*; when used as a stool said upper end will enter the socket *d'*.

The seat may be a folding one, composed of

the middle section E and hinged sections *e e*, the former being fast on the staff A, and rabbeted, as shown at *e*¹, so as to afford shoulders or rests for said hinged sections. The folding sections should have openings, as at *e*², for convenience of grasping when the device is used as a cane, and may be upholstered, as shown at *e*³.

Being, so far as I am aware, the first to have produced a stool which stands upon a single leg, and is convertible into, or susceptible of use as, a walking-stick, I do not confine my claim to the specific construction shown, but reserve the privilege of varying the same within the principle of my invention.

The sectional as well as the rigid seat may have two sockets for the end of the shaft A, instead of having the latter fixedly attached to the middle piece E, and may also have the handle C in lieu of the grasping openings *e*².

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A combined convertible cane and stool, consisting of a staff, A, and seat B, said staff forming a single central support for the seat, substantially as described.

2. The seat B, having two sockets for the staff A, for alternate use when the device is employed as a cane and as a stool, substantially as described.

3. In combination with the cane or staff A, the sectional folding seat, substantially as described.

4. In combination with the staff A and seat B, the handle C, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of March, 1876.

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