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Canes are some of our favorite items at M.S. Rau. Beautiful, functional and mysterious, antique walking sticks provide fascinating glimpses into bygone days. With intriguing provenances and a range of price points, canes are perfect for both emerging collectors and seasoned connoisseurs alike.

We are extremely proud of our incomparable collection and take great joy in sharing this year's cane catalog with you, featuring an assortment of some of the finest and most unique walking sticks in our collection. From elegant presentation canes and delightful folk art canes, to complex system canes with concealed tools and deadly weapons, a wonderful world of walking sticks awaits you in the following pages.

Our cane catalog is always eagerly anticipated, and featured items sell quickly. If something catches your eye, please contact your personal Sales Consultant who will be delighted to assist you through your acquisition. You can buy with confidence knowing every piece has been researched and vetted by our team and is backed by our 125% guarantee.



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More than any other collectible antique, the walking stick is a unique reflection of the person carrying it. There is a perfect cane for every personality and profession.



Grotesque Faces Cane
Depicting several animated, grotesque faces, the top of this cane is delightfully unique and entertaining. 34³/₄" length. \$1,985. #31-1988



Monkey and Rabbit Cane
An intricate scene of two monkeys attempting to capture a rabbit tops the elongated handle of this Japanese cane. 35" length. \$1,985. #31-2228



Happy Monk Cane
The knob of this elegant walking stick is masterfully carved with the visage of a happy monk. 33³/₄" length. \$1,885. #31-1963



Monkey and Frog Cane
An intricately carved scene of a monkey playing with a bullfrog tops this exquisite Japanese cane. 37" length. \$1,785. #31-2203



Multi-Faced Cane

Expressively beautiful happy faces adorn this cane handle, presented in a Japanese motif. 35" length. \$2,250. #31-2222



Resting Bird Cane

A highly detailed bird at rest is perched atop this handsome walking stick. 35⁵/₈" length. \$1,250. #31-1074



Man and Fly Cane

Depicting the smiling face of a man with a fly perched on his head, this humorous cane is full of personality. 38¹/₂" length. \$2,250. #31-1981

Beetle and Mouse Cane

A mouse falls prey to the pinchers of a beetle in a dramatic scene enacted atop this intriguing cane. 37" length. \$4,450. #31-2193



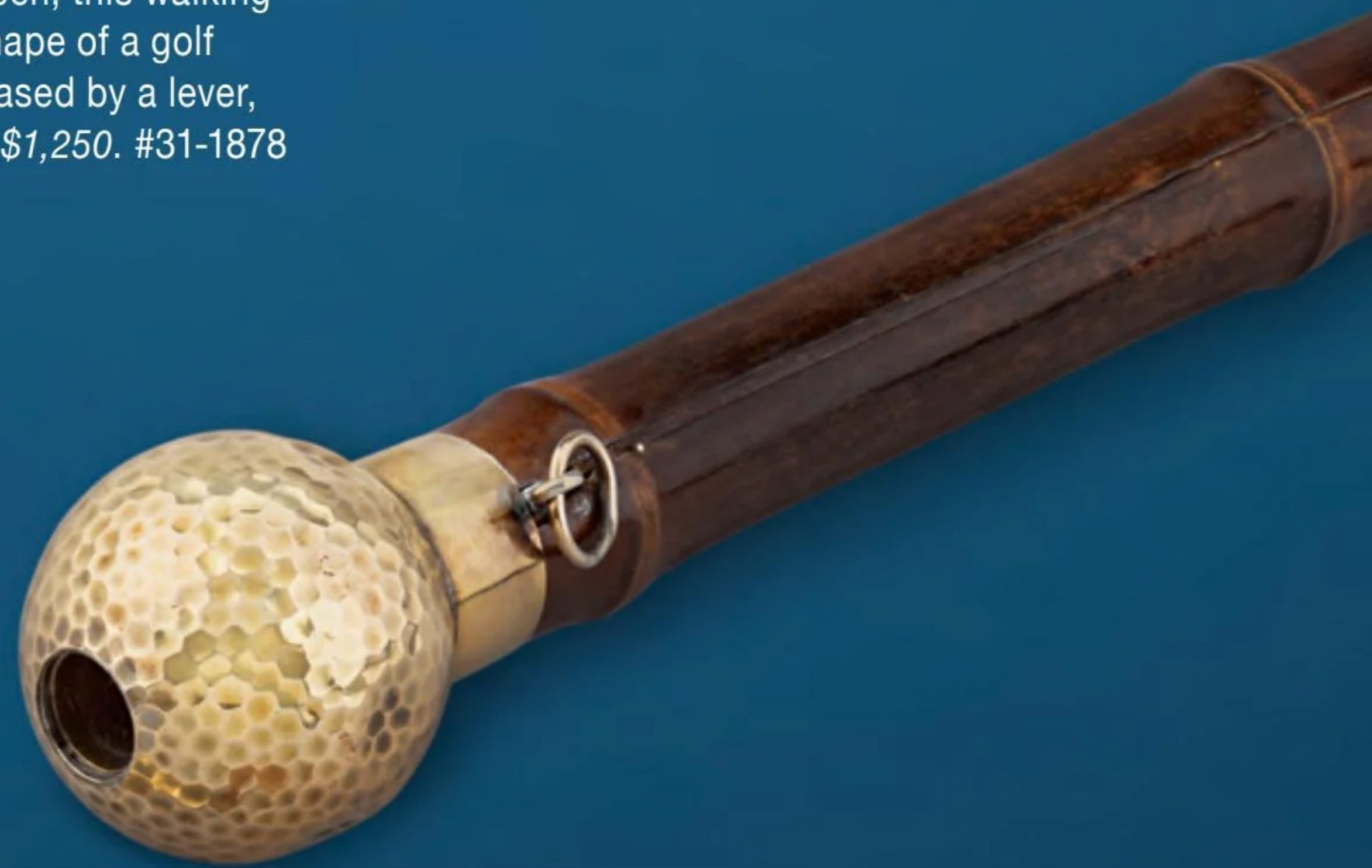
Writer's Inkwell and Pen Cane

This novel system cane was created for the avid writer. Its brass-mounted knob unscrews to reveal a hidden inkwell and pen nib within its malacca shaft. 35³/₄" length. \$1,450. #31-1876



Golfer's Scoring Cane

The perfect accessory for a day on the green, this walking stick's hammered brass knob takes the shape of a golf ball. A jet cabochon-capped pencil is released by a lever, allowing one to keep score. 35⁵/₈" length. \$1,250. #31-1878



System canes have a dual purpose or hidden function, and canes concealing writing instruments are some of the most practical and highly collectible.



Japanese Calligraphy Cane

This rare Japanese cane conceals a hidden compartment to store a variety of calligraphy supplies. The ebonized bamboo shaft holds an ink brush, ink stick and stone, while a brass-mounted silver knob completes the presentation. 36" length. \$2,950. #31-1877



Tiered Cane Display Cabinet

Handsome and practical, this five-tiered cane stand by Alexander H. Revell & Co. of Chicago is perfect for displaying one's prized walking stick collection. With slots for up to 70 canes, the oak case boasts glass panes that allow for protected storage and display. Both the domed glass lid and the back panel open for easy access. Late 19th century. 24³/₄"w x 26¹/₄"d x 47¹/₈"h. \$6,850. #31-2468





Silver Lighter Cane

Unscrewing the handsome knob on this walking stick reveals a working lighter. Decorated with the image of a fierce lion, this cane is a remarkable achievement of form, function and design. Hallmarked Birmingham, 1927. 34" length. \$2,250. #31-2130

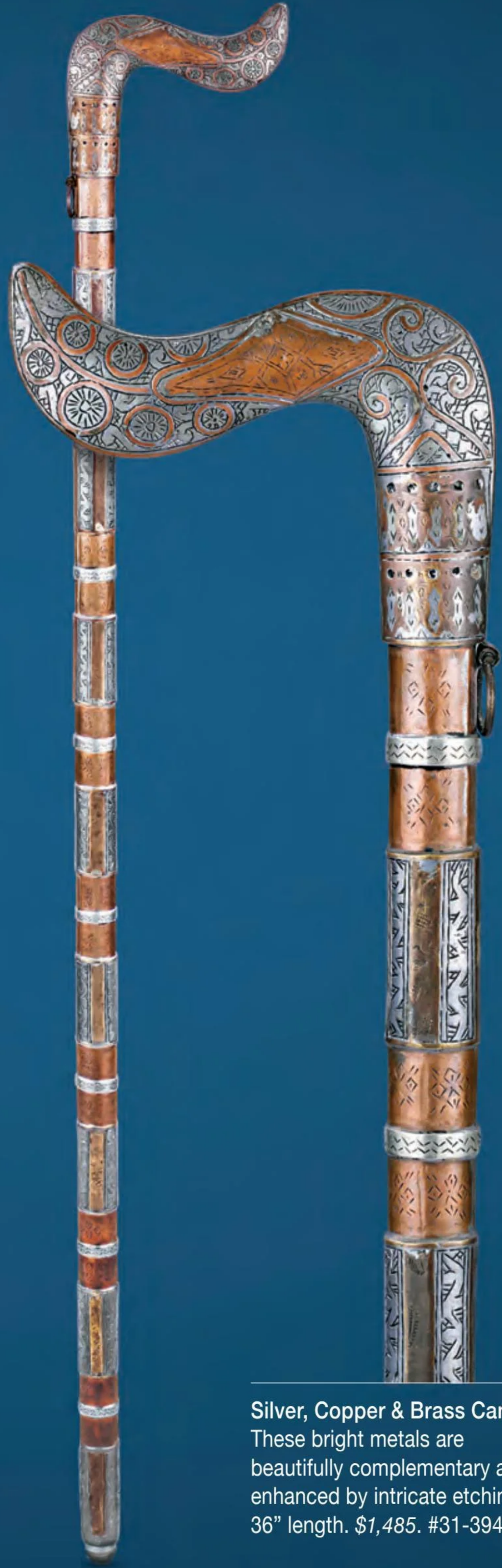


Stationmaster's Watch Cane

This handsome cane was essential for the stationmaster to keep his trains running on time. The fine silver watch handle tells the time with Roman numerals and is marked "Railway Regulator, Lever." 35³/₄" length. \$2,450. #31-1919



Tibetan Silver Cane
This beautiful walking stick is elaborately decorated with a scrolled foliate motif and colorful inlays. 35³/₄" length. \$1,985. #31-3941



Silver, Copper & Brass Cane
These bright metals are beautifully complementary and enhanced by intricate etchings. 36" length. \$1,485. #31-3940



Gold Knob Cane
A timeless 14K gold knob engraved with a delicate monogram contrasts the warm wood of the shaft. 34" length.
\$1,850. #31-2310



Rolled Gold Snake Cane
Marvelously intricate chased and repoussé gold decorates the crook of this cane in a slithering snake pattern. 35" length.
\$1,885. #31-2304



Neoclassical Gold Cane
A gold neoclassical knob with intricate chasing and repoussé sits atop a satiny malacca shaft. 34" length.
\$2,450. #31-2311



Gold Faces Cane
Crafted of 18K gold, this knob is covered in the animated faces of several men wearing a variety of expressions. 33" length.
\$2,250. #31-2309

System canes often related to their owner's occupation with the tools of their trade held inside their cane. Their scope and functionality were limited only by the maker's imagination.



Jeweler's Ring-Measuring Cane
This cane houses a ring-sizing device in its hollow handle. The ferrule is used to measure ring sizes. 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ " length. \$2,950. #31-1915





Night Watchman's Cane

A security guard could always make his rounds with this cane. The stepped shaft has compartments that securely hold an integrated key built into the stick, along with a candle and matches to help light the way. A hammered copper handle doubles as a club for added security. 38³/₄" length. \$1,885. #31-1889



Midwife's Scale Cane

This English system cane holds an infant scale inside the shaft. Designed to weigh a newborn when a basket was attached, this would have been an essential tool for the practicing midwife or pediatrician. 35" length. \$2,250. #31-2163



Figurative Automaton Cane

Simply push a lever, and this cane comes to life, with a distinguished gentleman opening his eyes and mouth. 34 1/4" length. \$1,650. #31-1953

French Bulldog Glove Holder Cane

Man's best friend will be happy to hold your gloves. This faithful fido's jaw opens and closes, allowing one to place their gloves within. 36" length. \$1,450. #31-2333

Automaton Skull Cane

The shifty eyes of this macabre skull open and close, bringing this frightful memento mori cane to life. 34" length. \$2,250. #31-2118

Walnut Cane Stand

Crafted of rich, polished walnut with a striking architectural design, this stand is able to hold up to a dozen walking sticks and makes a wonderful display for one's treasured cane collection. 35"w x 7"d x 29"h. \$1,885. #31-2950



Brass Cane Stand

This brass cane stand is designed to hold eight of your most prized canes and walking sticks. Crafted in a sophisticated fan shape, the stand displays each cane so that they are easily accessible. 25³/₄"w x 7"d x 35⁵/₈"h. \$4,450. #31-3568



Carved Figural Cane
A dapper gentleman in a top hat sits atop this walking stick. His collar and tie are crafted of elegant sterling silver. 38" length. \$1,650. #31-2316



Rabbit Horn Cane
A rabbit carved from horn tops this decorative cane. Its elongated ears lend a hint of whimsy to the charming design. 36" length. \$1,885. #31-2102



Silver Handle Cane
Exceptional artistry defines this elegant walking stick. The cane's gracefully chased silver knob depicts a charming floral motif. 36¹/₈" length. \$1,285. #31-1903



Reclining Nude Cane
An alluring female figure is the focal point of this gilt bronze handle, which is covered in lush floral details. 36" length. \$4,450. #31-3895



Silver Waves Cane
A handle inspired by the sea is chased with stylized waves and shells atop a polished hardwood shaft. 33" length. \$1,485. #31-1902



Art Deco Shagreen Cane
Shagreen leather is distinguished by its pebbled appearance. Here it frames a fashionable panel displaying the original owner's initials. 36" length. \$1,685. #31-2303



Parrot Snakeskin Cane
Snakeskin lends the head of this parrot the ingenious appearance of feathers. 38" length. \$1,650. #31-2231



Fabergé Pearl Cane
Created by Henrik Wigström, blue guilloché enamel is mounted with bands of engraved gold and pearls. Signed 'H.W.' Marked 56 zolotnik (14K gold). 36" length. \$33,950. #30-2232



Bludgeon Cane

The collar of this stately cane unscrews to reveal a fierce metal rod intended for use as a bludgeon. Meticulously crafted inside and out, this rare weapon cane is an excellent addition to any walking stick collection. 35" length. \$2,250. #31-2131



Day and Night Cane

Weighty enough to be used as a bludgeon, the knob of this metal cane unscrews to reveal a second weapon cane inside its shaft. The inner cane has a beautifully detailed gold knob and ferrule, and it could easily be used as a whip. 36" length. \$2,850. #31-2170



Sword Cane

The crook of this modest walking stick becomes the hilt of a dangerous quatrefoil sword when unsheathed from its wooden shaft. 37" length. \$1,885. #31-2121



Bamboo Sword Cane

Concealed within this unassuming cane's bamboo shaft is a masterfully crafted sword of blued steel. The milord knob provides a firm grip and an elegant presentation. 36¹/₄" length. \$3,950. #31-4700



Decorative Dog Cane

A finely carved hound dog serves as the knob of this decorative cane, with metal teeth lending a lifelike quality to his soulful visage. 35³/₄" length. \$1,885. #31-1995



Bulldog Cane

The pronounced muzzle and jowls of an English bulldog are rendered in precise detail in this hand-carved cane. A slightly tapered shaft completes this handsome accessory. 36" length. \$1,885. #31-2205



Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Cane

The finely carved head of a faithful spaniel sits atop this charming cane. A silver collar and handsome wooden shaft add a luxurious touch. 33¹/₂" length. \$1,885. #31-1968



Canine Shagreen Cane

An adorable pooch sheathed in supple shagreen leather tops this intriguing walking stick. The rare and lustrous shagreen is ground and highly polished to achieve its luxurious appearance. 35 1/2" length. \$1,985. #31-2197



Alert Dog Cane

Man's best friend looks out from the handle of this handsome walking stick. With incredible personality and expressive glass eyes, the canine gives this cane an irresistible charm. 36" length. \$1,450. #31-2112



Carved Dog Cane

Carved from lustrous wood with a metal collar, the hound's alert expression is captured with remarkable detail, including bone teeth and glass eyes. 34" length. \$775. #30-6498



Shagreen Telescope Cane

Covered entirely in luxurious emerald-hued shagreen, this cane that houses a hand-held telescope within the shaft. The telescope was a necessity that allowed mariners to navigate, communicate with other vessels and find their proper harbor. 35" length. \$6,850. #30-7115



Rocket Flare Cane

This extremely rare cane has the ability to fire a rocket flare into the sky with the flick of a button. The wood shaft and brass knob handle contain the firing mechanism and a percussion cap, allowing this cane to be used as both a weapon for blinding an opponent or as a means to call for help. Extra percussion cap and flare included. 35" length. \$4,450. #30-3933





Sailor's Cane

A sailor would have navigated the ocean easily using this cane that reassembles into a telescope with tripod stand. Necessary navigation instruments, including a wind gauge that attaches to the top of the telescope, a compass and writing instruments are conveniently held within the shaft. 38" length. \$12,850. #30-7109



Thomas Jefferson Cane
A stately bust of the former president serves as the knob of this decorative walking stick. 35" length. \$1,985. #31-2189



Snake in Hand Cane
A fearsome snake slithers around a man's arm in the carved handle of this walking stick, complementing the elegant hardwood shaft. 35 1/2" length. \$1,885. #31-1972



Decorative Piqué Cane
This exceptionally rare 18th-century cane is an exquisite example of silver piqué work, where small silver pins are used to create an inlaid design. 34" length. \$4,450. #30-8485



Beethoven Cane
Beethoven's amazing likeness adorns this cane, featuring the telltale tousled tresses and period attire seen in many portraits of the consummate artist. 37 1/4" length. \$2,450. #30-9048



Presentation Cane
This beautiful cane features the Roman god Mercury, a stylized monogram and a thoughtful inscription. 35¹/₂" length.
\$1,950. #30-9043



Louis XVI Shadow Cane
Used by Royalists to show support of the imprisoned king, this knob casts a shadow of his profile. 37¹/₂" length.
\$3,450. #30-8427



Art Nouveau Cane
The busts of two maidens complete with long flowing tresses are carved into the handle of this attractive Art Nouveau cane. 34¹/₂" length. \$1,450.
#31-1975

Weapon canes are among the most complex and scarce of all walking sticks as they were skillfully and cleverly engineered to conceal a host of deadly weapons, including swords, daggers, spikes, bludgeons and even guns.



Muzzleloader Rifle Cane

The beautifully patinated wood handle is adorned with silver inlay and serves as the grip for this intriguing firearm with a trigger located just under the handle. 38³/₄" length. \$26,500. #30-2314



Breech Loading Gun Cane

Cutting an elegant figure, this cane features an L-shaped handle that becomes the grip of a breech-loading gun when tugged. A push-button firing mechanism completes this lethal walking stick. 28¹/₄" length. \$3,450. #30-3932



Gun Cane

Not merely a simple cane, this stately walking stick holds a lethal dual purpose, as a gun is concealed in its wooden shaft. 33" length. \$3,250. #31-2125



Drinking Cane

This fascinating and functional system cane conceals a hidden flask within the shaft, perfect for a discreet tipple on the sly. 35" length. \$1,685. #31-2143



Cigarette Holder Cane

Ideal for both collectors of walking sticks and smoking accessories, this intriguing cane conceals an elegant and handy cigarette holder in the tip of its classic handle. 36" length. \$1,950. #31-2149



Opium Cane

A small compartment for storing opium is revealed by unscrewing this handsome cane's masterfully carved knob. 35" length. \$2,450. #31-2159



Pipe Smoker's Cane

Unscrewing the silvered handle of this malacca wood walking stick reveals a compartment with a collapsible pipe for a quick and convenient smoke on the go. 35" length. \$1,885. #31-1886

Decorative canes indicated high social status and also allowed highly-skilled master artisans to display the full virtuosity of their craft.



Silver Serpent Cane
A snarling, scaly snake is poised to strike on the imposing handle of this cane. 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ " length. \$1,885. #31-2013

Silver Figural Cane
The stoic face of a Native American elder looks out from the chased silver handle of this walking stick. 35 $\frac{3}{4}$ " length. \$1,885. #31-1900

Silver Car Cane
A detailed image of a classic car appears on the silver handle of this dashing walking stick. 36 $\frac{1}{4}$ " length. \$2,850. #31-0010



Silver Art Nouveau Cane

Delicately crafted from silver, the stylish crook handle depicts a nude figure with a snake, evoking the tale of Eve in Eden. 35³/₄" length. \$2,250. #31-2005



Silver Aquatic Cane

A seascape is featured along the elegant handle, while the head of a fish peeks outwards from the handle's base. 34¹/₂" length. \$1,885. #31-2011

Silver Greyhound Cane

The silver handle of this greyhound cane perfectly complements its elegant shaft. 36³/₄" length. \$1,450. #31-2001



French Military Doctor's Cane
This important French cane contains the rudimentary tools of a military doctor. The smooth horn knob handle is topped by a brass plaque bearing a seal inscribed "Infirmiers Militaires." The cane contains several glass vials, some of which contain their original contents, including gauze and a lancet. 36" length. \$6,850. #30-2132



Cyclist's Cup Cane

This Victorian-era walking stick's knob is equipped with a "vest pocket cup" that expands and collapses, making it perfect for quick refreshment on the go. Late 19th century. 36" length. \$2,450. #31-1922



Pill Dispenser Cane

Medication stays safe and close at hand in the knob of this cane. A small hole allows for easy dispensing, while a sleek bronze collar connects the handle to an ebonized wood shaft. 36 $\frac{1}{8}$ " length. \$1,450. #31-1881

Flutes and violins were popular instrument walking sticks among 18th-century nobility and were later embraced by prosperous upper classes in the 19th century.

Violinist's Cane

This handsome cane serves a surprising dual purpose, housing a complete working violin and bow in its wooden shaft. 36" length. \$18,500. #30-9891





Flute Cane

The shaft of this musical cane is actually a working flute, and it can be counted among the most desirable walking sticks ever made. 35¹/₄" length. \$9,850. #30-9893

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Kaleidoscope & Dice Game Cane

The handle of this system cane is actually the eyepiece of a kaleidoscope concealed within the shaft. The lower section of the cane contains dice for games on the go. 36½" length. \$4,450. #30-9040



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