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Fig: 1.

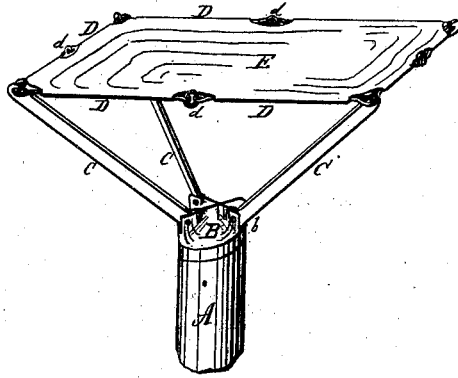


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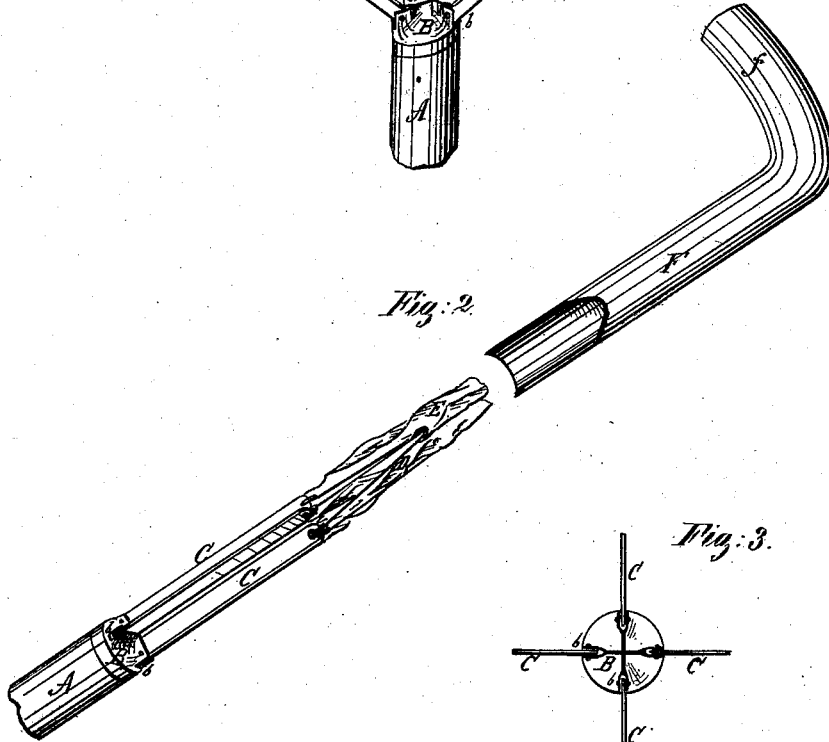
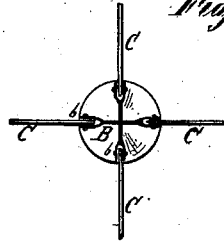


Fig: 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED CANE AND STOOL.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. TRUESDELL, of Elgin, in the county of Kane and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Walking-Stick and Camp-Stool Combined, of which the following is a full and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the seat when extended. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the cane with the seat folded and ready to enter the socket of the upper portion; and Fig. 3 is a plan or end view of the lower portion of the cane with the stretcher-bars extended.

The nature of my invention relates to a walking-stick which can be readily changed into a camp-stool; and it consists of a cane having its shank divided at about the middle between ferrule and handle, the lower or ferruled portion of which forms the standard-support for a folding seat composed of four stretcher-bars, which, when extended, are held from turning down to a horizontal line by chains or tie-links connecting the outer ends of the stretcher-bars with each other, so that all combined form a square frame, between which a piece of canvas is stretched for making the seat. When said seat is contracted or folded it narrows up to such a compass that it can be inserted and hidden in a socket provided in the upper or handle portion of the cane.

A is the lower portion of the cane, having a ferrule on its bottom end, (not shown in the drawing,) and a thimble, B, on its top end, with four hinge-sockets, *b*, for pivoting therein the ends of four stretcher-bars, C, which

are so placed in relation with each other that their upper or inward edges will meet on the axis of the cane when folded. The upper or outward ends of the stretcher-bars C are coupled together by tie-chains D, each chain being composed of two links equally long, and coupled together by a central ring, *d*. Said tie-chains D are of such lengths that they will hold the stretcher-bars C above the horizontal line. When the seat is spread the four tie-chains D form a square frame, between which a piece of canvas, E, or other flexible material is secured so as to make a comfortable seat.

The top portion F of the shank has a socket, which conceals the seat portion of the stool when inserted therein, and the lower end of which receives, and makes a tight joint with, the top end of the lower cane portion A, so that it will have the appearance of, and admit of being used as, a walking-stick, having the handle *f*.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A camp-stool consisting of the standard A, having thimble B, stretcher-bars C, tie-chains D, and canvas seat E, all constructed and arranged substantially as described and shown.

2. The ferrule portion A of a cane, having thimble B, stretcher-bars C, tie-chains D, and canvas seat E, in combination with the upper portion F of the cane, having a socket in its shank, all constructed substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

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