



## CANE ADVENTURES

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This cane has been an important part of my life now for a year. Did you know that this accessory could have adventures all on her own? Well, she can. On numerous occasions she has decided to stay in places I have visited. Sometimes I haven't noticed my cane's absence until the car needed gas at the next stop! Imagine my surprise when I realised that she had not accompanied me. I was annoyed at her boldness because now we had a problem which I had not anticipated and did not have time for. Can you believe this, I was in Barrie and the cane was in Parry Sound. Yes, it was! Finding the phone number for that previous place was not easy. But find it I did with the assistance of some helpful store employees. I called and sure enough she had been found. I was asked if we were coming back to retrieve her. I was on my way to Toronto and decided to let that cane stay where it was and think about the problems she had caused me. Good thing that I had put my name on it so I could properly identify this errant thing. Two days later we picked her up in Parry Sound. I was not happy with her as you can imagine!

I never know where she will decide to stay behind. A phone call from my manicurist recently verified that yes, she had decided not to come home with us. It has been happening too frequently! I may have to replace her with another one. That will show her! It's embarrassing to have people run behind me, "Madam, you forgot your cane!" They don't understand that it is that cane which once again decided to have an adventure of her own! Shopping is the most fun for her, so

many places where she can hide out of sight. I leave the store and once again she stood me up. There's no end to this thing's whimsies! By now she should be used to my occasional absentmindedness and be helpful not annoying.

I know she is having fun tricking me but I've just about had it with that cane! There are prettier ones around so getting a new one is within the realm of possibility and she'd better understand that. Oh dear, we just have to find an amicable solution for both the cane and me – her supposed owner.

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