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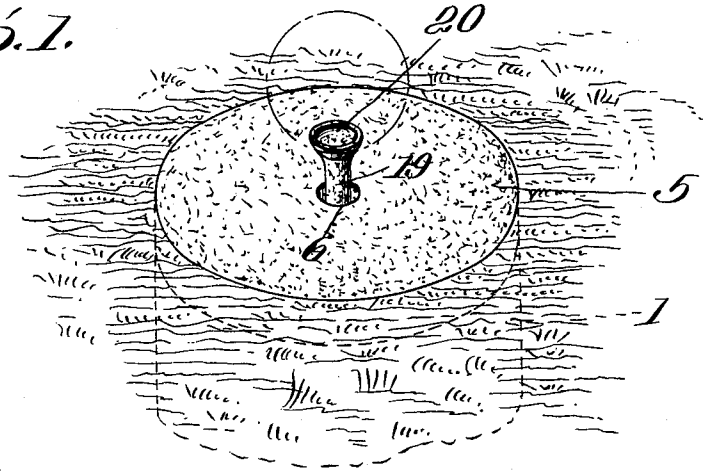
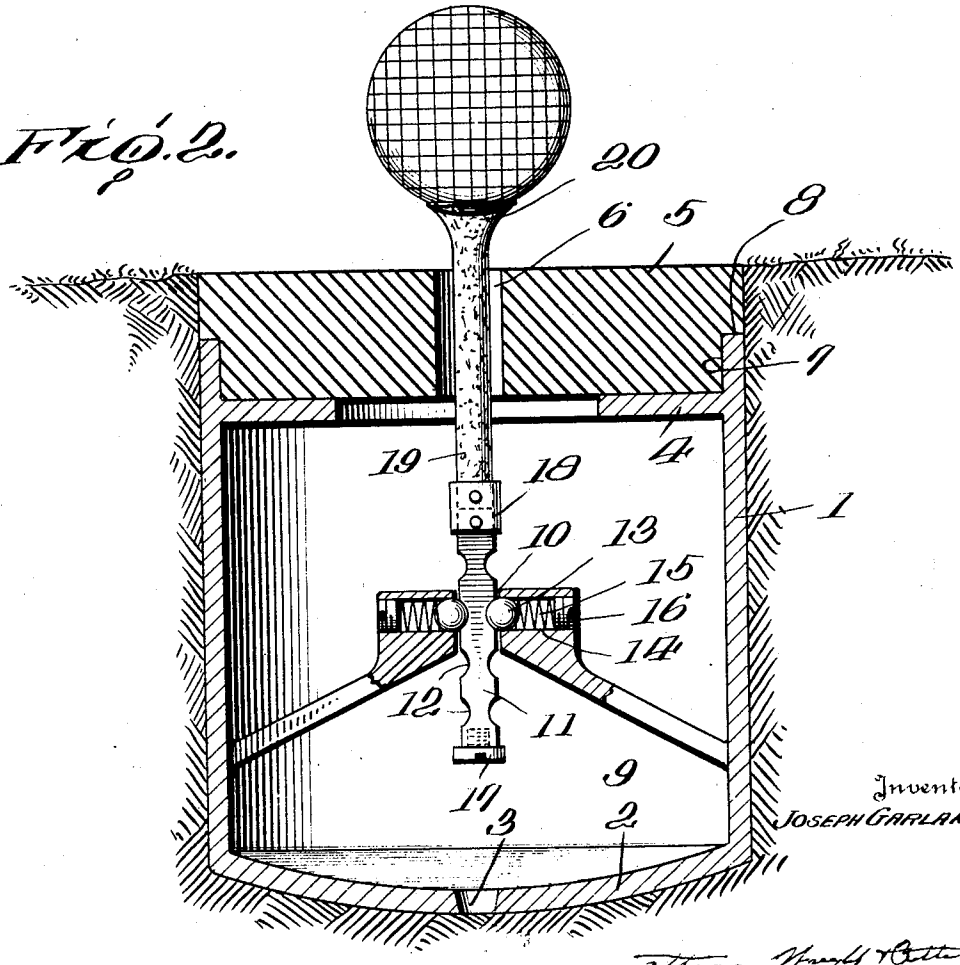


FIG. 2.



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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in a combination golf tee and marker, the object being to provide an adjustable tee for supporting a golf ball.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device which is exceedingly simple and cheap in construction and one in which a rubber tee is adjustably mounted in a casing which is adapted to be buried in the ground, which casing forms a marker and provides means for supporting a ball at various heights.

A still further object of my invention is to provide novel means for holding the adjustable tee in its various positions whereby it can be readily adjusted and held in that position.

Other and further objects and advantages of the invention will be hereinafter set forth and the novel features thereof defined by the appended claims.

In the drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a combination golf tee and marker constructed in accordance with my invention; and

Figure 2 is a vertical section through the same.

In the embodiment of my invention as herein shown, I employ a cylindrical casing 1 preferably formed of aluminum having a concavo-convex bottom 2 provided with a drain opening 3. The casing is provided with an internal annular flange 4 adjacent its upper end forming a seat for a rubber disc or pad 5 which is provided with a central opening 6, said pad being cut away at 7 so as to fit the interior of the upper end of the casing and provide a shoulder 8 which engages the upper edge of the casing and helps to support the pad in such a position that when the casing is embedded within the ground, the upper surface of the pad will be flush with the adjacent surface.

Extending inwardly from the inner walls of the casing are converging arms 9 which terminate in a guide member 10 in which is slidably mounted a bar 11 provided with oppositely disposed notches 12 struck on the arc of a circle, said notches being adapted to receive spring pressed balls 13 which are mounted in bores 14 and engaged by springs 15, the tension of which are adjusted by screw plugs 16 and as these balls are arranged on opposite sides of the bar 11, the bar can be moved up and down so as to allow the bar to be adjusted at different heights by exerting a pull or a push endwise of the bar.

In the construction herein shown, the upward movement of the bar is limited by a screw 17 and the downward movement by a coupling sleeve 18 which is connected to the upper end of the bar 11 and in which is secured the stem 19 of a rubber tee 20 which extends through the opening 6 of the pad 5 so as to support a golf ball at the desired height above the upper surface of the pad.

The coupling sleeve 18 connects the slidably mounted bar to the rubber stem 19 of the rubber tee 20 so that by grasping the rubber tee and exerting an upward pull on the same or exerting a downward pull, the tee can be readily adjusted as the bar is free to move in the guideway and is held by the oppositely disposed balls 13 which ride out of the oppositely disposed notches as the bar is moved upwardly and downwardly. The stem is free to move in the opening 6 of the pad so that there is a limited movement of the tee when the ball is struck by one hitting the same and as the pad is formed of rubber and the tee is formed of rubber, a resilient support is formed for the ball so that the tee is prevented from being injured when struck by a club.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have provided a flexible tee which is adjustably mounted in a casing which is adapted to be embedded in the ground, yielding means being provided for holding the tee in its adjusted position so that the ball can be supported at various heights above the surface of the ground.

The tees of an ordinary golf course are provided with what are known as markers and generally consist of balls placed at each edge of the tee indicating a line from which the ball is to be driven and the object of my invention is to provide a combination golf tee and marker whereby the usual balls can be dispensed with and my invention substituted therefor so that the balls can be driven off the tee at the proper position.

What I claim is:

1. A combination golf tee and marker comprising a cylindrical casing having diverging arms terminating in a guide way, a bar slidably mounted in said guideway provided with notches, spring pressed balls cooperating with said notches for holding said bar in adjusted position and a rubber tee carried by said bar and extending above the upper end of said casing.

2. A combination golf marker and tee comprising a cylindrical casing having an annular flange adjacent its upper end, an apertured rubber pad arranged in said casing and seated upon said flange, a guideway formed in said casing, a bar having oppositely disposed notches slidably mounted in said guideway, oppositely disposed balls cooperating with said notches, springs engaging said balls, adjustable members engaging

said springs and a tee carried by said bar extending through the aperture of said pad.

3. A combination marker and tee comprising a cylinder, a casing adapted to be embedded in the ground having a pad for closing the upper end thereof provided with a central opening, diverging arms arranged within said casing terminating in a guideway, a bar slidably mounted in said guideway having oppositely disposed notches, spring pressed balls cooperating with said notches for holding said bar in adjusted position, a rubber tee extending through the aperture of said pad and a coupling sleeve connecting the stem of said tee to the upper end of said bar whereby said tee can be adjusted vertically.

4. A combined tee and marker comprising a casing having a vertically disposed guideway, a bar slidably mounted in said guideway, yieldable means engaging the opposite sides of said bar for holding said bar in adjusted position in said guideway and a flexible tee carried by said bar extending upwardly beyond the top surface of said casing.

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