

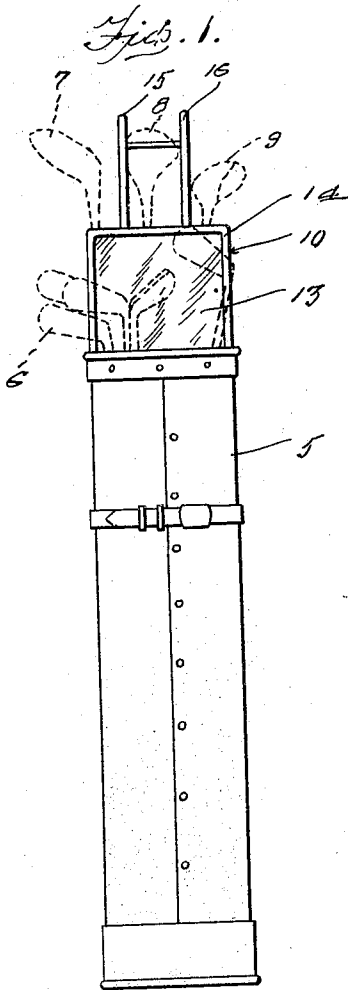
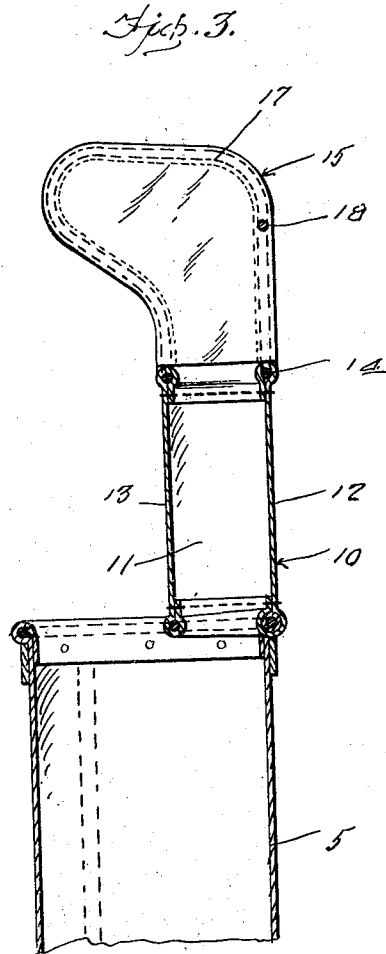
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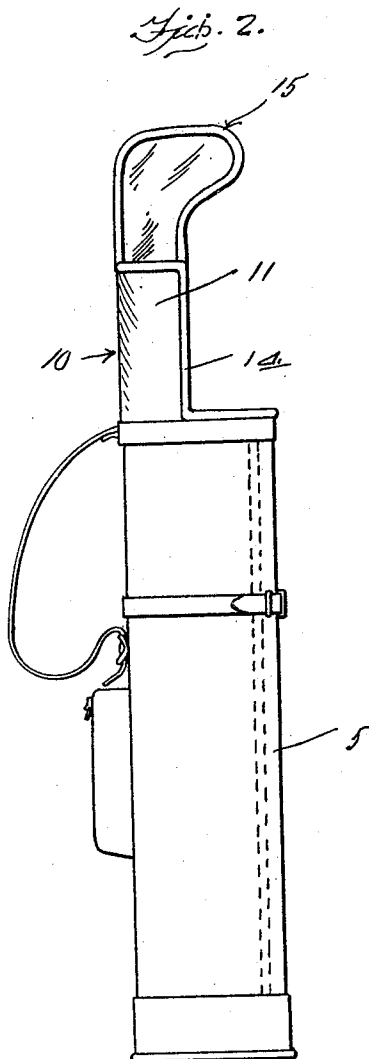
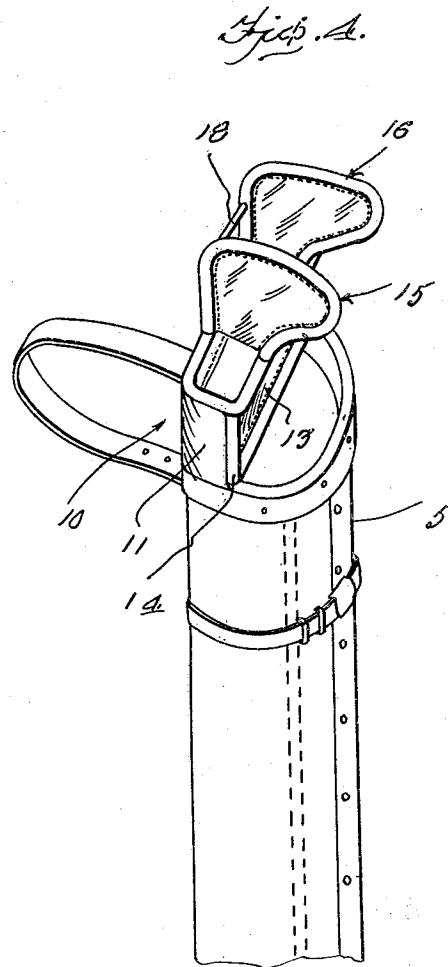
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This invention relates to an improved golf bag characterized by a supplementary feature designed to serve a long-felt need in the construction of golf bags.

It is generally conceded by golf players that the clubs frequently become disorderly and mixed to the extent of interfering with prompt and expeditious selection for usage. Moreover, since the ordinary set of standard clubs embodies a plurality of irons and wood head clubs, it is not unusual for the shifting and jostling of the irons to injure the wooden head by scraping and scoring.

In an effort to solve the problem of segregating the clubs into groups, and isolating the wood head clubs from one another, I have evolved and produced a simple and expedient accessory capable of being incorporated in a conventional bag structure in a manner to better satisfy the demand for protection of expensive clubs by a simple method of separation.

More explicitly stated, my idea involves an attachment in the nature of an extension applicable to the mouth of the bag to provide what may be designated as a cellular sheath for systematically segregating the clubs at the head ends without sacrificing the desired features of expeditious accessibility.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a golf bag constructed in accordance with the present inventive conception.

Figure 2 is a side view thereof.

Figure 3 is a view in section and elevation.

Figure 4 is a perspective view.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, it will be observed that the usual receptacle portion of the bag is generally denoted by the numeral 5. This is of customary proportions and of suitable design and construction. The attachment is mounted on the upper end or mouth portion of the bag and occupies ap-

proximately one-half or slightly less of the diameter of said mouth portion.

Otherwise stated, the attachment is of such a construction and dimension as to occupy a position substantially flush with the wall of the bag and to partly overlie the mouth in such a way as to avoid interference with insertion and removal of the irons. Incidentally, the irons are denoted by the reference characters 6 in Figure 1.

I might also state here that the longer clubs, that is the ones provided with wood heads, are represented by the numerals 7, 8 and 9. These comprise the customary clubs known in the profession as the spoon, the driver, and the brassie. The attachment is such as to separate these three clubs, 7, 8 and 9 from the iron and to also separate the wooden head portions thereof from each other.

As before implied, the body portion of the attachment may be defined as a cellular extension embodying a longitudinally disposed sheath 10. This sheath is in the nature of an open-ended envelope or casing and made of suitable material such as leather and embodies end walls 11, an outer or rear wall 12, and a front wall 13.

Appropriate metal frames are embodied in the marginal portions to provide reinforcing edging beads 14. Extending above the open top of this sheath, are wing-like extensions 15 and 16 which function as separators and shields. It has been found satisfactory to make these shields of the peculiar configuration illustrated in Figure 3, the general outline resembling that of the wooden head on the club. These shields are in the nature of flexible diaphragms of leather or equivalent materials stretched over and attached to similarly shaped wire frames 17 and said frames are joined together in spaced parallelism by a connecting rod 18, for rigidity and strength.

Thus, this open-ended sleeve-like sheath serves to accommodate the wrapped end por-

tions of the shafts of the clubs 7, 8 and 9, and the provision of the extension 15 and 16 define three individual compartments for segregating the heads of the clubs 7, 8 and 9 from each other. The shafts or handle portions of all clubs however, extend down into the bag 5. Thus, there is no material change in the bag itself, but only in the supplementary part, that is, the attachment, and this functions as an effective protection device in the manner illustrated in the drawings.

It is obvious that the preferred length of the sheath is such as to project slightly above the headed ends of the irons 6. Consequently, the front wall 13 of the sheath forms an effective divider or partitioning agent between a set of irons and the three wood head clubs. Not only this, the wing-like shields 15 and 16 constitute cell forming elements for segregating the clubs 7, 8 and 9, in individual relationship.

By enveloping the wrapped portions of the shafts of the clubs 7, 8 and 9, within the sheath, the wrappings are prevented from coming into engagement with the sharpened edges of the metal head irons 6. Consequently, severing of the wrapping is prevented.

It is submitted that an improved golf bag of this type is a novel contribution to the art in that it embodies salient features of club protection and systematic club segregation, causing the different groups of clubs to occupy positions apart from one another. The result is that the clubs maintain a more orderly arrangement in the bag than when allowed to shift into inconvenient position while the bag is being transported or carried.

It is therefore believed that this improved bag will be sanctioned by direct persons because of the feature of expeditious accessibility, convenient segregation, and protection against the scarring of expensive wood head clubs by the irons.

It is thought that the description taken in connection with the drawings will enable a clear understanding of the invention to be had. Therefore, a more lengthy description is thought unnecessary.

While the preferred embodiment of the invention has been shown and described, it is to be understood that minor changes coming within the field of invention claimed may be resorted to if desired.

I claim:

1. A device of the class described comprising a conventional golf bag open at its top to permit insertion and removal of standard clubs, an attachment for said open end comprising an open-ended sheath attached to and projecting beyond the open end of said bag so as to accommodate wooden head clubs, said sheath being provided at its top with a pair of spaced parallel wing-like extensions constituting separators to divide the customary three wooden head clubs, whereby to

permit the irons to be separated from the wooden head clubs, and the wooden-head clubs to be segregated from one another.

2. In a structure of the class described, a golf bag having an opening in one end thereof for the passage of wooden and iron clubs, a sheath attached to the open end of said bag and having a cross-sectional area less than the opening in the bag, leaving a portion of the opening in the bag for the reception of the shanks of iron clubs, said sheath being provided with a plurality of laterally spaced extensions, constituting separators to hold the heads of wooden clubs separate and apart.

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