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FIG. 1.

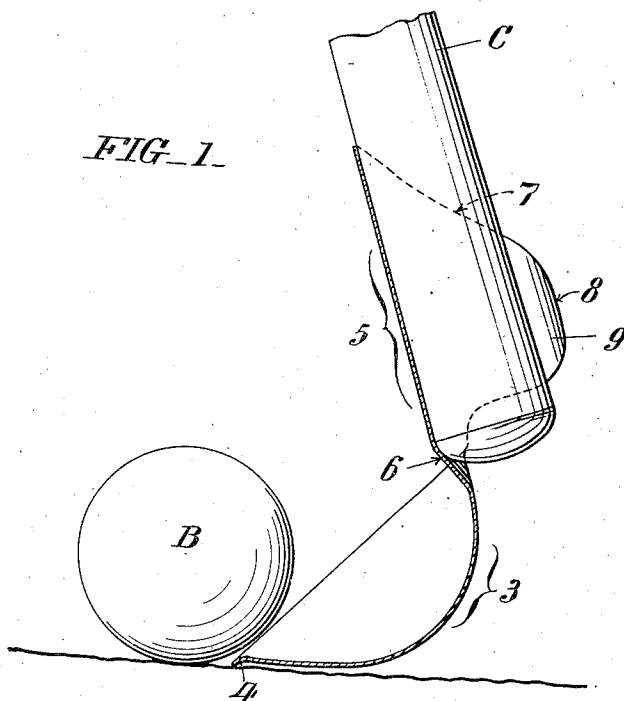
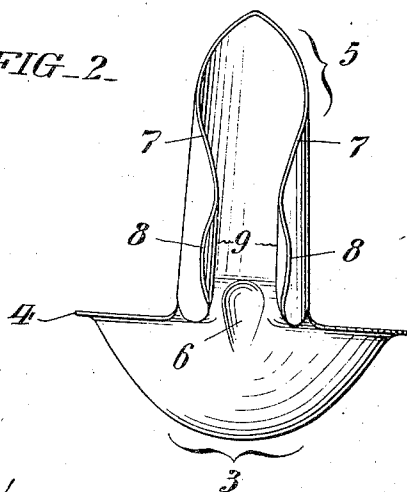


FIG. 2.



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This invention relates to devices useful in retrieving balls from sand pits, mud holes, streams, etc. and is concerned more particularly with retrievers intended for golfers.

The aim of my invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device of the kind referred to which is small and compact so that it can be readily carried about in a golf bag; and which has provisions whereby it may be detachably connected to the handle end of a golf stick.

In the drawings, Fig. 1 is a view in section of a ball retrieving device conveniently embodying my invention and showing how the same is to be applied to the handle end of an ordinary golf club; and

Fig. 2 shows the rear elevation of the device.

As hereinafter illustrated, my improved ball retriever is fashioned as an integral structure from relatively stout sheet material (which in practice may be metal or an equivalent having springy characteristics) with a cup 3 of substantially semi-spherical configuration having an outwardly-extending perimetrical lip flange 4, and with a tubular shank 5 which projects upwardly at an obtuse angle from the rear of a cup. In order to stiffen and strengthen the juncture between the cup 3 and the shank 5 and also for another purpose hereinafter pointed out, the sheet material is inwardly offset or indented concavely at 6. It is to be especially observed that the shank 5 is longitudinally split at the back and recedes downwardly symmetrically at opposite sides from the front center of its top as at 7, with attendant formation of wings 8 whereof the ends are outwardly rounded as at 9 to provide a relatively wide entrant mouth. In the present instance the shank 5 is moreover tapered slightly to snugly fit the handle end of a golf stick or club such as partly indicated at C in Fig. 1.

When the retriever is to be used, the shank 5 thereof is sprung over the golf club handle in a manner readily understandable from Fig. 1, and thereby frictionally and clampingly held in place with the butt of the handle seated within the stop indentation 6, by the spring action of the wings 8. Subsequent removal of the retriever may be effected by reversing the above procedure, or

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by stripping it downward from the golf club handle.

In the use of the retriever, the cup 3 is positioned as suggested in Fig. 1 with its lip 4 under-reaching the ball B which is to be recovered, and the golf club C thereupon given a sweeping movement to scoop up the ball, likewise in the manner which will be readily understood from the illustration last referred to.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I have provided a ball retriever which is small and compact for ready accommodation in the golf bag; and which lends itself to ready economic manufacture in quantity by resort to die-stamping.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a ball retriever fashioned from stiff sheet material with a cup portion, and with a tubular spring shank portion disposed in angular relation to the cup portion, said shank portion being longitudinally split at the rear and having the edges along the split reversely rounded outwardly for facile connection of the retriever to and disconnection from the handle portion of a golf stick or the like, and being inwardly offset at its juncture with the cup portion to provide a stop for contacting the end of the stick handle.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a ball retriever fashioned from stiff sheet material with a cup portion, and with a tubular shank portion disposed in angular relation to the cup portion, said shank portion being longitudinally split at the rear and having the edges along the split reversely rounded outwardly for facile connection of the retriever to and disconnection from the handle portion of a golf stick or the like.

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