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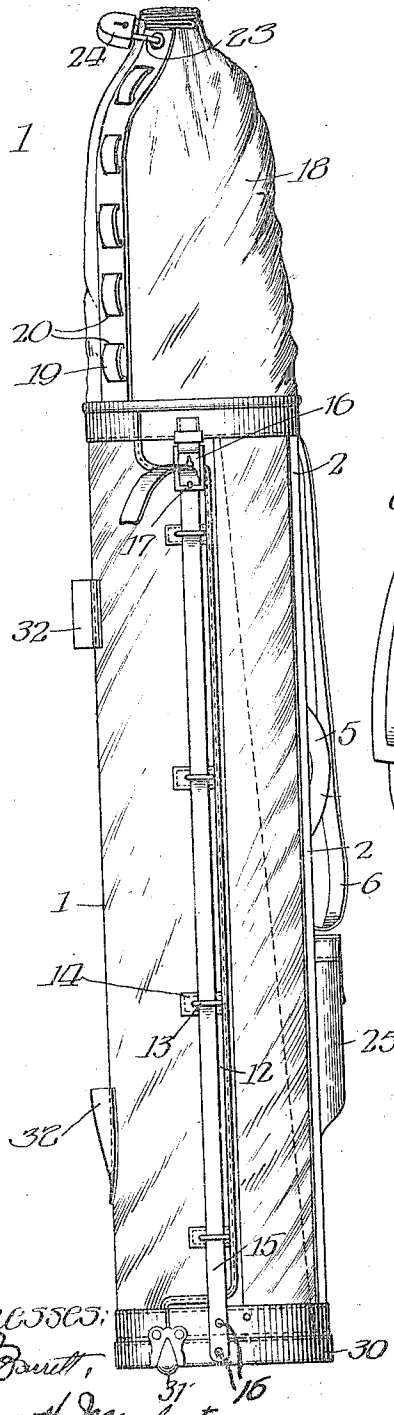
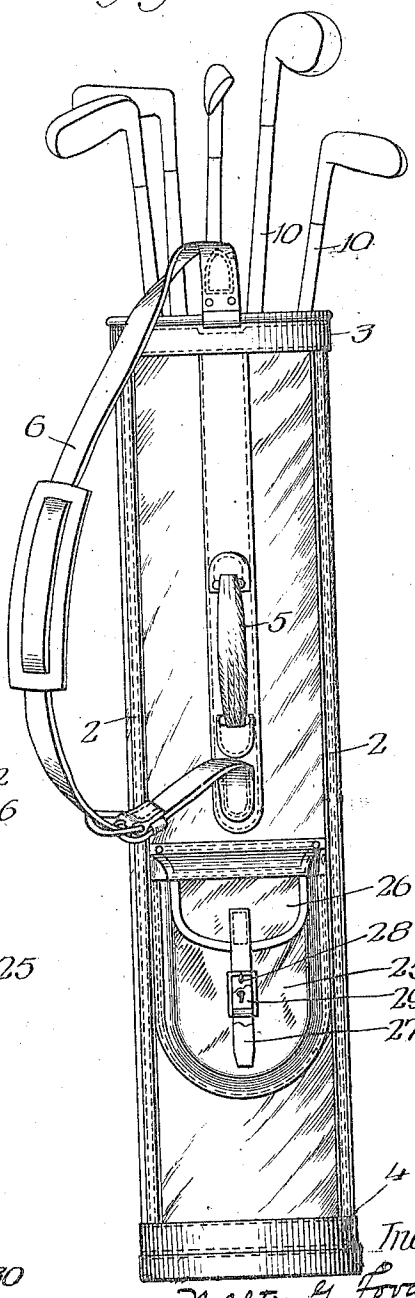


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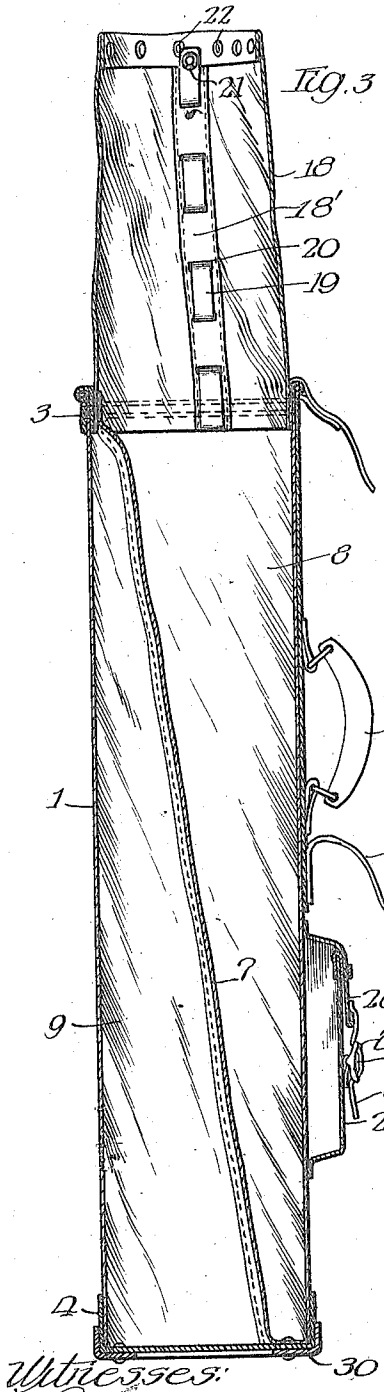


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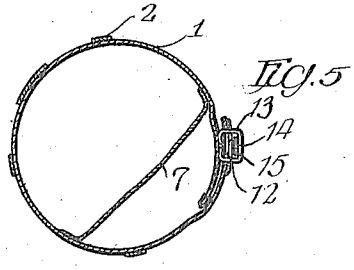


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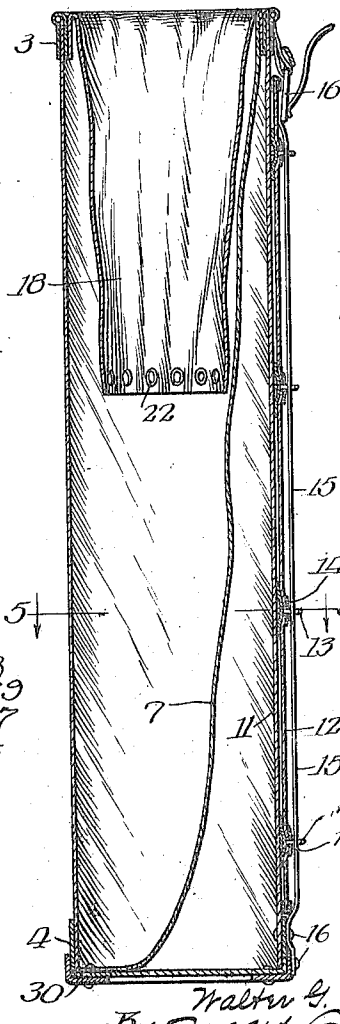


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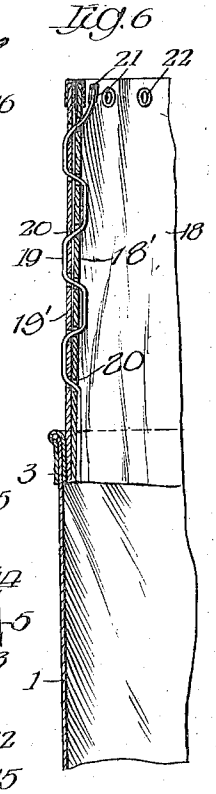


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER G. FOVARGUE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Glencoe, in the county of Lake and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to golf bags and more particularly to improvements in the golf bag disclosed in Patent No. 951,448, granted on March 8, 1910, to George A. O'Neil.

It is the object of my invention to provide means in a golf bag whereby the compartments of the bag may be more readily and securely fastened and particularly to provide means for locking the compartments to prevent unauthorized access thereto.

Further objects of my invention are the provision of an improved top closure for golf bags and means for reinforcing the bottom of the bag to prevent excessive wear.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will be apparent as it is better understood by reference to the following specification when read in connection with the accompanying drawing illustrating a preferred embodiment thereof in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the bag with the top closure in operative position;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the bag from a direction normal to the direction of view in Fig. 1, but with the top closure disposed in inoperative position;

Fig. 3 is a vertical section through the bag with the top closure in operative position;

Fig. 4 is a vertical section through the bag with the top closure in inoperative position;

Fig. 5 is a horizontal section on the line 5 of Fig. 4, and

Fig. 6 is a detail in section illustrating the means for securing the free edges of the top closure.

Referring to the drawings, 1 indicates the cylindrical body of the bag which is preferably constructed of flexible material with longitudinal reinforcing means 2 disposed thereabout to maintain the walls in distended position. The top and bottom of the bag are provided with reinforcing means 3 and 4, respectively, preferably of leather and the usual handle 5 and shoulder strap 6 are suitably secured to the bag. A longitudinal partition 7, preferably of flexible material is secured within the bag to the top and bottom thereof and to the opposite sides of the bag to divide it into two compartments 8 and 9, respectively, the former being open at the mouth of the bag and being adapted to receive the sticks 10.

The compartment 9 is adapted to receive apparel or other objects which the user desires to convey therein and access is obtained thereto through an opening in the walls of the bag extending longitudinally thereof and normally closed by the flaps 11 and 12 preferably formed integrally with the sides of the bag. The inner flap 11 is provided with a plurality of loops 13 secured thereto at intervals and adapted, when the flaps are in closed relation, to pass through eyelets 14 in the outer flap 12. A flexible member 15, preferably a leather strap, is secured at 16 by rivets or other suitable means to the base of the bag and passes through the loops 13 to the upper end of the bag where it cooperates with a locking buckle 16 secured to the reinforcing means 3. The locking buckle 16 is provided with a tongue 17 adapted to engage the flexible member 15, the tongue 17 being arranged to be locked and unlocked by a key of definite configuration. It will be readily understood, therefore, that when the flaps 11 and 12 have been secured by means of the flexible member 15 and the locking buckle 16 access can not be obtained to the compartment 9 except by means of the proper key.

Secured to the mouth of the bag is a top closure 18, preferably of flexible material and divided longitudinally so that when not in use it may be turned inwardly of the bag and will not interfere with the insertion and removal of the sticks 10 while the user is playing. As will be readily seen in Figs. 3 and 4, the top closure 18 tapers gradually from the mouth of the bag to its extremity, the extremity being of considerably smaller diameter than the mouth of the bag and I have found that this arrangement is particularly advantageous since it prevents undue bulkiness of the top closure and allows the extremity thereof to be more readily fastened in the manner presently to be described.

As previously stated the top closure 18 is divided longitudinally and in order to secure the free edges 18′ and 19′ thereof I provide a flexible member 19 secured to the reinforcing member 3 and threaded through eyelets 20 in the free edges of the top closure 18 as indicated in Fig. 6. The

end of the flexible member 19 is provided with an eyelet 21 and the extremity of the top closure 18 is provided with similar eyelets 22 through which the hasp 23 of a padlock 24 may be disposed to retain the mouth of the closure 18 and the extremity of the flexible member 19 in closed position, so that access can not be obtained to the clubs without a proper key.

Secured to the walls of the bag is a ball pocket 25 having a closing flap 26 to which is secured a flexible member 27 adapted to coöperate with the tongue 28 of a locking buckle 29. The tongue 28 is arranged to be locked in closed position by means of a suitable key and, as will be readily understood, when the buckle is locked with the flexible member 28 in engagement therewith access to the contents of the pocket 25 is effectually prevented. A strip 30 of rawhide is secured to the outer edge of the bottom of the bag in any suitable manner and owing to its great toughness prevents wear and materially lengthens the life of the bag. As an additional protection a member 31 of metal is secured to the outer edge of the bottom of the bag opposite the handle 5, so that the bag is not injured when the bottom edge is allowed to drag. Secured to the walls of the bag are a pair of loops 32 adapted to receive an umbrella or cane.

It will be apparent from the foregoing that I have perfected a golf bag which presents numerous advantages over the bags heretofore in use and which is particularly desirable by reason of the fact that the contents of the compartments may be securely fastened and locked against unauthorized access thereto.

It will be obvious that various changes may be made in the form, construction and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention or sacrificing any of its material advantages, the form hereinbefore described being merely a preferred embodiment thereof.

I claim:

1. In a golf bag, the combination of side walls and a bottom, and a top closure for said bag comprising flexible walls divided longitudinally throughout substantially the entire length thereof, and means for securing the free longitudinal edges of said walls in closed relation.

2. In a golf bag, the combination of side walls and a bottom, a top closure for said bag comprising flexible walls extending and tapering gradually from the mouth of said bag to the upper extremity thereof, said flexible walls being divided longitudinally, and means for securing the free edges of said walls in closed relation.

3. In a golf bag, the combination of side walls and a bottom, a top closure for said bag comprising flexible walls extending and tapering gradually from the mouth of said bag to the upper extremity thereof, said flexible walls being divided longitudinally, eyelets in the free edges of said walls, and means coöperating with said eyelets to secure said edges in closed relation.

4. In a golf bag, the combination of side walls and a bottom, a top closure for said bag comprising flexible walls extending and tapering gradually from the mouth of said bag to the upper extremity thereof, said flexible walls being divided longitudinally, eyelets in the free edges of said walls, and a strap adapted to be threaded through said eyelets.

5. In a golf bag, the combination of side walls and a bottom, a top closure for said bag comprising flexible walls divided longitudinally throughout substantially the entire length thereof, means for securing the free longitudinal edges of said walls in closed relation, and means for locking the top of said closure.

6. In a golf bag, the combination of side walls and a bottom, a top closure for said bag comprising flexible walls divided longitudinally throughout substantially the entire length thereof, eyelets in the free longitudinal edges of said walls, and a strap adapted to be threaded through said eyelets.

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