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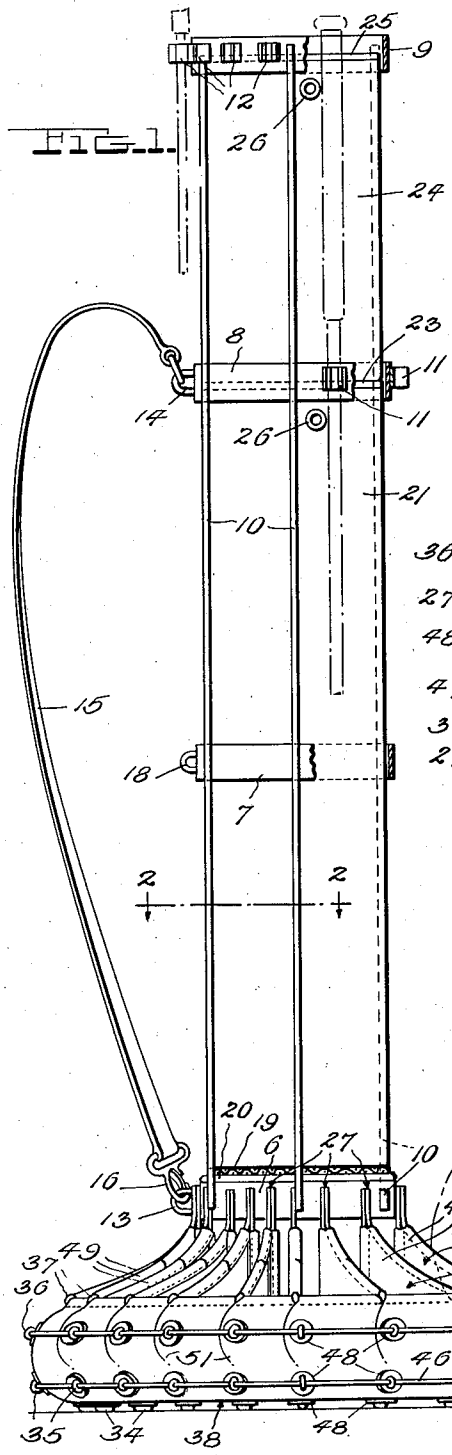
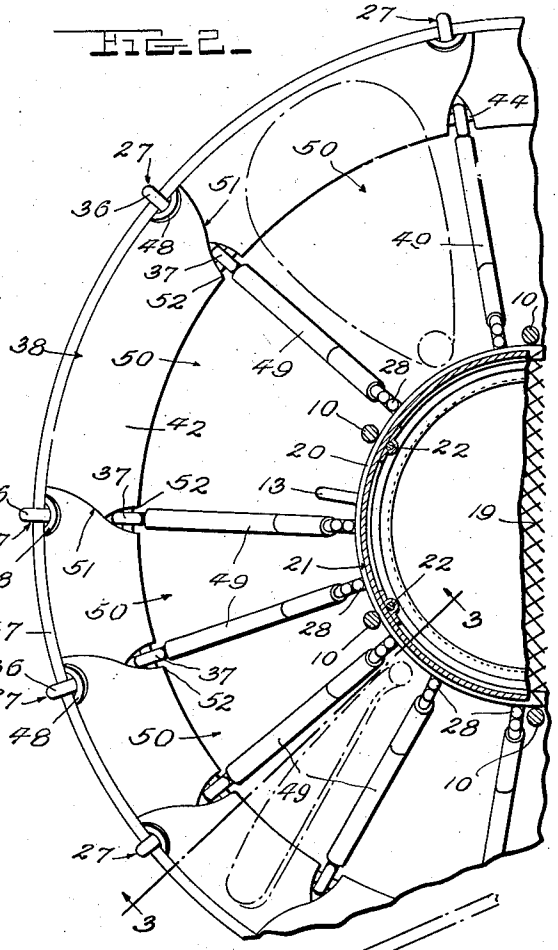


FIG. 2.



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FIG. 3

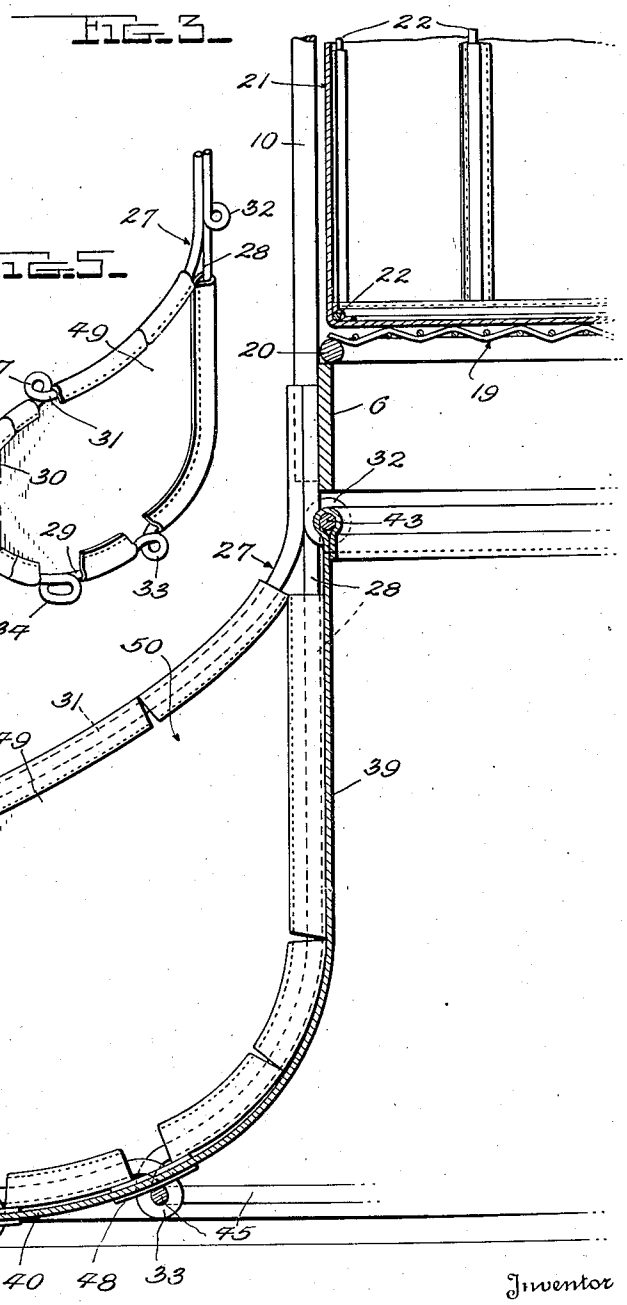


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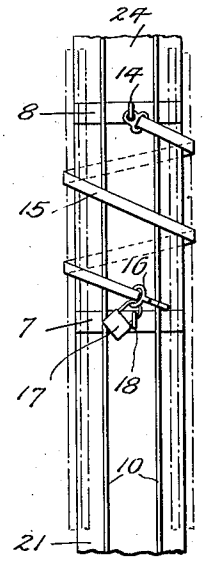


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The invention aims primarily to provide a new and improved device for carrying golf clubs, the construction being such that all of the clubs are accessibly exposed for quick and easy selection and removal, and are firmly held against loss.

Another object is to provide a novel device in which the clubs may be firmly locked against removal by unauthorized persons.

A still further object is to make novel provision for carrying golf balls, sweater and/or other equipment.

Yet another aim is to provide a construction which may be rather easily and inexpensively manufactured and sold at a reasonable price, yet will be desirable and long-lived, and may be readily repaired whenever necessary.

With the foregoing and minor objects in view, the invention resides in the novel subject matter hereinafter described and claimed, description being accomplished by reference to the accompanying drawings.

Fig. 1 is a side elevation partly broken away and in section.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary horizontal sectional view substantially on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a further enlarged detail vertical sectional view substantially on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary side elevation showing the manner in which the clubs may be locked against removal.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the radial partitions and the frame to which it is secured.

In the drawings above briefly described, the numerals 6, 7, 8 and 9 denote four horizontal rings disposed in vertically spaced relation, said rings being secured to vertical rods 10. The rings 8 and 9 are provided with external clips 11 and 12 respectively, to engage the shafts of golf clubs, and the rings 6 and 8 have external loops 13 and 14 respectively, for use in connecting a carrying strap 15 thereto. The connection of the strap with the ring 8 is preferably permanent, but a detachable connection is employed between said strap and the ring 6, said detachable connection preferably consisting of a snap hook 16 engaged with the loop 13, permitting this end of the strap to be freed, whereby it may be wound around the central vertical member or frame of the device and the golf club shafts engaged with the clips 11 and 12, as seen in Fig. 4. After such winding of the strap, its previously freed end may be secured by a padlock 17 to the ring 7, which ring is equipped with a loop 18. The padlock may be engaged with this loop and with a portion of the snap fastener 16, or any other suitable provision could be made to permit locking of the previously freed end of the strap after passing it around the central vertical frame of the device and the golf club shafts.

A suitable bottom 19 is secured upon the lowermost ring 6, said bottom preferably consisting of woven wire peripherally secured to the wire ring 20, which ring is in turn secured upon the ring 6. This bottom supports a lower relatively deep bag 21 which may be used for carrying a sweater or other apparel or equipment. This bag is preferably reinforced by wires 22 and it may well be provided with a hinged cover 23 (Fig. 1). Another bag 24 is provided to rest on this cover for carrying balls primarily, and said bag 24 may also well have a hinged cover 25. Both bags 21 and 24 fit removably into the central framework formed by the rings 6 to 9 and the rods 10 and it is preferable to provide the side walls of said bags with grommets or the like 26 with which to engage the fingers when lifting said bags out.

Substantially ovate wire frames 27 are secured to the lower ring 6 and radiate therefrom in substantially vertical planes. Each of these frames 27 comprises an inner bar 28 secured to and projecting downwardly from the ring 6, a substantially U-shaped bottom bar 29 joined to and extending outwardly from the lower end of said inner bar 28, a substantially C-shaped outer bar 30 joined to and projecting upwardly from the outer end of the bottom bar 29, and a top bar 31 which inclines from the upper end of said outer bar 30 to the upper end of the inner bar 28, to which it is secured. The upper end of bar 28 may well be welded to the ring 6, and the upper end of bar 31 may also be welded to said bar 28. Each frame 27 is formed with six eyes 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 in the present disclosure, and said frame may well be constructed from wire, with said eyes formed by bending portions of the wire as shown.

A flexible covering cooperates with the frames 27 in providing an annular channel or pan 38 to receive the heads of the golf clubs. This covering comprises an inner wall 39 adjacent the inner bars 28 of the frames 27, a bottom 40 adjacent the bottom bars 29 of said frames, an outer wall 41 adjacent the outer bars 30 of said frames, and a top 42 which overlies the outer portions of the top bars 31. The upper edge of the inner wall 39 is secured to a ring 43 which extends through the eyes 32 of the frames 27, and the inner edge of the top 42 is secured to another wire or ring 44 which extends through the eyes 37. The other eyes 33, 34, 35 and 36 of the frames 27 extend outwardly through openings in the adjacent portions of the pan 38, and wire rings 45, 46 and 47 are passed through said eyes 33, 35 and 36. The openings through which the various eyes pass are preferably equipped with grommets or the like as indicated at 48. The eyes 34 are preferably larger than the others, to constitute ground-engaging feet.

While the wire ring **44** at the inner edge of the pan top **42** is spaced outwardly from the inner wall **39** of the pan **38**, the spacing is such that the only way the club heads can be inserted into said pan **38**, is by downwardly inserting them endwise as will be clear by the broken lines at the lower right portion of Fig. 1. Then when the club shafts are swung toward the central vertical framework of the device for engagement with the clips **11** or **12**, the noses of the heads will underlie the top **42** of said pan and will be held against removal until again outwardly swung to an inclined position as indicated in Fig. 1.

In addition to performing the function so far explained, the frames **27** serve also as carriers for vertical radially disposed partitions **49** within the annular pan **38**, said partitions dividing said pan into various pockets **50** of different sizes according to the clubs which they are to receive.

It will be noted that the golf club heads will be protected against being damaged by each other and, therefore, the use of chamois bags for this purpose is unnecessary.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that novel and advantageous provision has been made for carrying out the objects of the invention. Any desired materials and manufacturing expedients may be adopted. If the flexible covering forming the pan **38** be so made that fullness must be taken care of in the upper portion of the outer wall **41** and the top **42**, the material may be slit and overlapped as indicated at **51**, and cut to form notches **52** which receive the eyes **37**.

While preferred features of construction have been illustrated, numerous variations may be made within the scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim:

1. In a golf club carrier, a central vertical member having a cylindrical lower end, a plurality of rigid substantially ovate frames secured to said lower end of said central member and projecting outwardly therefrom, said frames being disposed in vertical radial planes and each comprising an inner bar secured to said central member, a bottom bar projecting radially outward from said inner bar, an outer bar rising from said bottom bar, and a top bar extending inwardly from said outer bar to said inner bar; a flexible covering providing an annular pan to receive golf club heads, said pan having an inner wall lying against said inner bars, an outer wall lying against said outer bars, a bottom lying against said bottom bars, and a top wall lying against the outer portions of said top bars; means securing said flexible covering in place, and partitions secured at their edges to said frames, said partitions dividing said pan into pockets to receive golf club heads.

2. In a golf club carrier, a central vertical member having a cylindrical lower end, a plurality of rigid substantially ovate frames secured to said lower end of said central member and projecting outwardly therefrom, said frames being disposed in vertical radial planes and each comprising an inner bar secured to said central member, a bottom bar projecting radially outward from said inner bar, an outer bar rising from said bottom bar, and a top bar extending inwardly from said outer bar to said inner bar; a flexible covering providing an annular pan to receive golf club heads, said pan having an inner wall lying against said inner bars, an outer wall lying against said outer bars, a bottom lying against said bottom bars, and a top wall lying against the outer portions of said top bars; horizontal rings to which the upper edge of said inner wall and the inner edge of said top wall are secured, said rings being connected with said inner bars and said top bars, and partitions secured at their edges to said frames, said partitions dividing said pan into pockets to receive golf club heads.

3. A golf club carrier comprising a central vertically elongated member having circumferentially spaced external clips to grip golf club shafts, an annular pan connected with and projecting outwardly from the lower end of said central member, said pan having radial vertical partitions providing it with pockets to receive the golf clubs heads, said pan having circumferentially extending hold-down means to overlie the club heads and hold them in said pan, said hold-down means being spaced upwardly from the pan bottom and being spaced outwardly from said central member sufficiently to necessitate that the club heads be downwardly inserted endwise between said central member and said hold-down means with the club shafts held in inclined positions, whereby swinging of the shafts upwardly into said clips will then dispose said heads under said hold-down means and the club heads will be held in said pockets until the clubs are again swung outwardly and lifted, a carrying strap permanently secured at one end to said central member, means detachably securing the other end of said strap to said central member, permitting said strap to be freed at this end and wound around said central member and the club shafts to hold the latter engaged with said clips, and means for locking the freed end of said strap to said central member.

4. In a golf club carrier, a central vertical member having a cylindrical lower end, a plurality of rigid substantially ovate frames secured to said lower end of said central member and projecting outwardly therefrom, said frames being disposed in vertical radial planes and each comprising an inner bar secured to said central member, a bottom bar projecting radially outward from said inner bar, an outer bar rising from said bottom bar, and a top bar extending inwardly from said outer bar to said inner bar; a flexible covering providing an annular pan to receive golf club heads, said pan having an inner wall lying against said inner bars, an outer wall lying against said outer bars, a bottom lying against said bottom bars, and a top wall lying against the outer portions of said top bars; horizontal rings to which the upper edge of said inner wall and the inner edge of said top wall are secured, said inner bars and top bars having eyes through which said rings extend; and partitions secured at their edges to said frames, said partitions dividing said pan into pockets to receive golf club heads.

5. A structure as specified in claim 4; said bottom bars having ground-engaging feet projecting downwardly through openings in said bottom.

6. A structure as specified in claim 4; said outer and bottom bars having additional eyes projecting outwardly through said outer wall and bottom respectively, and additional rings extending circumferentially of said pan and extending through said additional eyes.

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