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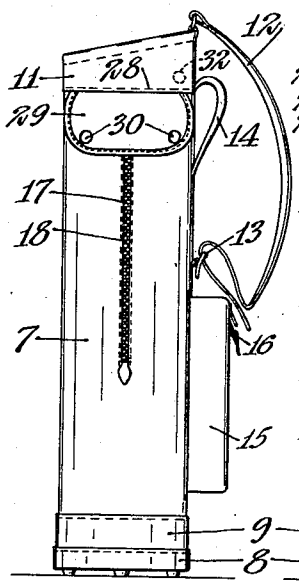


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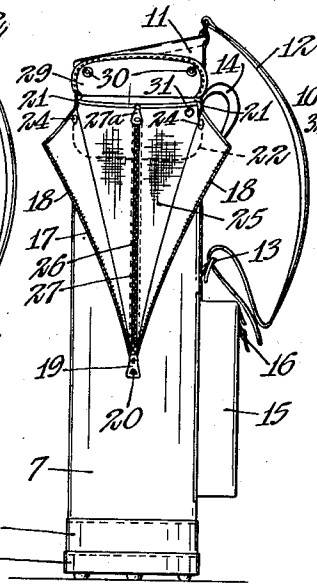


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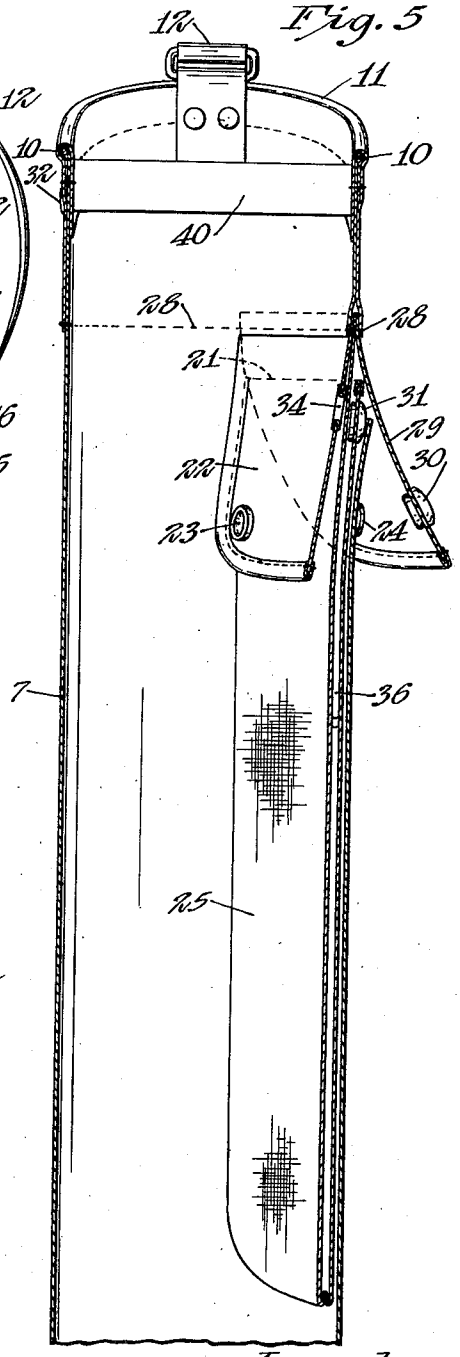


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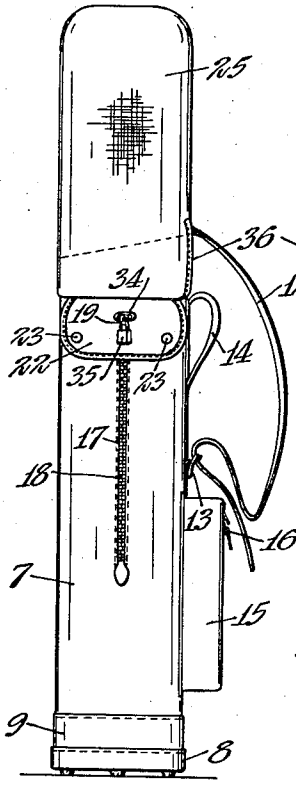


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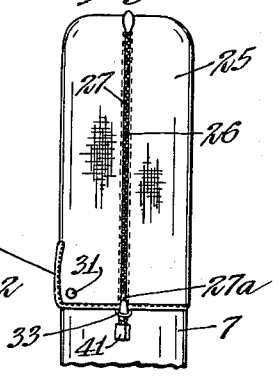
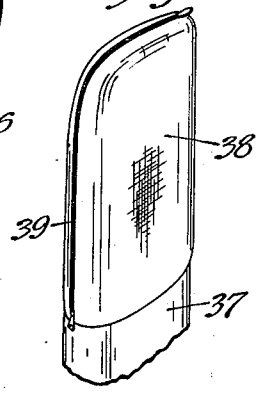


Fig. 6



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This invention relates to golf bag constructions and more particularly to golf bags which include hoods for covering the open upper end of the bag and the golf clubs protruding from said upper end.

Golf bags have been constructed for a considerable length of time with hood elements for covering the clubs and the open top of the bag for storage purposes and to protect the clubs from rain. The customary hood construction includes a substantially tubular flexible fabric element which is secured inside of the bag and which when not in use lies around the inner wall of the bag and around the shafts of the clubs therein. When drawn into bag closing position it is necessary to remove the clubs and pull the hood out of the open end of the bag, then replace the clubs and close the opening in the hood. This is an inconvenient and rather impractical type of construction, and if the hood is being closed because of rain, the clubs are very likely to become thoroughly wet due to their entire removal from the bag in order to bring the hood into bag closing position.

It is a general object of my invention to provide a golf bag wherein the hood when not in use is retained within the bag out of the way of the clubs, and which may be brought from that position to its bag closing and club covering position without removal or disturbance of the clubs in the bag.

Another object of the invention is to provide a golf bag construction wherein the hood is removable from the bag through the side wall thereof and wherein said side wall is free of any projections or bulges so that the bag may be easily slipped onto a shelf or into a pigeon hole or locker in the clubhouse.

Another object of the invention is the provision of means for effectively closing the opening in the bag through which the hood is removed and replaced.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a bag having an opening in the side for the removal of the hood wherein said opening can be effectively secured against unauthorized removal of clubs from the bag when the hood is in bag closing position.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a hood construction which will effectively cover the open end of the bag and clubs therein and at the same time render the clubs easily accessible in the event the equipment is being used in the rain and individual removal of clubs is desired.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will more fully appear from the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein like reference characters refer to the same or similar parts throughout the views, and, in which:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of an embodiment of my invention with the hood within the bag;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation with the hood removal opening in open position;

Fig. 3 is a side elevation with the hood in raised position over the open top of the bag;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary elevation taken from the opposite side shown in Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged vertical section with the lower portion of the bag broken away; and

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a modified form of hood construction.

In the drawing there is shown a bag body 7 which may be formed of leather, duck, or other suitable fabric, and said body is preferably substantially oval in cross section. The bottom of the bag is closed by inverted element 8 which lies over a lower cuff 9. A ring 10 is placed around the open upper edge of the bag to hold it in shape, and a ring cover 11 is secured over the ring and the upper edge of the bag. A sling strap 12 is connected at its upper end to the upper edge of the bag and at its lower end to a buckle 13, said buckle providing for adjustment in the length of the sling strap. A handle 14 is also customarily provided. A ball pocket 15 is provided with a longitudinal opening which may be closed by a slide fastener element generally indicated at 16.

The wall of the bag body 7 is provided with a longitudinal slit or opening 17, said opening being provided with slide fastener elements 18 at its edges and a slide member 19 which is customarily provided with an aperture 20 in the handle thereof. Thus the opening in the body side wall can be quickly and completely opened or closed by manipulation of the slide fastener. At the upper end of the opening 17 is a transverse cut-out or opening 21 which extends across a portion of the bag body preferably just below the ring cover 11. The edges of the cut-out portion 21 are spaced from each other to provide a transverse opening of some appreciable width. An inner flap 22 is secured to the body along the upper edge of the transverse body opening 21 and said flap is provided with snap fastener elements 23 which are adapted to be secured to cooperating snap fastener elements 24 on the outer side of said body below the ends of the transverse cut-

out 21. The flap 22 is adapted to lie over said cut-out 21 and over the upper portion of the longitudinal opening or slit 17 when the hood is in erected position as will be seen later.

The hood itself comprises a flexible body 25 which is provided up one side thereof with a cut-out 26, a slide fastener indicated generally at 27 being used to open or close the vertical opening in said hood 25. The hood is closed at one end and open at the other end thereof, and at said open end one side of the hood lies over the upper edge of the inner flap 22 and is secured to the body of the bag by a line of stitches 28 which also secures the flap 22 and which fastens the lower edge of the ring cover 11 to the bag body. As shown in Fig. 5, it is the inner side of the hood which is extended up above the transverse opening 21 and secured to the bag body. In the position of the hood shown in Fig. 5 the inner flap 22 is positioned within the opening 21 and inside of the body wall as is the hood 25. The slide fastener 19 on the longitudinal opening in the body wall is manipulated to close said longitudinal opening and an outer flap 29, also held by the line of stitches 21, is adapted to fit down over the transverse opening 21 and be secured by snap fastening elements 30 to the co-operating fastener elements 24 on the outer side of the bag body adjacent the ends of the transverse opening 21. It is preferred that the height of the outer flap 29 be such that when it is folded up against the upper portion of the bag body it will terminate approximately at the top edge of said body.

When raising of the hood is desired to cover the open top end of the bag and any clubs within the bag, the slide fastener element 19 is pulled down to open the longitudinal slit or opening 17 in the bag body after unfastening of the outer flap 29 and the hood 25 can be withdrawn through said opening 17 and swung upwardly on the outside of the bag and fitted over the open top of said bag body. The hood may be fitted over the end of the bag with the hood slide fastener 27 either closed or open. On the opposite side of the hood from the side which is sewed to the bag body there is provided a snap fastener element 31 which is adapted to cooperate with a fastener element 32 on the upper portion of the bag body and on the opposite side of said body from the opening through which the hood has been withdrawn. The snap fastener elements 31 and 32 prevent the hood from dropping back down along the outside of the bag. With the hood in its bag end covering position the inner flap 22 is drawn outwardly through the longitudinal and transverse openings 17 and 21 in the bag body and the snap fasteners 23 secured to the fastener elements 24 on the bag body after closure of the longitudinal body opening by upward movement of the slide fastener element 19.

When the hood is in raised position the hood slide fastener 27 may be closed and its slide element 27*a* may be passed through a ring 33 which is secured to the bag body whereupon a padlock 41 can be passed through the opening in the slide element 27*a* to lock said hood over the open upper end of the bag. Furthermore a grommet 34 in the inner flap 22 is adapted to receive the apertured handle portion of the slide element 19 which can be inserted through said grommet from the inner side of the flap and a padlock secured therethrough as shown at 33 in Fig. 3. Thus the bag is securely locked against unauthorized removal of clubs from the bag.

In view of the fact that the hood 25 extends below the upper edge of the bag when said hood is in raised position, I have provided a vertical cut-out 36 in that portion of the hood adjacent the point where the sling strap 12 is secured to the upper edge of the bag so that the hood will fit over the bag without interference from said sling strap.

In Fig. 6 there is shown the upper portion of a bag 37 with a hood 38 in raised position over the upper end of said bag. As shown in the drawing, the hood is composed of a pair of side walls which are jointed at one edge and along the top thereof by a slide fastener 39 to permit opening of the hood up one edge and across the top. This type of hood and opening therefor provides an extremely convenient construction for the removal of clubs from the bag individually if the user of the bag happens to be playing in the rain. By forming this type of opening in the hood and providing a slide fastener therefor it is possible to open the same not only throughout its vertical height, but also across its top, and naturally the heads of the longer wooden clubs are more completely exposed for selection and removal.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I have provided a golf bag construction wherein the hood therefor can be removed from the bag and raised to bag covering position very quickly and easily without removing or disturbing the clubs in the bag. By the same token the hood can be taken down and placed inside of the bag through the wall of the bag body without disturbing the clubs. This is greatly superior to that type of hood wherein it is necessary to pull the hood from the bag through the top opening thereof, a procedure which generally necessitates removal of all of the clubs from the bag. Furthermore, a bag constructed in accordance with my invention can be provided with division traps 40 across the inside of the bag at the upper end thereof to separate the various types of clubs without requiring removal of said straps to raise and lower the hood as in other bag constructions. In some previous types of bags, a hood is constructed so that it will fold against the inner wall of the bag body, but naturally if the hood is to be drawn upwardly through the open end of the bag to cover the clubs, it is necessary to remove the clubs held between the division strap and bag body to withdraw the hood from within the bag.

In addition it will be noted from the above description that I have provided a convenient means for closing the vertical and transverse openings in the bag body and for interlocking the same to prevent unauthorized access to the interior of the bag. Furthermore, when the hood is down and within the body of the bag it is adapted to fold flat against the inner side wall of the bag so that there is no bulge or projecting element which will prevent convenient sliding of the bag on to a shelf for storage purposes.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the various parts without departing from the scope of my invention.

What is claimed is:

A bag for golf clubs and the like comprising, a body having a side wall, a bottom and an open top, said side wall having a vertical slit therein

in its upper portion and also having a cross opening joining the upper end of said vertical slit below the top edge of the bag, a slide fastener closure for said vertical slit, a pair of flaps secured to said side wall above said cross opening, a hood secured at its top inner edge to said side wall above said cross opening between said two flaps and adapted to be swung outwardly from within the bag through said slit and cross opening to cover the top of the bag when said slide fastener closure is open, said hood having a slit therein, a slide fastener closure for the slit in said hood, fastener elements carried by each of said flaps, and cooperating fastener elements carried by said side wall adjacent the lower edge of said cross opening to alternative engagement with said first mentioned fastener elements.

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