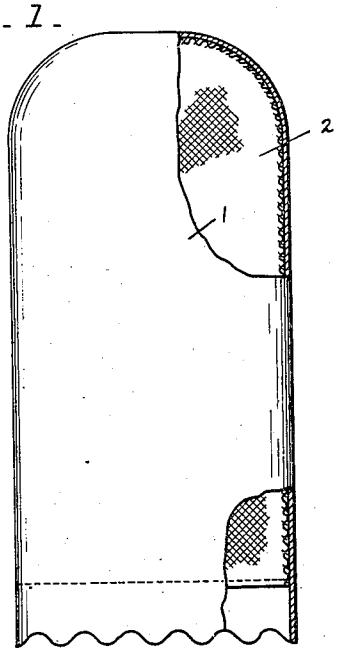
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Fig. 1.



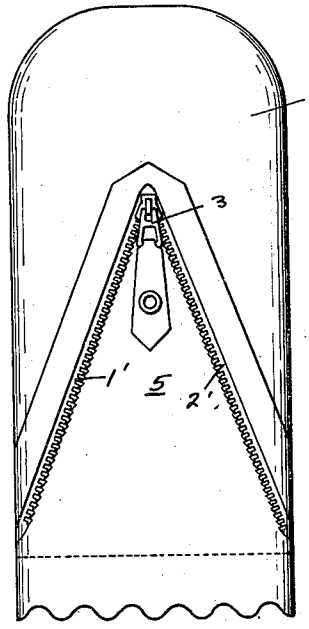


Fig. 2.

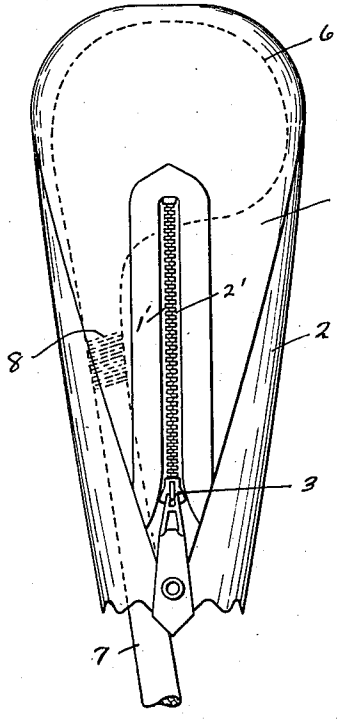


Fig. 3.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 150—52)

This invention relates to covers for golf club heads, particularly for the clubs with wood heads, and the objects of the invention are to provide a simple, cheap and effective covering that is easily and quickly secured over and removed from the wooden heads of the clubs, and when in position fully protects the heads and thread wrappings that secure the heads to the shafts against injury from other clubs that are in the golf bag without danger of becoming loosened or dislodged during jostling of the clubs in the bag.

In the drawing, Fig. 1 is an elevational view of a development of the cover before the means for closing the open end of the cover has been attached to the cover, partly in section.

Fig. 2 is an elevational view of a completed cover in open position with the fastening means in place.

Fig. 3 is an elevational view of the cover enclosing the head of a club, and with the open end of the cover drawn together around the shaft of the club adjacent the head, the shaft being broken away.

Briefly described, heretofore covers have been constructed using spring snaps, buttons, draw strings, etc. for closing the open end of the cover but in all such instances considerable annoyance has been experienced by users closing and opening the covers and the snaps, buttons, etc. become easily undone in ordinary jostling of the clubs in the bag and also the cover is easily moved away on the club head exposing the thread wrappings at the juncture between the head and shaft and in some cases the covers are opened along a side to facilitate a better fit, thus permitting accidental exposure of the head and the portion of the shaft adjacent thereto thereby allowing the damage that the cover is intended to overcome. With my invention these objections are overcome.

In detail, I provide an open-ended, flattened, bag-like receptacle having similar shaped opposed elongated sides 1 and 2 formed with parallel elongated side edges suitably joined together as by stitching. The sides are similarly curved at their edges at one end, which will be termed the "outer end", which curved edges are suitably joined together, as by stitching, the curved edges joining the side edges at opposite ends tangentially to the straight side edges as indicated in the drawing. This provides for a smooth fit against the generally curved outline of the club head. The edges at the opposite or "inner end" of the cover are left open.

On the outer surface of the side 1 of the cover and extending convergently from opposite side edges of side 1 and from points adjacent the open inner end of the cover to a point on a medial line extending longitudinally of the side 1 about midway between the opposite ends of the cover are secured straight rows 1', 2' of generally hook-like elements in which the elements of one row are adapted to successively interlock with the elements of the other row by movement of a threading device 3 normally positioned at the connecting ends of the rows upon movement of the device 3 toward the open end of the cover and to unlock the elements of the row when moved in the reverse direction. The rows of interlocking elements and the threading device 3, as a whole, are commonly known as "zippers", and are a standard article of trade under this terminology.

It will be seen from the foregoing that when the rows 1, 2 are separated in convergently extending relationship, the U-shape space between the rows is closed by a gusset piece 5 formed of the side 1, thus the full club head 6 is enclosed and upon drawing the device 3 toward the open end through which the shaft 7 extends, the gusset piece merely folds inwardly and the rows of interlocking elements are drawn together closing the side 2 around the shaft 7 below the wrappings 8 that secure the club head and shaft together. There is no wrinkling of the cover, nor can the cover be dislodged since the sides of the cover taper from the enlarged closed end of the cover toward the edges of the outer end thereof which edges closely encircle the shaft and the cover cannot be removed without deliberately and intentionally sliding the device 3 toward the closed end of the cover.

It is, of course, obvious that the cover can be made from one piece with the complementarily shaped sides integrally connected along one side edge, and stitched along the opposite side edge and outer end edges, or if made in rubber the cover can be molded in one piece with the "zipper" device cemented or vulcanized in place on one side.

The material of the cover, as described, may also be of leather, cloth, or of leather or cloth with any desired kind of suitable lining, such as rubber, or cloth with a leather lining or any other combination of suitable materials.

Having described my invention, I claim:

A cover for a golf club head comprising an elongated bag having continuous opposed side walls of flexible material connected together along one end edge and along opposite side edges, and the opposite end being open, said side walls being substantially similar in size and having substantially

parallel side edges, one of said side walls being normally substantially flat, and releasable interlocking rows of elements on the outer surface of said flat side normally extending convergently from points adjacent the open end of the receptacle and adjacent said side edges to connecting relation at a point relatively closer to said closed end than to the open end of the bag when the elements are disengaged from each other, means engaging the elements of the row at the connecting ends thereof arranged and adapted to successively draw the elements of said rows together into interlocking relationship upon movement of said means in a direction toward the open end of the bag and to successively release the elements from interlocking relationship upon movement of said means in the opposite direction, whereby the open end of the bag will be substantially closed around the shaft of the golf club when said means is moved in one direction and opened upon movement of said means in the other direction.

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