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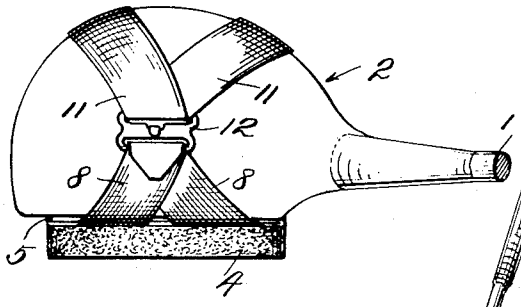
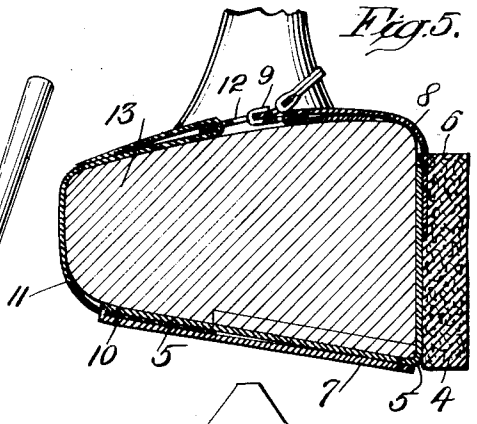


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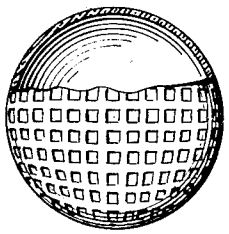
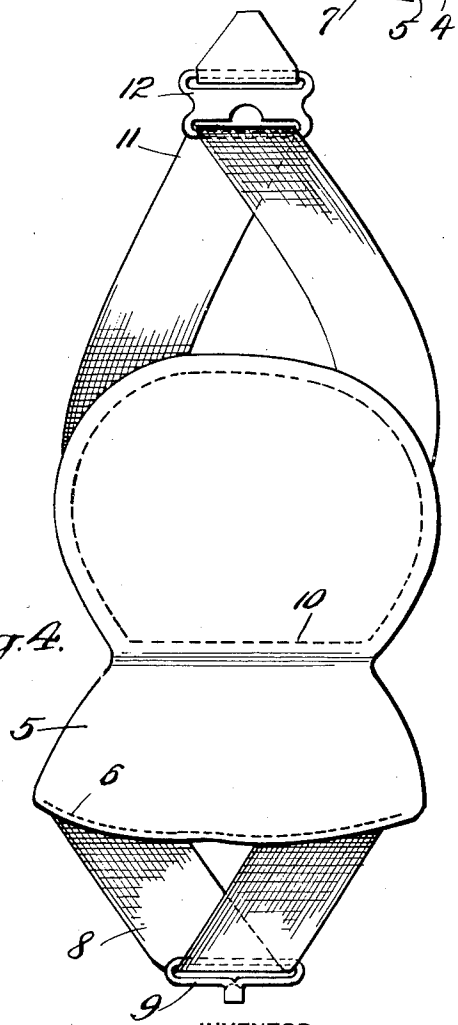


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The object of my invention is to provide an apparatus of this kind in which golf practice may be had, indoors or outdoors, or wherever else desired, without danger of damaging anything and more particularly this practice may relate to driving. This object is accomplished by my invention, one embodiment of which is hereinafter more particularly set forth.

For a more detailed description of my invention, reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part hereof, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved apparatus;

Figure 2 shows an imitation golf ball made of celluloid or similar material and ribbed to correspond to an ordinary golf ball;

Figure 3 is a plan view of a driver provided with a cushion, detachably mounted thereon, which may be used on an ordinary driver without damage to the ball when used;

Figure 4 shows the protecting device in its open condition ready to be applied to a club; and

Figure 5 is a sectional view showing the cushioning device attached to a club.

Throughout the various views of the drawing similar reference characters designate similar parts.

In Figure 1 is shown a golf club 1 which is commonly known as a driver. It has a handle and head of the conventional types. However, if desired, any form of club may be used, although for ordinary purposes a driver is preferred. This driver is provided with a cushioning device 2 held firmly in a suitable manner which will appear below. The cushioning device has a soft surface adapted to engage a ball 3, which is preferably made of celluloid or similar material, is hollow and provided with ribs simulating those of an ordinary golf ball. These ribs not only simulate the appearance of an ordinary golf ball, but also strengthen the exterior so that it is not easily crushed under the impact of the blows received from the club when the cushioned surface is employed. This ball may be driven at any velocity the club imposes upon it when in use and yet it is so light in proportion to the surface exposed to air that it cannot be driven far nor can it be driven with great force against any object. It is therefore safe for indoor use.

The protecting device 2 is composed of a sponge rubber or similar pad 4 secured to a flap 5 by cement or other suitable securing means and at its base it is secured to a leather reinforce 7. At its upper edge the flap 5 has straps 8 secured by stitches 6, or in any other suitable manner, these straps being preferably made of elastic material and in the form of a loop which engages a hook 9. In a similar manner the base 7 has at its edge remote from the cushion 4 a series of stitches 10 which hold the ends of straps 11, which are bent to form a loop which passes through a fastener 12 which is adapted to engage the hook 9 when passed over the head 13 of a golf club 1. The precise form of elastic strap is not important provided that these straps are made sufficiently strong and durable to hold the cushion 2 in place without slipping, while the club is in use. It is not necessary to describe the head 13 as it is conventional in all respects.

In view of the foregoing it is apparent that a club equipped with a cushioning device 2, as above described, may be used either indoors or outdoors, or anywhere desired, for driving a ball 3 without injury to the ball, whereby one may practice driving under all conditions with assurance of perfect safety because the ball, when driven as above described, is not driven with sufficient velocity to do any damage.

While I have shown and described one embodiment of my invention, it is obvious that it is not restricted thereto, but that it is broad enough to cover all structures that come within the scope of the annexed claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A golf practicing device consisting of a pad of soft material adapted to overlie the striking face of an ordinary golf club, and means attached to said pad and extending about the head of the golf club to removably hold said pad in position on the club.

2. A golf practicing device consisting of a rubber pad adapted to overlie the striking face of a golf club, a body portion to which said pad is attached, said body portion being provided with a protective area overlying and covering the bottom of the head of the club, and fastening means extending about the head of the club to hold the device in position.

3. A golf practicing device consisting of a flexible section of sheet material folded to overlie the striking face and bottom of a golf club, a soft thick pad attached to the face of that portion of the sheet material which is located on the striking face of the club, straps extending from the edge of the sheet material and passing about the head of the club, and means for detachably uniting said straps.

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