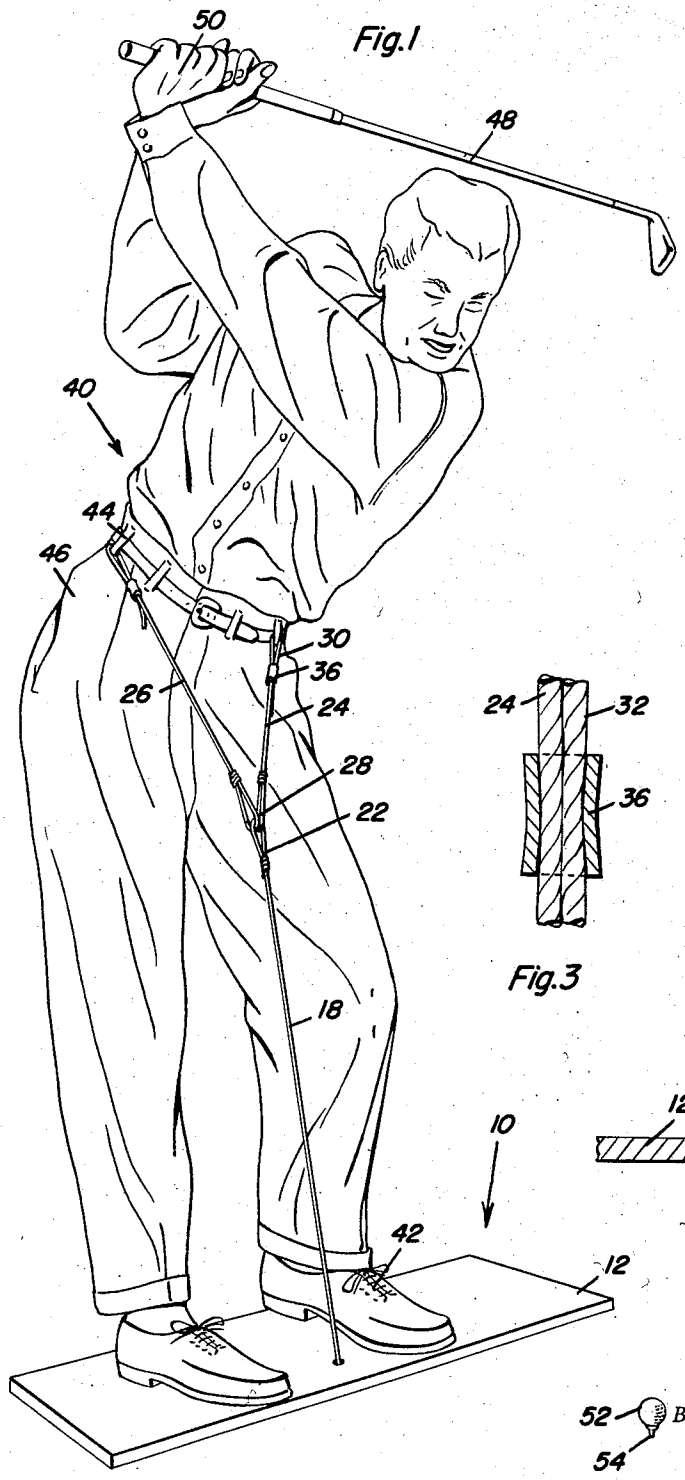
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Fig. 1



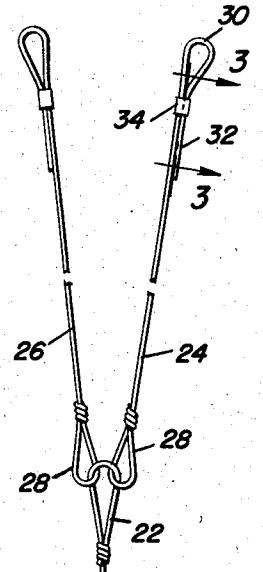
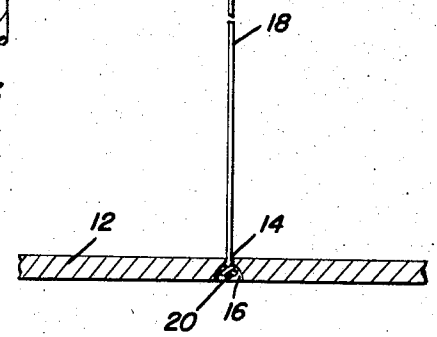


Fig. 2

Fig. 3



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The present invention generally relates to a golfer's aid and more particularly to a device for use in teaching golfers the correct positions while making a stroke.

The present invention acts as a check rein on the golfer and maintains the knees in flexed condition whereby the arc of swing of the golf club may be more constantly maintained thus serving to fix a reflex pattern which improves the form and helps to correct deflections of the golf ball due to errors in form, that is, stance, swing, follow through and the like.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a golfer's aid in the form of a training device in which the position of the torso and arms are maintained and the device acts as a positioning means to space the feet properly and in the same position at each time thereby serving to improve and simplify the game by aiding in teaching the proper position while employing the golf club.

Another object of the present invention resides in its simplicity of construction, ease of use, adaptation for its particular purposes and its relatively inexpensive manufacturing cost.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the golfer's training aid and illustrating the manner in which the device is used;

Figure 2 is an elevational view of the device of the present invention with the base being shown in section; and

Figure 3 is a detailed sectional view taken substantially upon a plane passing along section line 3—3 of Figure 2 illustrating the line clamp for retaining the connecting lines in adjusted condition.

Referring now specifically to the drawings, the numeral 10 generally designates the golfer's aid of the present invention which includes a generally flat rectangular board or base 12 having an aperture 14 therein communicating with a recess 16 in the lower surface thereof for attachment to an upstanding flexible line 18 having a knot 20 disposed in the recess 20 and extending through the aperture 14. The upper end of a flexible line 18 is provided with a loop 22 having a pair of flexible lines 24 and 26 which extend in diverging relation and each of which is provided with a loop 28 at the inner end thereof for engagement with the loop 22 on the main flexible member 18.

The outer end of each of the flexible lines 24 and 26 is provided with a loop 30 which has the free end 32

thereof extending alongside the main links of the flexible lines 24 and 26 respectively and being held in this position in an adjustable manner by a connector or joining sleeve 34 which is specifically shown in Figure 3 and includes a central area 36 of reduced cross sectional area whereby the free end 32 of the flexible line 24 may be adjusted in relation thereto for adjusting the position of the loop 30.

In employing the present invention, a golfer generally designated by the numeral 40 places his feet 42 on the upper surface of the platform or base 12 and distinguishably colored areas or other suitable marking may be provided for the platform 12 for assuring that the feet 42 will be positioned in the same place each time. The loops 30 are connected to belt receiving loops 44 on the trousers 46. In lieu of attachment to the belt loops 44, the loops 30 could be connected directly to the belt near loops 44. The golfer 40 is about ready to swing his golf club 48 in the usual manner by using the hands 50 whereby a golf ball 52 resting on a golfing tee 54 may be struck with the head of the club 48 for driving the same.

With the present device, rotation of the hips or waist about a vertical axis is limited to the desired scope and the platform permits the device to be effectively employed as a training aid whereby the golfer may stand on the base the same way each time whereby the flexible lines 24 and 26 will restrain excessive movement of the hips when striking a golf ball. As shown, the hips are generally at a 45° angle to the proposed path of ball when at the back of the backswing and will pivot to a similar 45° angle in the opposite direction at the end of the follow through. The adjustment of the device permits the device to be fitted to each individual and will generally constrain movement of the body past a predetermined optimum position.

The foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. A device for aiding in the training of golfers comprising a flat platform for positioning alongside a golf ball to be struck, an upwardly extending non-stretchable flexible member attached to the platform, a pair of upwardly extending non-stretchable flexible lines connected to the upper end of said flexible member and extending in diverging relation, and means at the upper end of each line for detachable engagement with opposite sides of the waist of a garment worn by a golfer for limiting the swiveling movement of the hips of the golfer.

2. The combination of claim 1 wherein said means on the upper end of each line includes an adjustable loop for encircling the conventional belt loops on a garment.

3. An aid in instructing proper manipulation of a golf club when golfing consisting of a baseboard resting on the ground surface alongside of a golf ball and providing a stand-on surface for a golfer, a single elongated flexible line anchored to the baseboard adjacent the center of one edge portion thereof, the entire area of the upper surface of the baseboard being free of obstructions except for the line thereby enabling the golfer to

place his feet in the optimum position on the baseboard, the upper end of said line having a loop thereon, a pair of flexible lines of lesser length than the elongated line, each line of the pair of lines including a permanent loop on one end thereof for engagement with the loop on the upper end of the elongated line, each of said lines of the pair of lines having an adjustable loop formed on the free end thereof for adjustable and releasable attachment to the belt loop disposed at opposite sides of a pair of trousers worn by a golfer, said lines being non-yieldable thereby defining a generally Y-shaped restraining device for limiting the movement of the hips and lower torso region during various parts of the swing of a golf club.

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