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GOLF TEE

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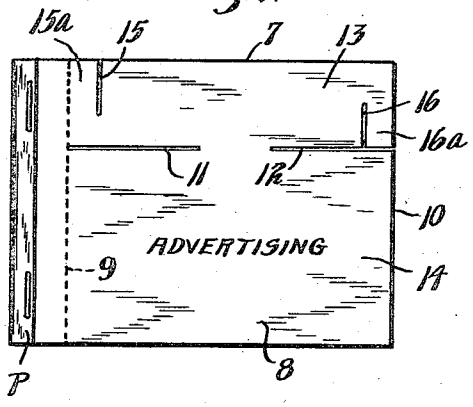


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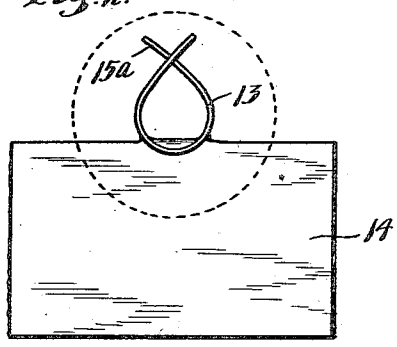


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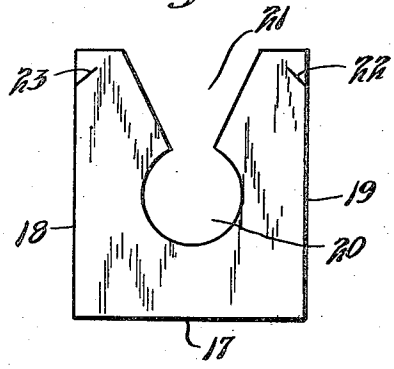


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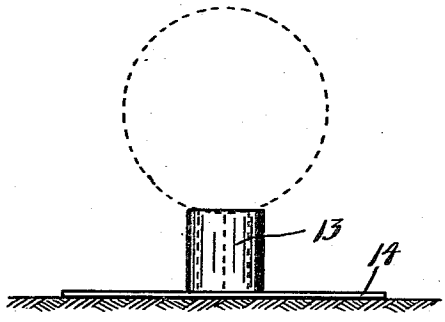


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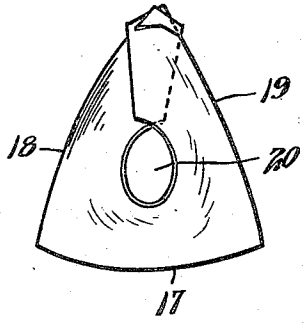
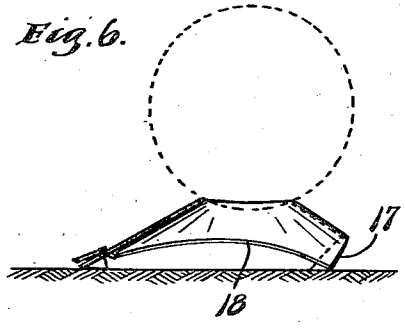


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This invention relates to golf tees and especially to golf tees which may be formed from sheet material, such as cardboard and which may be easily carried.

It is an object of my invention to provide an extremely simple but highly efficient collapsible golf tee which may carry advertising matter, which may be constructed from thin sheet material, such as paper or cardboard, and which may be manufactured at low cost.

Another object is to provide a simple but efficient golf tee in the form of a rectangular sheet of material cut or perforated in such manner as to form when properly folded or set up an upstanding support for a golf ball having an annular flange at the upper edge thereof and having a relatively wide base.

A further object is to provide devices of the class described, which may be constructed so cheaply as to be discarded after use thereof and which are adapted to be bound together into a pad or booklet, each tee being separately detachable as a sheet from said booklet, and being adapted to be quickly set up for use.

These and other objects of the invention will be apparent from the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views, and in which:

Fig. 1 shows a pad constructed from a plurality of my preferred tees;

Fig. 2 is a plan view showing one of my tees detached and set up for use, the dotted lines indicating the golf ball mounted thereon;

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the tee shown in Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of a modified form of the invention;

Fig. 5 is a plan view of said modified form set up for use; and

Fig. 6 is a side elevation of said modified form, a golf ball being indicated by the dotted lines.

As shown in the drawings, the preferred form of my invention illustrated in Figs. 1 to 3, comprises a substantially rectangular sheet of paper, cardboard or other suitable material having the upper and lower parallel edges 7 and 8 and the parallel side edges 9 and 10. The sheet may have advertising matter printed thereon if desired. The sheet is slit or cut on a line extending parallel to the edge 7, said line being spaced from said edge a distance equal to the desired height of the tee. Two slits 11 and 12 are formed, slit 11 extending from the side edge 9 inwardly and slit 12 extending from the side edge 10 inwardly, the inner ends of said slits being spaced apart to leave a connection between the upper portion 13, hereinafter referred to as the strip of the sheet and the body or base portion 14.

Strip 13 is cut or slit adjacent its free ends along two parallel lines at 15 and 16 respectively, said lines being parallel to the side edges 9 and 10 of the sheet. Slit 15 intersects the upper edge 7 of the sheet and extends throughout approximately half the width of strip 13 and slit 16 intersects the cut edge 12 of strip 13 and extends approximately one-half the distance of strip 13. It will be seen that slits 15 and 16 cause small tongues 15^a and 16^a to be formed in the free edges of strip 13. As shown in Fig. 1, a plurality of my improved tees in sheet form are bound together into a pad P and have their side edges 9 separably connected with said pad on perforated lines to permit ready detachment of each sheet.

When it is desired to utilize one of my tees a sheet is quickly detached from the pad and strip 13 is bent upwardly at approximately right angles to the base 14. The free ends of strip 13 are then interlocked by securing tongues 15^a and 16^a together, as shown in Fig. 2. It is usually then desirable to flex the joined strip 13 to cause it to assume an annular shape.

Base 14, of course, rests on the ground as does the lower edge of the strip 13, the strip extending normal to said base and being of substantially annular shape. When the weight of the golf ball indicated by dotted lines in Figs. 2 and 3, is placed upon the tee, the base 14 will be disposed substantially flush against the gronnd and it will be readily seen that the golf ball may be perfectly driven from the tee.

The modified form of the invention shown in Figs. 4 and 5, while in a general way similar to the preferred form differs in several

respects. A substantially rectangular sheet of material is provided having the lower edge 17 and the parallel side edges 18 and 19 extending substantially at right angles to said lower edge. A substantially circular recess 20 is formed in the central portion of the sheet, said recess being of the proper diameter to retain the golf ball. The material from the sheet may be cut out for said recess, as shown, or may be perforated to permit a recess to be formed at the time the tee is used. A tapered diverging relatively large slot 21 is formed in the upper edge of the sheet, said slot communicating at its inner and restricted end with the circular recess 20. The upper corners of the sheet are cut or slit on lines 22 and 23, said lines intersecting the side edges 18 and 19 and causing small tongues to be formed for the purpose of interlocking the two corners, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

To form a tee from the sheet shown in Fig. 4, it is only necessary to flex the sheet, drawing the upper corners together and interlocking the tongues 22 and 23. The base of the structure formed will be in substantially the shape of a triangle, while the upper edge of the device will be substantially annular adapted to receive the golf ball.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have invented a simple, inexpensive but highly efficient golf ball tee, which may be constructed of sheet material, such as paper, cardboard, celluloid or other suitable stock and which is adapted if desired for an advertising medium. The tee when collapsed, is in sheet form and thus may be conveniently carried in the pocket or is readily adapted to be bound into a pad.

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

What is claimed is:

1. A golf tee comprising a sheet of flexible material said sheet being cut to form an enlarged base portion and a band portion, and means for securing the free ends of said band portion together to form an upstanding hollow body having an open upper end adapted to receive a golf ball.

2. A golf tee comprising a sheet of flexible material, said sheet being cut to form a relatively large base portion and a strip connected therewith at its medial portion, and means for readily interlocking the free ends of said strip to form an upstanding hollow body having an open upper end adapted to receive a golf ball when said strip is bent upwardly at right angles to said base portion.

3. A golf tee comprising a sheet of flexible material, said sheet being cut to form a relatively large base portion and a strip connected therewith at its medial portion, the ends of said strip being provided with interlocking tongues adapted to connect the ends of said strip to form an upstanding hollow body having an open upper end adapted to receive a golf ball.

4. A golf tee comprising a sheet of flexible material, said sheet being cut to form an enlarged base portion and a band portion, said band portion being connected to said base portion and lying in the same plane therewith before the device is set up for use, means for securing the ends of said band portion together to form an upstanding hollow body, said body being folded at an angle to said base portion and having an open upper end adapted to receive a golf ball.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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