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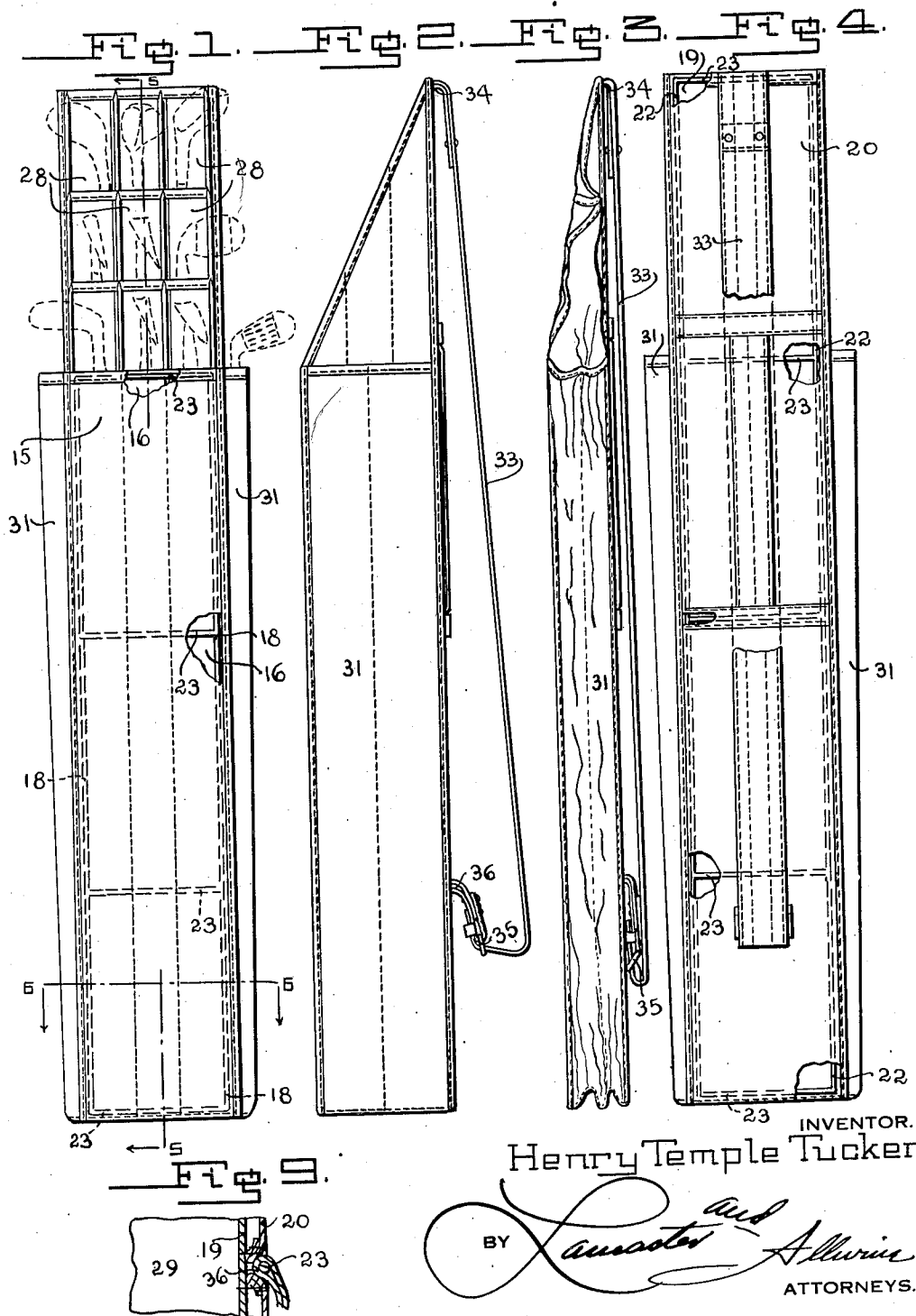
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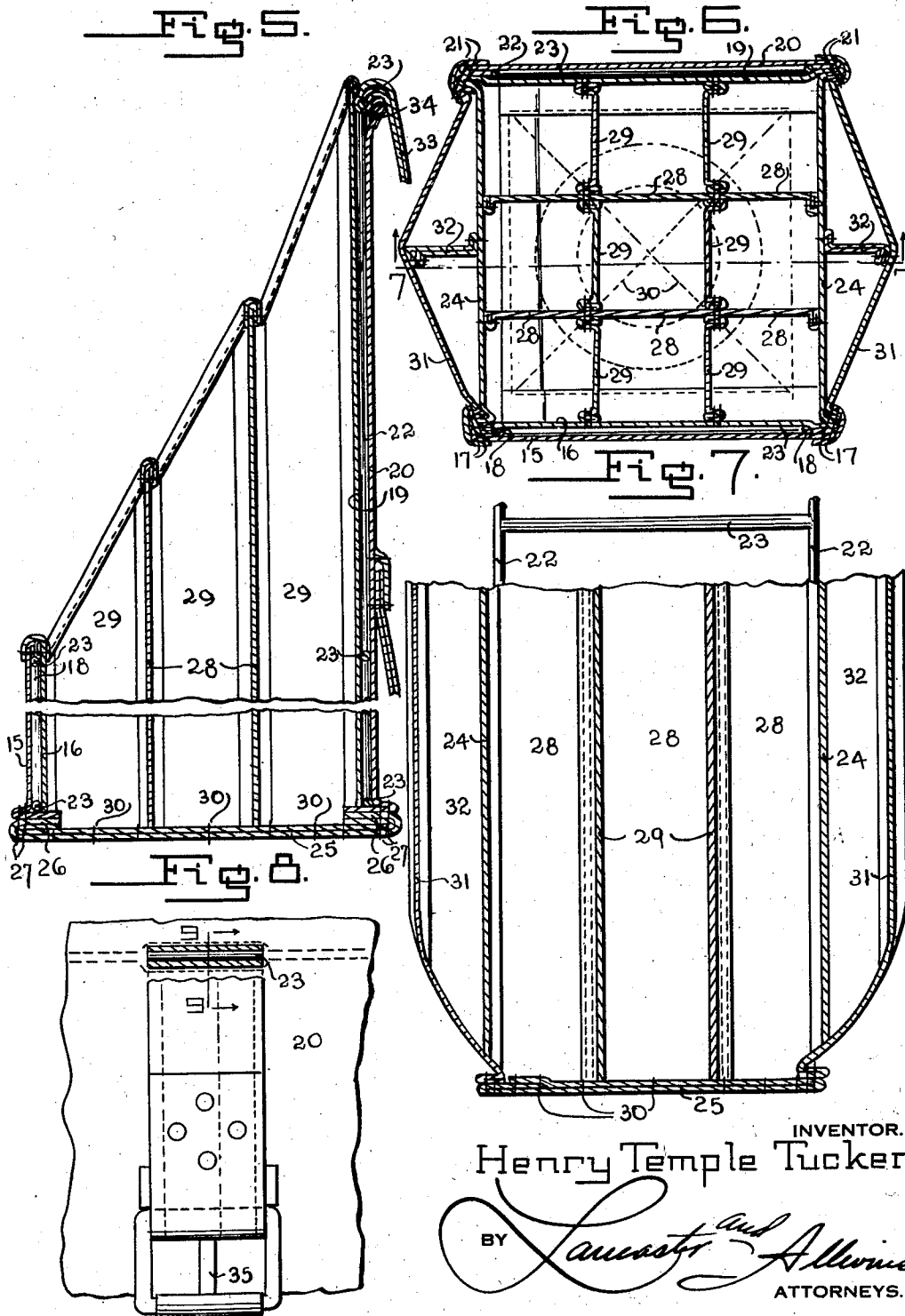
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The present invention relates to golf club bags, and has for an object to provide a compartment bag adapted to carry a large number of clubs and to maintain the clubs in separate compartments so as not only to protect the clubs but to facilitate the selection of a desired club and to properly group together clubs of different characters.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a bag for golf clubs which is provided with a plurality of pockets or compartments which are of different lengths for different size clubs. This feature of the invention is adapted to group together the wooden clubs in long pockets, the long irons in the medium length pockets, and the short irons in the shorter pockets.

A further object of the invention is to provide a bag for golf clubs embodying the above characteristics and which may be constructed of canvas, leather, or other suitable material, and which admits of the use of a hood for the club heads, and the application of coat pockets or the like.

The invention also aims at the provision of a golf club bag of this general character which may be suitably carried in the usual manner of golf club bags, which may have the shoulder strap, and which has the general appearance of golf bags of present day use.

The above, and various other objects and advantages of this invention will in part be described in, and in part be understood from, the following detailed description of the present preferred embodiment, the same being illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a front elevation, partly broken away, of a golf club bag constructed according to the present invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the same in distended position.

Figure 3 is a like view with the bag collapsed.

Figure 4 is a rear elevation of the bag,

partly broken away to show the structure of the frame-work.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary enlarged sectional view taken lengthwise through the bag, substantially on the line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Figure 6 is an enlarged transverse section taken through the bag substantially on the line 6—6 of Figure 1.

Figure 7 is fragmentary enlarged transverse section taken through the lower end portion of the bag substantially on the line 7—7 of Figure 6.

Figure 8 is a fragmentary rear elevation of a portion of the bag, showing the shoulder strap attachment at its lower end, and

Figure 9 is a fragmentary enlarged sectional view taken through the connection between the lower end of the shoulder strap and the bag, substantially on the line 9—9 of Figure 8.

Referring now to the drawings, the golf club bag illustrated is constructed of flexible material, such as canvas, and is provided with a front wall composed of layers 15 and 16 which are held together at their longitudinal vertical edge portions by lines of stitches 17. The front wall is held in stretched or spread position by means of a wire frame 18 which is interposed between the layers 15 and 16 and which is of suitable width to engage against the vertical marginal portions of the layers as shown in Figure 6.

The bag is also provided with a stiffened rear wall which comprises layers 19 and 20 which are secured together at their opposite vertical edge portions by lines of stitches 21, the rear wall being held stiff and extended by a wire frame 22 which is interposed between the layers. The wire frames 18 and 22 are provided with cross wires or braces 23 secured in the wire frames at suitable intervals throughout the height thereof for holding the side portions of the frame from bending or collapsing inwardly toward each other.

The bag is also provided with opposed flexible side walls 24 secured at their vertical marginal edge portions by the lines of stitches 17 and 21 to the front and back walls of the bag, making the bag polygonal in cross section. The flexible sides 24 admit of the collapsing of the front and back walls toward each other, as shown to advantage in Figure 3.

The bag is also provided with a flexible bottom wall 25 which preferably comprises two layers of canvas or other suitable material which is overturned at its front and rear edge portions to provide reinforcing means or strips 26 for supporting the lower ends of the wire frames 18 and 22. These means or strips 26 also provide reinforcement for the lower edges of the front and rear walls of the bag as at these points the bag is subjected to the greatest wear and strain. The front and rear walls of the bag are secured by lines of stitching 27 to the bottom wall 25, the lines of stitching 27 going through the means or strips 26.

The interior of the bag is divided into a number of compartments which extend lengthwise of the bag and are of sufficient size to receive golf clubs individually. These compartments are provided between flexible partitions 28 and 29. While these partitions 28 and 29 may be arranged in any suitable manner and be constructed in any suitable manner, in the present instance the partitions 28 extend crosswise between the sides 24 of the bag and are stitched to the sides 24 as shown in Figure 6. The partitions 29 are shown in the present instance as constructed in sections which are located between the cross partitions 28, the sections of the partition 29 being secured in alinement by stitches or the like which engage through the partition 28. In this manner, intersecting or cross partitions 28 and 29 are provided and these partitions provide compartments which extend longitudinally of the body portion of the bag.

The bottom 25 of the bag may be provided with various lines or rows of stitching 30 for reinforcing the bottom 25 and holding the layers thereof together.

The bag may also be provided with longitudinal side pockets which are constructed of outer side layers 31 which are superposed upon the sides 24 but are of greater width than the latter as shown in Figure 6, and which also have their vertical edge portions secured beneath the lines of stitches 17 and 21. These outer side layers 31 are adapted to be bulged or bowed outwardly from the sides 24 by means of partition strips 32 which are stitched longitudinally to the outer sides of the sides 24 intermediate the vertical edges thereof and which are also stitched to the corresponding portion of the outer layers 31. This provides two longitudinal pockets, one

at each side of each partition 32, and these pockets are adapted to receive clubs or the like. It will be noted that these outer layers 31 and their partitions 32 are so disposed that they do not interfere with the folding or collapsing of the bag when it is not in use, or when it is stored away.

The bag is provided with a shoulder strap 33 which may be also constructed of canvas, or other suitable material, and which is provided with an overturned or looped portion 34 at its upper end, the looped portion 34 being engaged through the upper end of the rear wall of the bag and about the top cross bar 23 of the back frame 22. The lower portion of the shoulder strap 33 is provided with a buckle 35 and also with a loop 36 which extends through the outer layer 20 of the rear wall and is engaged about the adjacent cross bar 23 of the rear wall frame 22.

The back wall of the bag may also be provided with a handle or other suitable device by means of which the bag may be quickly and easily carried in the hand when it is disengaged from the shoulder, and the bag may be provided at its sides or front or other suitable portion with pockets for balls or the like as is common in this type of bag.

It is a main feature of this invention to provide the partition bag, and to provide the upper end of the bag, which is the open end when the bag is resting on the ground, with an upper edge which is beveled or disposed in a plane diagonal to the longitudinal axis of the bag so that the partitions at one side of the bag, such as at the front side in the present case, are shorter than the partitions at the opposite or rear side of the bag.

In the present case, the upper edge of the bag, which comprises the open end of the bag, is beveled or inclined so that when the bag is provided with nine compartments which are arranged in transverse rows from the front to the rear of the bag, as shown in Figures 1 and 2, the front row of compartments are relatively short and adapted to carry the short irons, and the latter may be arranged in proper order individually in these compartments. The next row of compartments are of medium length, or are longer than the front row of compartments and they are adapted to individually support long irons, or sticks or clubs which are of greater length than those contained in the front row of compartments. The rear row of compartments present compartments which are relatively long and which are adapted to contain the wooden sticks or other clubs with relatively long handles.

The side pockets formed by the outer layers 31 are adapted to contain additional clubs or the like which for some reason or another it may be desired to separate from those contained in the body of the bag or to carry

additional clubs if there are not enough compartments to accommodate them.

The diagonal arrangement of the upper open end of the bag is of considerable advantage because when the bag is placed upright on the ground one glance at the bag will locate the desired club and will also show the player exactly what clubs he has, their relative lengths, and will also give him an opportunity of comparing the various clubs of the different groups to one another.

As the front and back frames are held stretched, and the sides 24 are flexible, the bag can be easily crushed together or partly collapsed, as shown in Figure 3, even when a number of the clubs are located in the bag and thus the bag is susceptible to easy storage, easy transportation, and as soon as it is set on the ground it will spread out as shown in Figure 2 and provide a substantial display rack for all of the clubs in the bag. The flexible character of the bag admits of its being easily carried as all parts of the bag, including the wire frames in the front and rear walls of the bag, are susceptible to a certain amount of flexibility and consequently the rigid sharp corners and edges are avoided.

It is of course understood that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of construction and design of the above specifically described embodiment of this invention without departing from the spirit thereof, the changes and modifications being restricted only by the scope of the following claims:—

What is claimed is:

1. A bag for golf clubs comprising a bag-like flexible body portion of polygonal cross section including front and rear walls, flexible stiffening frames arranged in the front and rear walls of the body portion to maintain each yieldably stretched, and a plurality of flexible partitions arranged in the body portion and extending lengthwise thereof from side to side and from front wall to rear wall and dividing the body portion into rows of compartments extending crosswise of the bag and the rows of compartments being arranged one behind the other from front to rear of the bag.

2. A bag for golf clubs, comprising front, rear and side walls, frames positioned in the front and rear walls for stiffening the same, and said side walls being flexible to admit of the collapsing of the front and rear walls toward each other, a plurality of flexible partitions arranged between the front, rear and side walls and providing transversely extending rows of compartments in the bag between the front and rear walls, and with the compartments arranged with the rows thereof one back of the other, said bag being closed at its lower end and open at its upper end, and having its upper edge including the edges of

the partitions lying in a plane inclined to the longitudinal axis of the bag for providing compartments of different lengths and grouping the compartments of different lengths into their respective rows.

3. A bag for golf clubs comprising a flexible body portion having intersecting partitions therein extending throughout the length of the bag, said bag being closed at one end and open at its other end, the open end of said bag terminating in a plane inclined to the longitudinal axis of the bag for opening said partitions at different elevations at the upper end of the bag, flexible outer side layer strips secured along the opposite sides of the bag forming side pockets, and partition strips arranged between the flexible layer strips and the sides of the bag for dividing the pockets into separate compartments.

4. A bag for golf clubs, comprising a flexible body portion having front and rear walls composed each of two layers, a wire frame arranged in each front and rear wall, the side walls of the body portion being flexible to admit of the collapsing of said front and rear walls one upon the other, a plurality of flexible partitions arranged in cross relation within the body portion and extending longitudinally thereof to divide the same into a plurality of individual compartments, each adapted to receive a golf club, the upper open end of the body portion terminating in a plane inclined to the longitudinal axis of the bag and extending outwardly and backwardly from the front wall thereof to provide a row of relatively short compartments at the front wall, a row of relatively long compartments at the rear wall, and intermediate compartments of medium size for receiving and grouping golf clubs according to their length, and a shoulder strap carried by the golf bag and having looped portions at opposite ends adapted to engage the stiffening frames in the rear wall of the bag to relieve the material of the strain of the shoulder strap.

5. A bag for golf clubs, comprising a flexible elongated body portion closed at one end and having hollow front and rear walls, wire frames embedded in the hollow front and rear walls in spread and stretched condition, the side walls of the bag adapted to collapse and admit of the collapsing of the front wall against the rear wall, said rear wall being of greater length than the front wall and extending upwardly therebeyond at the open end of the bag, a plurality of partitions arranged in intersecting relation within the body portion and having their upper edges terminating in the inclined plane of the upper edges of the front and rear walls of the bag to provide compartments between the partitions which are of consecutively increasing length from the front to the rear walls of the bag, and flexible outer layers secured along the opposite sides of the bag and having parti-

tions therein to provide individual compartments at opposite sides of the bag.

6. A bag for golf clubs comprising a flexible bag-like body portion including a rear wall comprising a plurality of layers of flexible material, a frame disposed between layers of said rear wall to stiffen the same, said frame including spaced cross braces, and a shoulder strap having one of its end portions secured to one of the cross braces of said frame and its other end portion adjustably connected with another of said cross braces.

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