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GOLF BALL HOLDERS

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FIG. 1.

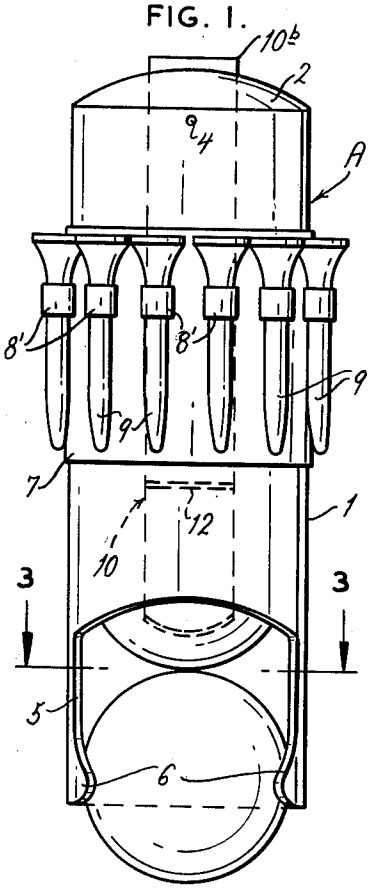
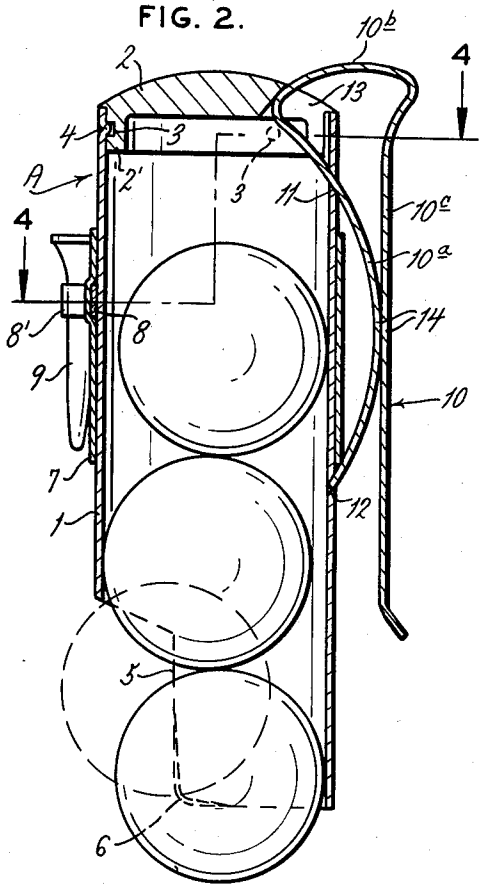


FIG. 2.



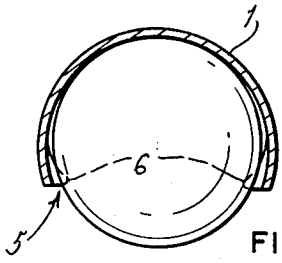


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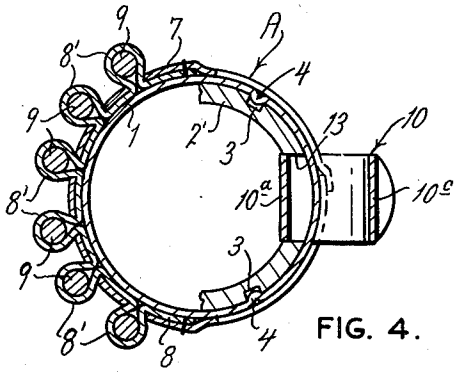


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This invention relates generally to golf ball holders and more specifically to holders for golf balls which may be conveniently attached to the belts of golfers or to other supports, such for instance as golf club bags or golf club carts, the predominant object of the invention being to provide such a golf ball holder which is capable of performing its intended function in a highly efficient manner.

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the golf ball holder of this invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the golf ball holder illustrated by Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a horizontal section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken on staggered line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

In the drawing, wherein is shown for purposes of illustration, merely, one embodiment of the invention, A designates the improved golf ball holder generally. The golf ball holder A comprises a tubular housing 1 which is provided at its top with a suitable closure member 2, the closure element illustrated in the drawing being provided with an annular, downwardly extended flange 2' which is projected into the top portion of the tubular housing 1. The flange 2' is provided with a plurality of depressions 3 and portions 4 of wall of the tubular housing 1 are punched into said depressions so as to lock said closure element in place relative to said tubular housing. At the lower end of the tubular housing the circumferential wall is cut away, as indicated at 5 in the drawing, portions 6 of the wall of the tubular housing located at opposite sides and at the bottom of the cut away portion 5 being bent inwardly slightly so as to, in effect, reduce the diameter of the tubular housing at the lower end thereof.

The improved golf ball holder A includes a band 7 which encircles the tubular housing 1 thereof. Preferably this band is formed of fabric and stitched thereto is a strip of material 8 which is provided with loop portions 8' that project through openings formed through the band 7, said strip of material 8 being located between the band 7 and the wall of the tubular housing, as shown in Fig. 4. The loop portion 8' of the strip

of material receive the shank portions of golf tees 9 for supporting said tees in position for ready use. The golf ball holder A is provided with a spring clip 10 which includes an inner curved portion 10^a, a bridge portion 10^b and a straight vertical portion 10^c, a portion of the curved portion 10^a of the spring clip passing through an inclined opening 11 formed through wall of the tubular housing, while the lower end portion of said curved portion 10^a extends into another inclined opening 12 formed in the wall of said tubular housing. An upper portion of the spring clip 10 is disposed in an opening 13 formed in the closure member 2 and the curved portion 10^a and the straight vertical portion of contact with each other, as indicated at 14 in Fig. 2.

In the use of the improved golf ball holder of this invention the contracted lower end portion is not large enough to permit the golf ball to pass therethrough and consequently the balls are retained within the tubular housing 1. When it is desired to remove a golf ball from the holder the lowermost golf ball is raised upwardly to the position shown by broken lines in Fig. 2, the upper golf balls being elevated along with said lowermost golf ball. This brings the lowermost golf ball above the contracted lower portion of the tubular housing 1, in other words, above the opposed, inwardly bent, portions 6 of said tubular housing, to a point where the cut away portion 5 is of full width when said lowermost golf ball may be withdrawn laterally from the holder. When the lowermost golf ball has been withdrawn from the holder as explained, the upper, unsupported golf balls fall within the holder until the lowermost of said previously mentioned upper golf balls is engaged and held by the contracted lower portion of the tubular housing 1.

I claim:

1. A golf ball holder comprising an elongated, tubular, vertically disposed housing of a diameter slideably to receive a golf ball and a length to contain a plurality of golf balls, said housing being open at its lower end, the wall of said housing being cut away in an axial direction from the margin of the wall defining the open lower end of the housing to define an inverted U-shaped opening of a size to admit a single golf ball, the lower end of the wall defining the legs of the said U-shaped opening being bent inwardly a distance sufficient to engage and hold a golf ball but to permit a substantial portion less than half of the golf ball to depend below the lower margin of the said legs-defining wall.

2. The golf ball holder of claim 1 wherein a spring clip is provided at the upper end of said housing.

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