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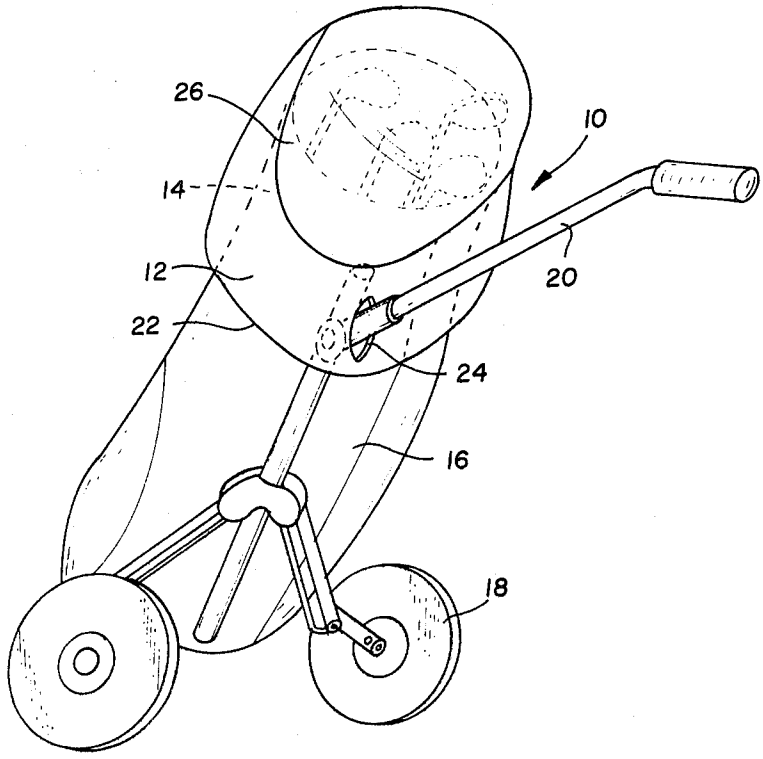
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ABSTRACT: A slip cover for a golf bag and clubs to protect them from moisture during a sudden shower or rain storm. The slip cover has a discontinuity along one end thereof to receive the handle of a golf cart containing the golf bag and clubs, and a cover flap at its other end to provide access to the golf clubs.



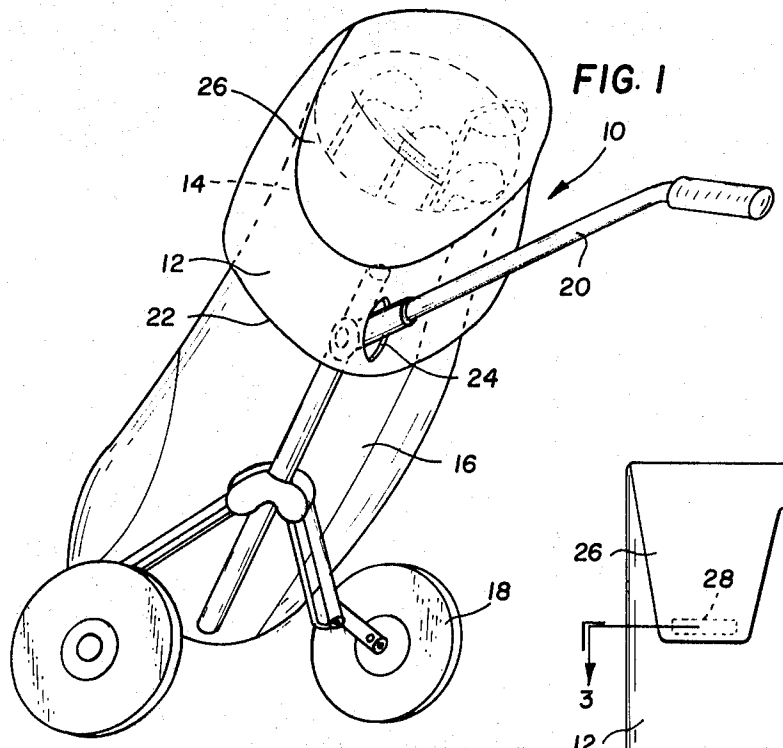


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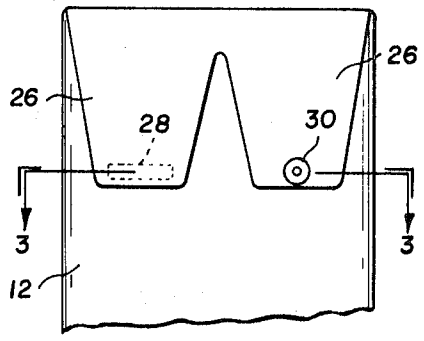


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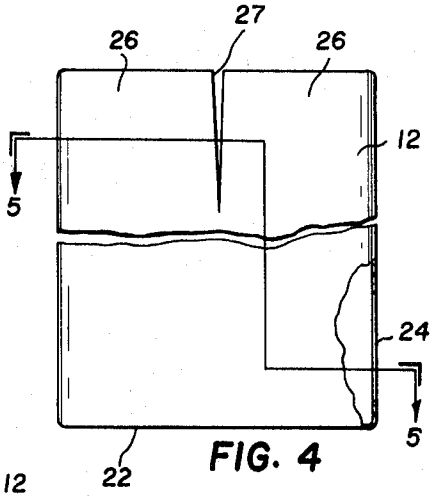


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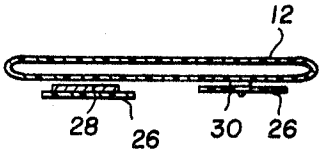


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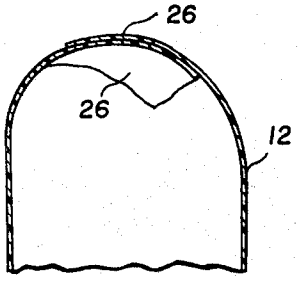


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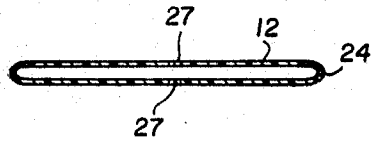


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GOLF BAG SLIP COVER

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates generally to covers, and more specifically to a slip cover for a golf bag and clubs.

During golfing, the golf bag and clubs are subjected to the deleterious effect of water during any sudden shower or rain. During such emergencies, the golfer has to cover the golf bag and clubs with any available makeshift material at his disposal in order to protect them from the adverse effect of the water. In many instances, such material is not available resulting in water damage to the golf bag and clubs.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This invention includes within its scope a slip cover for a golf bag and clubs to protect the bag and clubs from moisture in the form of rain or the like. The slip cover has an opening along one end thereof to receive the handle of a golf cart containing the golf bag and clubs, and one or more flaps at its other end to provide access to the golf clubs.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a slip cover for a golf bag and clubs that is foldable into a small compact package, and may be unfolded and slipped over a golf bag and clubs with facility.

Another object of the invention is to provide a slip cover for a golf bag and clubs carried by a golf cart containing a handle to protect the golf bag and clubs from moisture such as rain or the like, and to provide ready access to the golf clubs.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

In the detailed description of the preferred embodiment of the invention presented below, reference is made to the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the slip cover of this invention placed on a golf bag and clubs carried by a golf cart;

FIG. 2 is a segmental view of the slip cover showing a modified form of the cover;

FIG. 3 is a section view taken along line 3—3 of FIG. 2;

FIG. 4 is an elevational view of the slip cover showing another form of cover and handle receiving slot; and

FIG. 5 is a section view taken along line 5—5 of FIG. 4;

FIG. 6 is a section view of the slip cover of FIG. 4 and showing a pair of overlapping cover portions.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

With reference to the drawing, the slip cover **10** comprises a unitary member having an open ended body portion **12** formed from a continuous flexible material such as plastic or the like. The body portion **12** is made sufficiently large so that it may fit over the open end of a golf bag **14** which is mounted in a golf cart **16** having wheels **18** and a handle **20** by which the cart is pushed. The body portion **12** is open at one end and the hem **22** or skirt thereof is provided with a discontinuity **24** such as a notch, slot, slit or opening for receiving handle **20** of golf cart **16** when the slip cover **10** is placed over the open end of the golf bag **14**. The opposite end of body portion **12** has a cover **26**, preferably integrally formed with body portion **12** to provide access to the interior of the slip cover. The flexible material at the junction of cover **26** and body portion **12** serves as a hinge for the cover. The cover may be formed as one flap as seen in FIG. **1** or a plurality of flaps as seen in FIG. **2**. The body portion **12** may be provided with slits **27** as seen in FIGS. **4** and **5** to provide a pair of overlapping covers **26** as seen in FIG. **6**. In the assembled position of slip cover **10** on golf bag **14** as shown in FIG. **1**, the cover **26** will assume a normal closed position due to the action of gravity. Retaining the cover **26** in its closed position may be facilitated by the addition of weights **28** around the hem of the cover, or the provision of any suitable latch **30** such as a detent or any suitable adhering material interposed between cover **26** and body portion **12**. In the event of a shower, the golfer may remove the folded slip cover **10** from any suitable place, preferably the golf bag **14** itself, and position it on the golf bag and clubs as seen in FIG. **1**. To obtain a golf club from bag **14**, the cover **26** may be manually moved to an open position providing access to the desired club(s). The club(s) may be removed and the cover **26** manually returned to its closed position.

The invention has been described in detail with particular reference to preferred embodiments thereof, but it will be understood that variations and modifications can be effected within the spirit and scope of the invention described hereinabove.

I claim:

1. In a one-piece slip cover formed from a flexible thin plastic material that is foldable into a small compact package when unused, and when unfolded is adapted to cover a golf bag and clubs, the combination comprising:

a limp unsupported body portion openable at each end into a generally cylindrical shape and adapted to have one open end slipped over the golf bag and clubs, and

a cover portion integrally hingedly connected to an unsupported portion of the periphery of the other open end of said body portion and movable between a closed position for closing said other open end and covering the golf clubs, and an open position for uncovering the golf clubs.

2. The invention according to claim **1** wherein said cover portion comprises a plurality of cover flaps extending across said other open end of said body position.

3. The invention according to claim **1** wherein weights are secured to the hem of said cover portion.

4. The invention according to claim **1** wherein a latch is interposed between said cover portion and said body portion for releasably holding said cover portion in its closed position.

5. In a one-piece slip cover formed from a flexible thin plastic material that is foldable into a small compact package when unused, and when unfolded is adapted to cover a golf bag and clubs mounted in a golf cart having a handle, the combination comprising:

a cylindrical unsupported body portion openable at each end,

said body portion having a hem at one open end provided with a discontinuity for receiving the handle of the golf cart when said one end of said body portion of the slip cover is slipped over the golf bag and clubs, and

a pair of facing identical cover flaps each integrally hingedly connected to an unsupported portion of the periphery of the other open end of said body portion and movable between a closed position in overlapped relation for closing said other open end and covering the golf clubs, and an open position for uncovering the golf clubs.

6. The invention according to claim **5** wherein weights are secured to the hem of said cover flaps.

7. The invention according to claim **5** wherein a latch is interposed between one of said cover flaps and said body flaps for releasably holding said cover portion in its closed position.