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Fig 1.

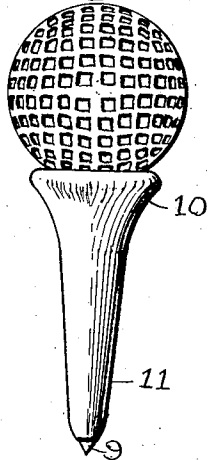
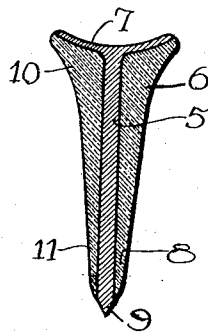


Fig 2.



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This invention pertains to sporting apparatus and has for its object to provide an improved tee for golf balls.

The construction and use of this invention will become apparent from the description of a specific embodiment thereof in the following specification which is supplemented by the accompanying drawing in which,

Figure 1 is an elevation of the improved golf tee showing the manner in which it supports the ball; and

Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken through the axis of the device.

The improved tee is composed of two parts, a stiffening member 5 and a flexible or resilient guard 6. The reinforcing member comprises a top 7, the upper surface of which is preferably of a hollow spherical contour and of a radius slightly greater than that of the golf ball with which it is to be used. The pin member 8 which is attached to the top 7 is pointed at 9 to facilitate pushing the tee into the ground. While the reinforcing member is shown as being made in one piece, it may be made of two metal parts which are welded or riveted together, or if a fibre composition, which may be glued or forced together.

The resilient outer protecting member 10 may be made of any material which is conveniently moulded but is preferably made of rubber. The top portion is moulded very soft while the bottom portion 11 is preferably vulcanized quite hard in order that it may be forced into the ground. The rubber may be colored a brilliant hue, such as orange, in order to distinguish it from the usual green of the fairway onto which it is often knocked during the course of play and also from the brown of the ground in the driving area.

Due to the fact that the upper portion is made of a very soft rubber, the tee cannot

be driven very far out onto the fairway. The stiffening member 5 serves to reinforce the soft rubber at the top and to keep it in shape as well as to form a firm place on which to lay the ball. The pin portion serves to penetrate the ground and to keep the tee straight.

Obviously various modifications of the above described embodiment of this invention may be made without departing from the scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

I claim:—

1. In a golf tee, a pin having a cup shaped head and a resilient casing disposed about said pin and having a hardened subuliform end associated with an end of said pin.

2. In a golf tee, a metal pin having a cup shaped head and a rubber casing moulded about said pin and having a tapering portion vulcanized to hardness adjacent the point of said pin.

3. A golf tee comprising a subuliform resilient member having a hardened end and reinforced by a metal pin having a cup shaped head and a pointed end projecting from the hardened portion of said resilient member.

4. In a golf tee, a subuliform rubber member having a pointed end vulcanized to hardness, and a metal reinforcing member comprising a pin disposed axially of said rubber member and having a point extending beyond said vulcanized portion and having a cup shaped head adapted to receive a golf ball and to reinforce the soft part of said rubber member.

5. A golf tee comprising a pin having a cup shaped head and a subuliform rubber protective casing disposed about said pin.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 27th day of August, 1926.

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