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GOLF CLUB COVER

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FIG. 1

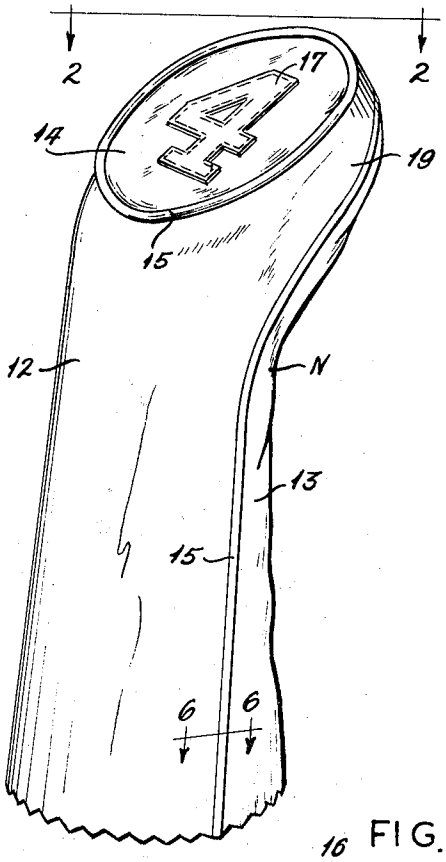


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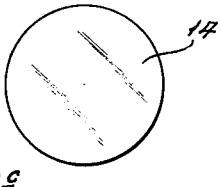


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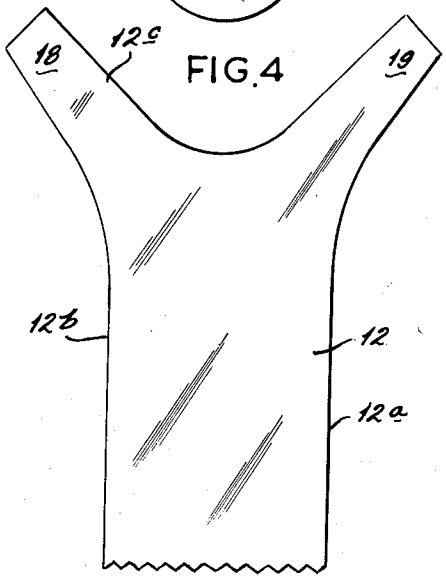


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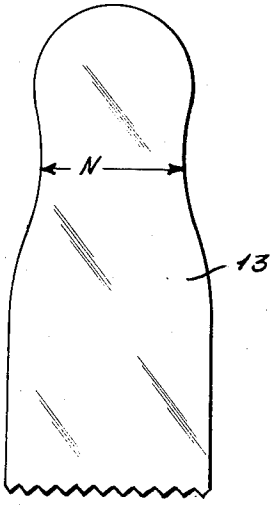


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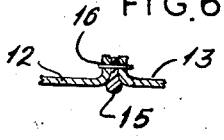
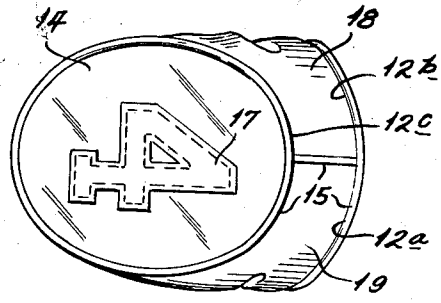


FIG. 2



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This invention relates to golf club covers which have features of construction resulting in a more economical use of material and an improved fit.

The cover herein disclosed is an improvement over the cover shown in Clarence E. Clark Patent No. 2,779,374, granted January 29, 1957. The cover of said patent is made of members which are shaped so that the required pattern layout for cutting is not particularly economical. Moreover, the reliance upon two keyhole shaped pieces and an intervening undulant piece does not produce the desired fit to retain the cover on the golf club head after a period of use, since the pieces become stretched and rapidly lose the form-fitting effect. Therefore, it is an object of this invention to improve upon the cover of the said Clark patent and overcome the loss of form-fit so that the resulting cover will more precisely fit a golf club head and thereby remain on the head.

It is also an object of this invention to provide a cover for golf clubs in which the form-fit characteristic is achieved in a simple arrangement of shaped pieces so that the form of the finished cover is substantially permanently retained throughout its life.

Other objects of this invention reside in the construction of a cover illustrated in the drawing forming a part of this disclosure and wherein:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the improved cover for a golf club head;

FIG. 2 is a top view of the cover seen at line 2—2 in FIG. 1;

FIGS. 3, 4 and 5 are respectively the end, the front and the back of the cover shown in flat pattern layout; and

FIG. 6 is a fragmentary sectional detail of the seam construction incorporating a welt strip.

In FIGS. 1 and 2, the preferred cover assembly comprises a front member **12**, a back member **13** and an end member **14**. These members are secured by sewed seams which include a welting strip **15** secured by stitching **16** applied while the members are in a reversed condition so that the sewed edges are exposed. After sewing the cover is turned right side out and appears as shown in FIG. 1. A numeral **17** or other marking to identify particular clubs may be affixed to the end member.

The individual members of the improved cover are shown in flat pattern layout in FIGS. 3, 4 and 5 from which it will be seen that the front **12** is of Y shape, the back **13** is a keyhole shape, and end **14** is a circular piece. The improved club head form-fit is obtained in the unique cooperation which is produced by uniting a Y shape with a keyhole shape. It has been found that in conforming the arms **18** and **19** of the member **12** so that the outer end edges are brought together, as in FIG. 2, the adjacent area of the member assumes a permanent shape conforming almost precisely to a club head. Furthermore, the arms **18** and **19** when secured together produce a narrowing draw below the head member **14** so that a reduced waist is defined across the width of the front member and the arms **18** and **19** assume angular positions with respect to the lengthwise axis of the cover. The resulting shape of the front member **12** substantially conforms to the angular relation between the club head and its shaft. The keyhole shaped back member **13** when sewed into place cooperates to hold the configuration of the front member **12** and its arms **18** and **19** since the narrow portion N of the member **13** assumes a position at the waist of the cover and retains the narrowing draw thereof.

The cover may be constructed of leather or fabric or suitable plastic sheet material. When made of plastic material it is advantageous to then use a plastic type welting strip **15** and to heat seal, rather than stitch, the members along the respective margins **12***a*, **12***b* and **12***c* with the result that the seams are rendered moisture proof.

The foregoing disclosure has related to a preferred form of cover, but it is understood that this is not to be taken as limiting the scope of the invention except as the same shall be set forth in the claims appended hereto.

What is claimed is:

1. A golf club cover including a first elongated member having a Y-shape in flat pattern in which diverging arms are provided adjacent one end, a second elongated member having a keyhole like shape in flat pattern, and a third member of circular shape, said first member having opposite longitudinal margins secured to the margins of said second member to provide a continuous seam, and said first member having a further margin along said arms to provide a circular opening adjacent said one end, said third member being secured to the margins of the circular opening so that the arms and circular shaped member define a closure for said one end of the cover extending angularly relative to the lengthwise dimensions of said first and second members.

2. A golf club cover including a first member of Y-shape in flat pattern having an elongated body formed with diverging arms at one end providing a curved crotch at that end, a second member of elongated keyhole shape in flat pattern having an arcuate end and an intermediate portion narrower than other portions, said first and second members being marginally secured together with said diverging arm secured to said arcuate end so that said arms form a circular wall for the cover, and a third member of circular shape secured to the margins of said arms so as to close the cover at the curved crotch formed by said arms.

3. A golf club cover comprising a body closed at one end and open at the opposite end to receive a club head, said body having a substantially straight portion from said open end to an intermediate narrowed portion adjacent said closed end and said closed end being arcuate and directed at an angle to said straight body portion, and said body being constructed of a first member of Y-shape having diverging arms at one end, a second member of keyhole shape with an arcuate end and an adjacent narrow portion, and a third member of circular shape, said third member being secured to said diverging arms to draw the arms into arcuate positions and simultaneously direct the arms at an angle to other portions of said first member, and said second member being marginally secured to said first member with said arcuate end secured to the diverging arms to complete the closed end of the body.

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