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GOLF CLUB SHAFT PROTECTOR

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FIG. 1

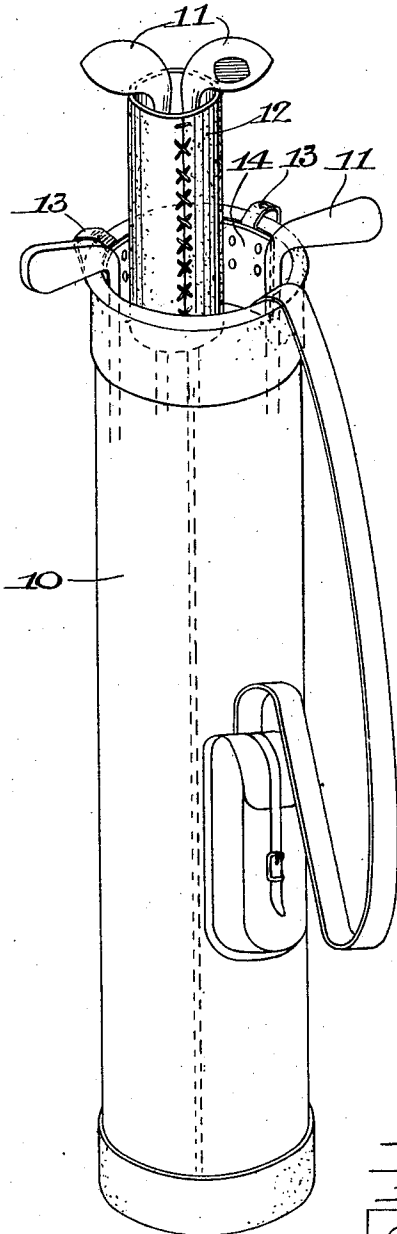


FIG. 2

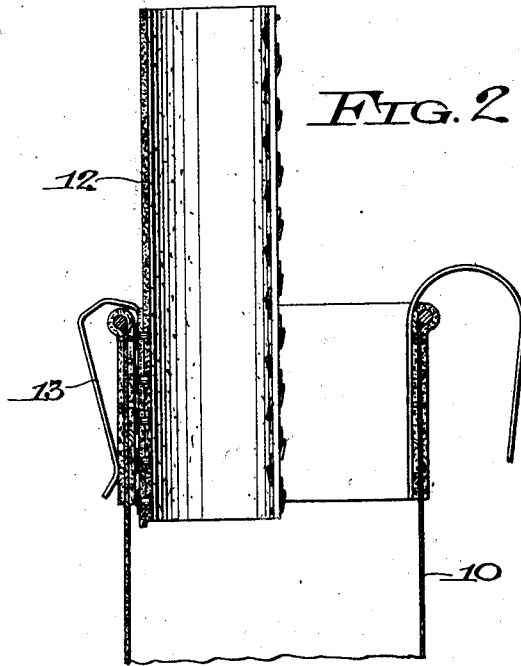


FIG. 3

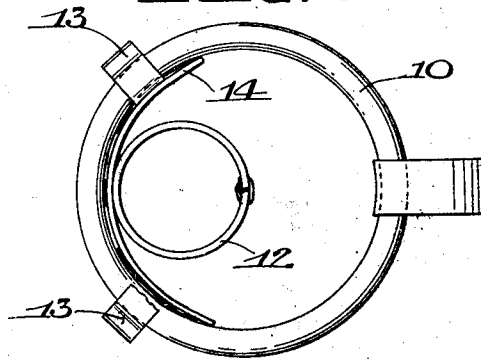
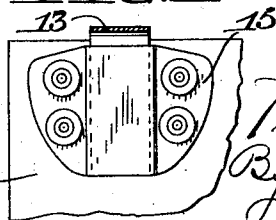


FIG. 4



WITNESSES

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GOLF-CLUB-SHAFT PROTECTOR.

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This invention relates to golf club shaft protectors and has for its object to provide means for receiving the shafts of the wooden golf clubs and protect them from damage by the heads of the other clubs in the bag.

In the rough handling of golf club bags both in use or during transportation the heads of the shorter clubs strike against the shafts of the longer clubs and injure them so that they become bruised and the cord wrappings become torn and it is the object of the present invention to provide a shield of leather or other suitable material to surround and protect the shafts of the longer clubs from such injury.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the golf club shaft protector as herein claimed and all equivalents.

Referring to the accompanying drawings in which like characters of reference indicate the same parts in different views,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a golf club bag provided with a protector constructed in accordance with this invention;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the protector and the mouth of the bag;

Fig. 3 is a plan view thereof, and

Fig. 4 is a detail view of the means for attaching the spring clips.

In these drawings, 10 indicates a golf club bag for containing the usual clubs 11, and 12 is a protecting sleeve preferably of leather, though it may be of any suitable material, which is mounted within the mouth of the bag 10 as by means of detachable spring clips 13, though it may be permanently attached or secured in any desired manner. This tubular guard or protector 12 lies partly within the bag and extends above a sufficient distance to cover the range of the heads of the shorter clubs which are placed in the bag as usual and serves to prevent the heads of such shorter clubs from engaging the shanks or shafts of the longer clubs which are placed within the protector. The leather protector may be formed from a sheet of leather with its edges laced, stitched or riveted together to form the tubular

guard and may be riveted or otherwise connected to a supporting member 14, which may also be of leather and which has riveted to it the spring clips 13. The preferred method of mounting the protector is shown wherein the supporting member fits within the mouth of the bag 10 and the spring clips 13 arch over the rim of the bag and bear against the outside thereof. The spring clips preferably consist of spring tongues mounted on attaching plates 15, which are riveted to the outside of the member 14.

This protector may be readily attached within the mouth of any golf bag and then constitutes a separate holder for receiving the longer shaft clubs, while the shorter clubs are placed in the mouth of the bag as usual. The leather sleeve or protecting guard prevents the heads of the shorter clubs from striking the shafts of the longer clubs and thus protects the latter from injury.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A golf club protector comprising a sheet of sole leather having its edges laced together to form a tubular sleeve, a supporting member consisting of a sheet of sole leather riveted thereto, spring clips mounted on the supporting member at each side of the tubular sleeve and adapted to engage the mouth of a golf bag for detachably holding the sleeve within the mouth of the golf bag with its end projecting above the mouth of the golf bag.

2. A golf club protector comprising a sheet of sole leather having its edges laced together to form a tubular sleeve, a supporting member consisting of a sheet of sole leather riveted thereto, attaching plates riveted to the outside of the supporting member on either side of the tubular sleeve and spaced therefrom, and inverted U-shaped spring tongues secured to the attaching plates to form spring clips with their free ends outwardly bent and pressed toward the attaching plates to arch over the rim of the golf bag and bear against the outside thereof.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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