

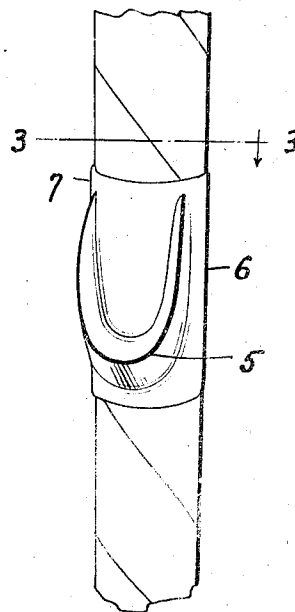
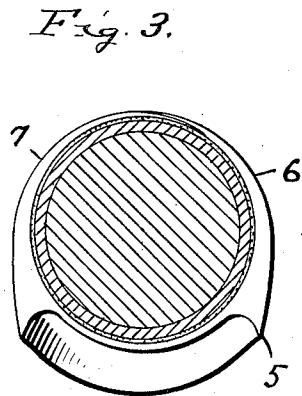
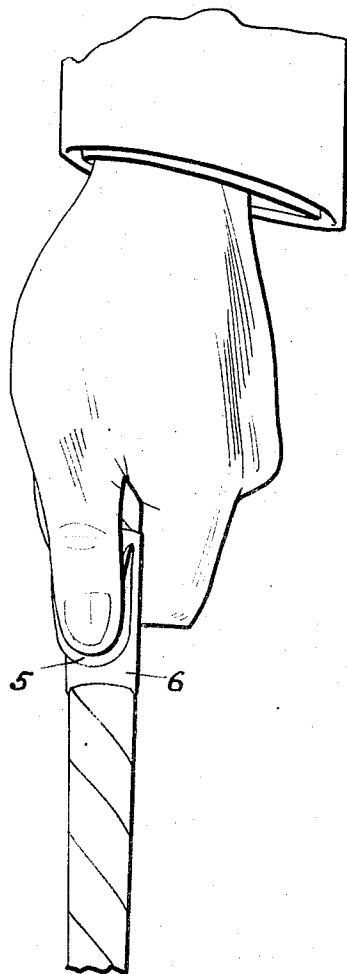
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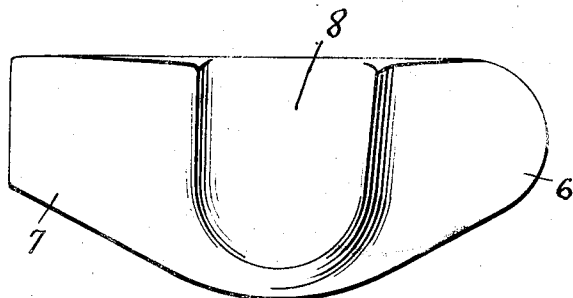


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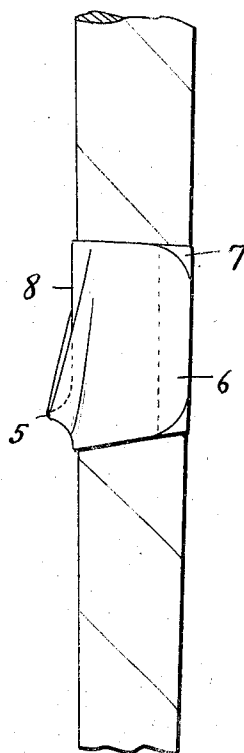


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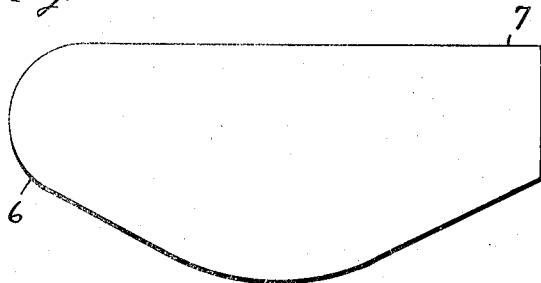


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The present invention relates to a grip finder for golf clubs and has for its prime object to provide an attachment for the grip portion of the shaft of a golf club into which the thumb of one hand may be placed for guiding the player in placing his hand around the grip portion of the shaft. It is well known that if the thumb of the left hand, for right hand players, and vice versa for left hand players, is placed in the correct position on the golf club shaft, then the hand will naturally and automatically be forced to grip the club correctly for the best results.

Another important object of the invention resides in the provision of an attachment of this nature which is exceedingly simple in its construction, inexpensive to manufacture, thoroughly efficient and reliable in use, easy to apply and otherwise well adapted to the purpose for which it is designed.

With the above and numerous other objects in view as will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, and in the combination and arrangement of parts as will hereinafter be more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary elevation of a golf club shaft showing the attachment in place with the thumb of the left hand engaged therein,

Figure 2 is a similar view but not showing the hands of the player.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 2 but at an approximate right angle thereto.

Figure 5 is a plan view of the device before applied to the shaft of the club showing the outer side thereof,

Figure 6 is a similar view showing the inner side thereof, and

Figure 7 is an edge elevation of the device before being bent.

Referring to the drawings in detail it will be seen that the device comprises an oblong body having a relatively thick intermediate portion 5 with side wings 6 and 7 projecting therefrom and tapering therefrom in thickness so as to terminate in substantially feathered end edges, the end edge of the wing 7 being at right angles to one longitudinal edge while the end edge of the other wing 6 is in the form of an arch. The other side edge

is of a somewhat V-shaped formation. The relatively thick intermediate portion 5 has a thumb receiving recess 8 formed therein. The device is placed on the grip portion of the shaft of a golf club and then bent around so that the end of the wing 6 overlaps the end of the wing 7. This device may be made of any suitable material and when made of leather or rubber may be glued to the grip portion. If made of metal or the like it may clamp itself about the grip portion. The essential feature of the invention is the provision of a recess at the proper position on the grip portion of the club for receiving the left hand thumb of a right hand player or the right hand thumb of a left hand player so as to guide him in properly placing his hand about the grip portion of the shaft of the golf club as will be readily appreciated by those skilled in this game. This device will also steady the grip and prevent slipping during the execution of a golf stroke. Such slipping is particularly likely to happen because of perspiration, rain or the like and this device minimizes such slipping.

It is thought that the construction, utility and advantages of this invention will now be clearly understood by those skilled in this art without a more detailed description thereof.

The present embodiment of the invention has been described in considerable detail merely for the purposes of exemplification since in actual practice it attains the features of advantage enumerated as desirable in the statement of the invention and the above description.

It will be apparent that changes in the details of construction, and in the combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention as hereinafter claimed or sacrificing any of its advantages.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new is:

In combination with the grip portion of a golf club, a grip finder comprising a strip of material adapted to be applied to the club grip, said strip being provided with a U-shaped rib thereon, said rib being high at its bight portion and gradually receding toward its ends to provide a finger pocket.

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