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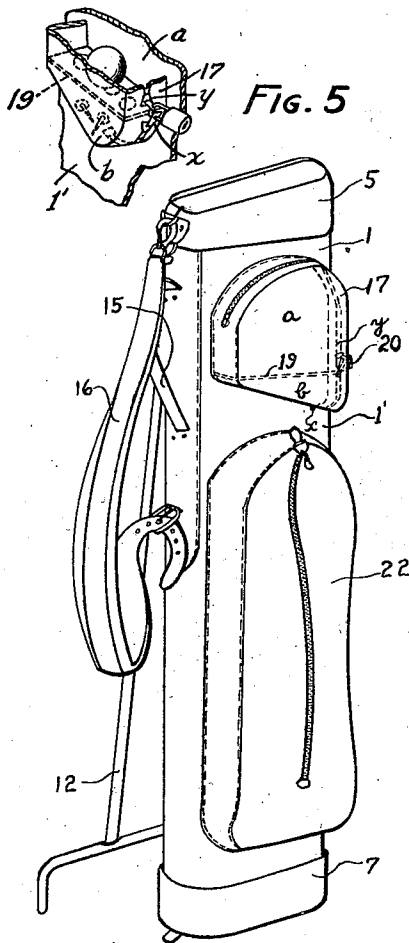


FIG. 1

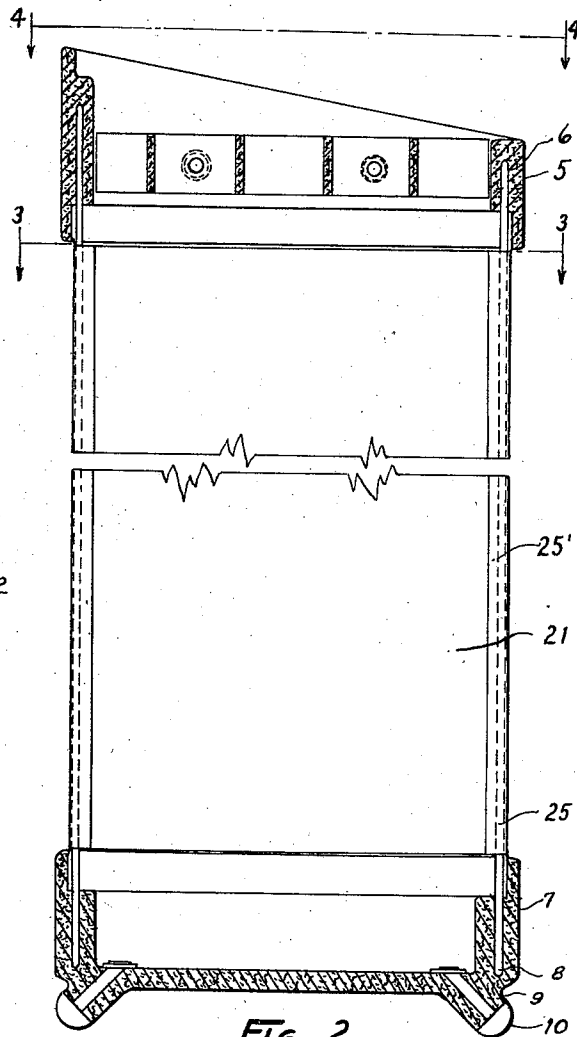


FIG. 2

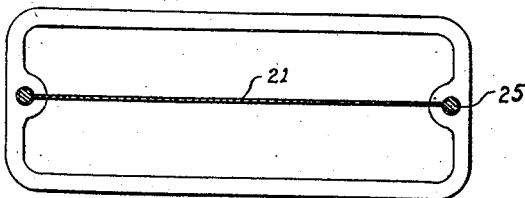


FIG. 3

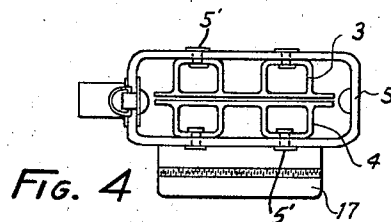


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## 1 Claim. (Cl. 150-1.5)

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My invention relates to improvements in golf club bags.

It is an object of my invention to provide an improved golf club bag which may be readily and quickly assembled in manufacture and which will be durable and efficient in use.

I further contemplate that the club positioning means of my invention shall be so associated with the mouth of the golf bag as to eliminate the use of special long arm sewing machines or other special equipment to secure the said positioning means or the club supporting and retaining means to the bag.

Another object of my invention is to provide improved support means for said bag whereby said bag will maintain its assembled form in use.

Another object of my invention is to provide improved means for mounting the golf clubs in the golf bag of my invention.

Another object of my invention is to provide in the improved golf bag of my invention an improved ball and tee compartment.

Other objects of my invention and the invention itself will become more readily apparent from a review of the following description and attached drawing, in which drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the improved golf bag of my invention;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view of the structure of Fig. 1, the back outer cover material being omitted in this view;

Fig. 3 is a sectional plan view taken on the line 3-3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a top plan view taken on the line 4-4 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary perspective view illustrating the ball and tee compartment of my invention.

Referring now to the drawings, in all of which like parts are designated by like reference characters, at 1 I show the improved golf bag of my invention, said bag comprising a bag covering 1', an upper cuff 5, a lower base 7, a standard 12, bag handle 15, shoulder strap 16, a ball and tee compartment 17 and a utility compartment 22, as best shown in Fig. 1.

The bag further comprises a novel stay pocket apron 21, for purposes hereinafter more fully described, said stay pocket apron being disposed medially of the bag, as best shown in Fig. 3.

Various features of the bag of my invention have been separately described and claimed in my co-pending applications for United States Letters Patent, Serial Nos. 575,598 and 575,599, both filed February 1, 1945, the latter now aban-

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doned, these being particularly the standard 12, and improved suspension and supporting means, not shown herein but adapted to be associated with the bag of my invention, and the same will only be referred to generally in this specification.

It is to be noted that, as illustrated herein, the improved base and cuff of the bag of my invention are preferably formed of plastic and each comprises a pair of stay slots 6 and 8 respectively, at either side of each said element, said pairs of slots being adapted to be placed in alignment when the bag is assembled.

The cuff 5, as shown in the embodiment herein illustrated and described, is preferably tapered from end to end in the usual manner, and index strips 3 and 4, preferably also formed of plastic, comprising any suitable number of compartments for accommodating woods and iron clubs each being disposed on either side of the apron division 21, may be secured to the cuff by means of studs 5' or like securing means. The index strips thus prevent shifting of the clubs to a reasonable degree and enable the golfer and/or his caddie to more quickly locate a desired club.

The base 7 is preferably provided with a pair of legs or lug portions 9, preferably integrally formed with the base of the preferred plastic thereof, said lugs having metallic buttons or the like 10 to withstand wear, said lugs assisting the standard 12 in maintaining the bag in standing position, said standard being secured to the upper rear portion of the bag.

It will be noted that the bag handle 15 and strap 16 will preferably be formed of plastic material and that the material of the pocket 17 and compartment 22 will preferably be of the material of the bag proper which may be canvas, leather, or other suitable material.

The ball and tee dispensing pocket 17 of my invention is adapted to receive the balls and tees in the larger portion *a* of the compartment and to dispense tees from the smaller portion *b* thereof, the ball and tee compartments *a* and *b* being separated by means of a perforated partition 19, said perforations being only sufficiently large than said tees to enable tees which have been placed in the ball compartment *a* to fall through the compartment *a* into the compartment *b* and to bar balls from so doing. The tees may be readily obtained from the compartment *b* by means of movement of the slide fastener tab *x*, the slide fastener tab *y* being drawn back when both balls and tees are dropped into the main compartment *a* of the pocket. A single

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lock arrangement 20 locks the entire pocket 17 and the two slide fastener units.

In assembly, the bag covering 1' comprising the pocket 17, compartment 22, bag handle 15 and suitable buckles for the strap 16 is sewed, laced or riveted to the base 7 and then a vertical seam uniting opposite side edges of the covering is disposed rearwardly of the bag to form a cylindrical tube thereof.

The stay pocket apron 21 with the stays 25 inserted within the hem portions 25' of the apron is then inserted within the tubular bag covering, the stay ends inserted within the stay slots 3 of the base and the opposite ends of said stays within the aligned stay slots 6 of the cuff 5. The cuff is then attached to the bag covering by means of sewing, lacing, riveting or other suitable means.

The stay pocket apron being of separate material from that of the bag, thus enables the bag to be assembled without the use of long-arm sewing machines and/or equipment for riveting stays to cuff and base, as in prior art practice. The apron, as above described, also provides for two rows of golf shafts to preserve golf shafts and grips.

Although I have described my invention in connection with a preferred embodiment thereof, I am, of course, aware that numerous and extensive departures could be made therefrom without,

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however, departing from the spirit of my invention and the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

A golf bag comprising a tubular bag member, a base member, a cuff member, said base and cuff members being secured to said tubular bag member at opposite ends thereof and having aligned slots disposed in each said base and cuff member, an apron disposed medially of said tubular member and having stay elements projected therethrough, the opposite ends of each said stay element being seated in said opposing aligned slots in the base and cuff members.

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