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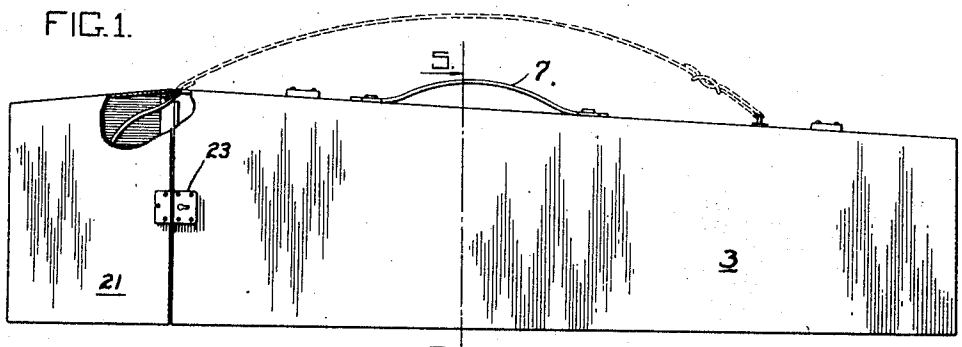


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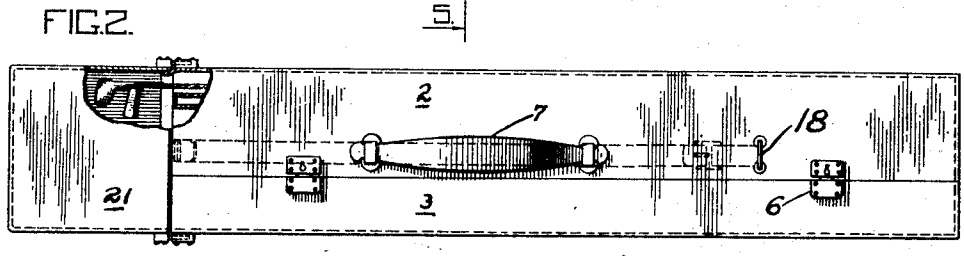


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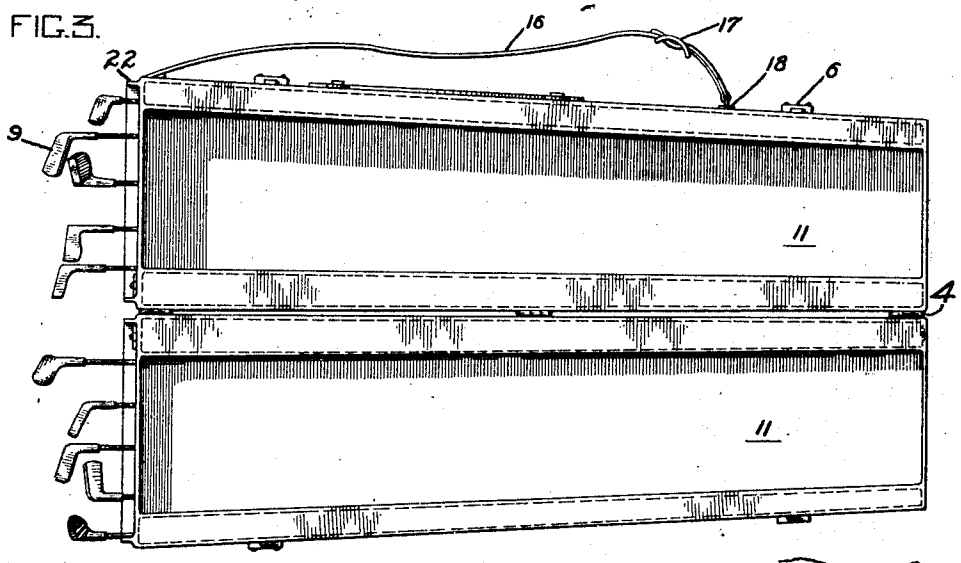


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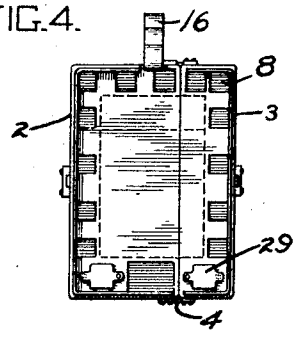


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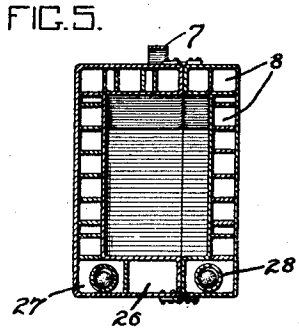
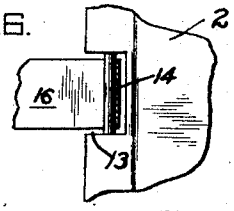


FIG. 6.



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My invention relates to golf bags and carrying cases for golf clubs, and one of the objects of the invention is to provide a combination case and bag, so that in the carrying case form of the device, it may be used to carry balls and special or other clothing in addition to the clubs, presenting in this form the appearance of a neat traveling case. In the bag form of the device, a portion of the complete case is used to carry the clubs in the same manner as a golf bag, from which it differs in no material respect.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the carrying case, a portion being broken away to disclose the structure.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the carrying case, a portion being broken away to disclose the structure.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the golf bag opened out to permit access to the packing space in the center of the case.

Figure 4 is an end view of the golf bag, the cap section of the case being omitted.

Figure 5 is a sectional view, the plane of section being indicated by the line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Figure 6 is a detail of the edge of one of the case sections showing the method of fastening the carrying strap.

The combination golf bag and carrying case of my invention comprises two like sections 2 and 3, connected along one edge by the hinges 4, and adapted to be closed together to form a case as best shown in Figure 4. Suitable means 6 of conventional form are provided for locking the sections together, and a handle 7 is disposed on the upper wall of one of the sections in the usual way.

Spaced about the lateral walls of both of the case sections 2 and 3, are the compartments 8, of such size as to receive the handles of golf clubs 9, the ends of the compartment being open to permit the insertion of the clubs from one end. The arrangement of the compartments about the lateral walls leaves a convenient packing space 11 in each of the case sections and this space may be conveniently used for clothing which it is desired to carry. When the device is used as a golf bag, the space 11 is of course preferably empty and only the clubs are carried in their compartments.

Means are provided for carrying the device as a golf bag. As best shown in Figure 6, one of the edges of one of the sections is provided with a notch 13 crossed by a bar 14 about which a strap 16 is permanently looped and secured. Because the cross bar 14 lies on the edge of the wall, the strap may be swung outwardly or inwardly with respect to the case. The other end of the strap is provided with detachable means, such as a buckle 17, for securing it to a ring 18 adjacent the opposite end of the case. When the strap is fastened to the ring 18 it thus forms the conventional carrying means for the golf bag. By unfastening the buckle 17 the strap may be turned into the end of the case adjacent the heads of the golf clubs where it is concealed in the carrying case form of my device.

Means are provided for concealing the heads of the clubs and converting the golf bag into a carrying case of attractive appearance. A cap section 21 is provided to fit over the flanged edges 22 of the hinged sections 2 and 3, and a lock 23 of conventional type is provided on each side to hold the cap in place when it is applied.

Preferably I provide a large compartment 26 in the bottom of the case in which an umbrella may be placed and other compartments 27 are provided with tubes 28 adapted to hold a supply of golf balls, the ends of the tubes being closed by flap covers 29 provided with suitable snaps for keeping them closed.

With the cap 21 in place as shown in Figures 1 and 2 the device provides a carrying case of large capacity and in which golf clubs and balls as well as other needed articles may be conveyed, thus making it unnecessary for the golfer to carry a grip or suitcase in addition to his golf bag. Before going on the course, the cap 21 is removed and the strap 16 attached to the ring 18 and the packing space 11 emptied. The device then provides a satisfactory golf bag.

I claim:

1. A combination case and bag for golf clubs comprising hinged sections having one end open for the reception of the clubs and one of said sections having a notch on the edge of the open end thereof, a cap section having releasable fastening means for securing it to the hinged sections over the projecting clubs, a bag carrying strap secured at one of its ends to the notched edge of the open end of one of the hinged sections and detachably secured at its opposite end to the lower portion of the same section

whereby the detachable end may be placed in the cap section when the parts are assembled as a carrying case, and a handle for the carrying case arranged on one of the sections.

2. A golf club carrying case and bag comprising hinged sections formed with end-opening compartments for the clubs on the lateral sides and with a central packing space open at one end, and a cap section demountably secured to the hinged sections over the open ends of the club compartments and said packing space.

3. A golf club carrying case and bag comprising hinged sections formed with end-opening compartments for the clubs on the lateral sides and with a central packing space open at one end, a cap section demountably secured to the hinged sections over the open ends of the club compartments and said packing space, and carrying means for the bag comprising a strap secured at one end to the edge of the open end of one of the hinged sections and detachably secured at its opposite end to the lower portion of the same section.

4. A golf club carrying case and bag comprising a pair of flat sided hinged sections open at one end for the reception of the clubs and having a plurality of rigid individual golf club retaining pockets within said sections arranged around the sides thereof so as to leave a central packing space, said pockets so shaped and arranged as to provide a flat walled boundary for said packing space, and a straight sided cap demountably secured to said sections and shaped to combine with said hinged sections in forming a neat traveling case.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

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