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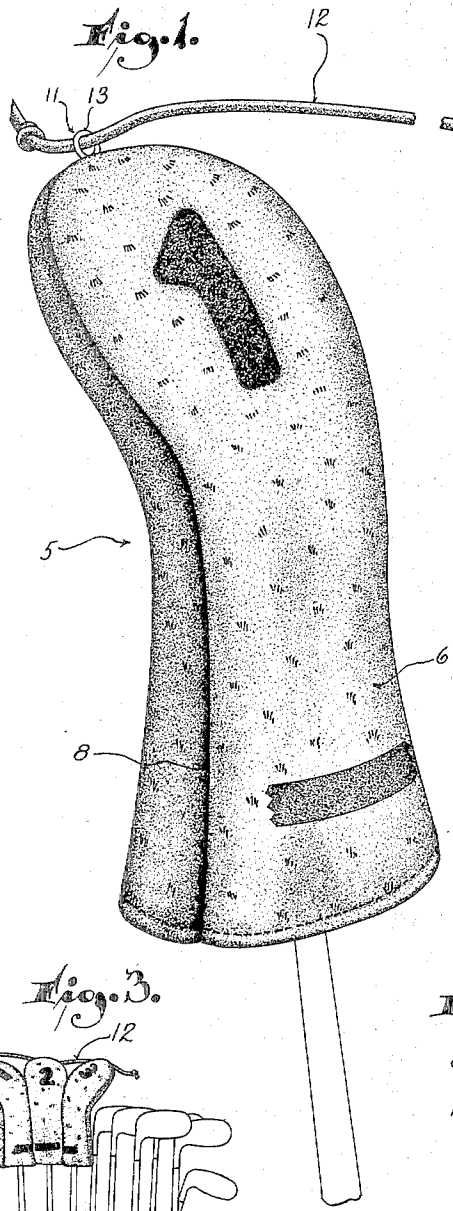


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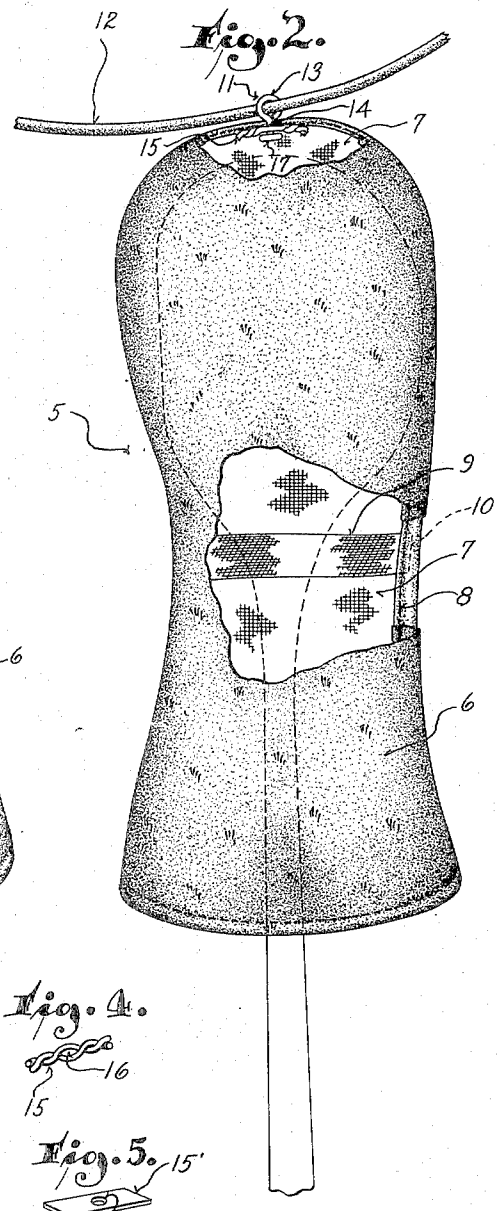


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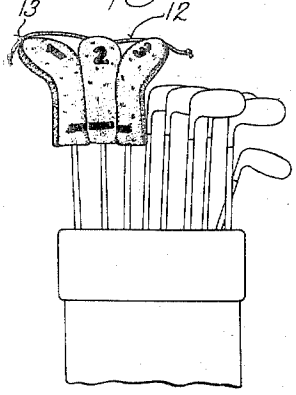


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This invention relates to covers of the type into which the heads of golf clubs are inserted for protection from the elements and from scuffing against one another in the bag in which the clubs are carried.

It is the usual practice to make covers for the heads of golf clubs out of a relatively soft leather or other suitable fabric capable of protecting the heads of those golf clubs of a set which are made of wood. The driver and brassie are the most common clubs having wooden heads, but sometimes three or more clubs having heads made of wood are carried about in a set, and it has been the custom to provide a degree of protection for the wood heads of these clubs by the use of bag-like covers of the type referred to, fastening all of the covers together by passing a cord or the like through an eye fixed on the bottom or closed end of the covers. Hence, any cover removed from its club was suspended by the cord in a position adjacent to the remaining covers and ready for application to the head of its club when the same was returned to the bag or other receptacle employed to carry the clubs.

One of the most annoying characteristics of golf club covers of the type described is attributable to the fact that the eye connectors on their closed ends have always been fixed with relation to the cover frequently resulting in the covers becoming entangled with one another or with the cord by which they were suspended and rendering their application to the heads of clubs returned to the bag exceedingly difficult.

Still another objection to past covers of the type described, was that they frequently became displaced from the golf club heads due to the covers fitting the heads too loosely.

With these objections in mind it is the purpose of the present invention to provide a golf club cover of the character described with an eye connector at the closed end of the cover which is connected to the cover for swiveling motion to allow universal motion of the cover on the cord from which a number of said covers may be suspended.

Another object of this invention resides in the provision of an elastic strip inside the cover having its opposite ends attached to substantially opposite walls of the cover so as to tend to pull the sides of the cover inwardly toward one another beneath the head of a club over which the cover has been placed, thereby overcoming accidental displacement of the cover from the head of the club to which it is applied.

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With the above and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, this invention resides in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts substantially as hereinafter described and more particularly defined by the appended claims, it being understood that such changes in the precise embodiment of the hereindisclosed invention may be made as come within the scope of the claims.

The accompanying drawing illustrates two complete examples of the physical embodiment of the invention constructed according to the best modes so far devised for the practical application of the principles thereof, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cover of this invention shown in place upon the head of a golf club;

Figure 2 is a side elevational view of the cover shown in Figure 1 but having portions of the cover broken away to illustrate details of the swivel connector and the elastic band inside the cover;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary elevational view illustrating a number of covers in place on the heads of golf clubs carried in a golf bag, the covers being joined by a cord common to all of them;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of one type of anchor piece to which the eye connector is fastened inside the cover; and

Figure 5 is a perspective view of a slightly modified type of anchor piece.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawing in which like numerals indicate like parts, the numeral 5 generally designates the cover of this invention.

The cover comprises an outer bag-like element 6, preferably made of pliable leather, and a liner 7 of soft fabric such as flannel inside the outer element and having a substantially identical shape. Both the outer element and the liner are made from relatively flat panels joined together by superimposing the pieces and sewing them together along their edges to form a common seam 8 extending entirely around the side of the cover, the seam, of course, being turned inwardly. The dimensions of the cover are such that it may be readily slipped on over the head of a golf club with the open end or neck of the bag extending a distance beneath the club head along the shank of the club as seen best in Figure 2.

In order to prevent accidental displacement of the cover from the head of the club a strip or band of elastic 9 having its opposite end portions attached to the outer bag-like element, as

well as the liner at substantially opposite walls of the cover, is provided to draw the sides of the cover inwardly toward one another beneath the head of the golf club, to render the cover more or less form fitting. For this purpose the elastic strip extends across the interior of the cover intermediate its ends and between the outer bag-like element and the liner, and it is readily fixed in place by having its opposite ends received between the inturned marginal edge portions of the cover panels and stitched thereto as at 10 when the seam 8 is formed.

It is common practice, as brought out hereinbefore, to provide golf club covers of this nature with eye connectors 11 at their closed ends to enable a cord 12 to be passed through the eyes of the covers required for one set of clubs having wooden heads. Thus, when knotted at its opposite ends, the cord was able to suspend one or more of the covers removed from the heads of their respective clubs.

Heretofore the eye connectors have been fixed permanently with respect to the bottoms of the covers, but according to the present invention the eye portion 13 of the connector is formed upon the outer exposed end of a shank or swivel 14 projecting through the bottom of the outer bag-like element preferably at the seam 8, as seen best in Figure 2, to have its inner end portion rotatably connected to an anchor piece 15 disposed between the outer bag-like element and the liner 7. The rotatable connection between the shank or swivel 14 and the anchor piece is effected in an extremely simple manner, merely by passing the shank through an aperture 16 in the anchor piece, and forming an enlarged head 17 on the inner end of the shank to retain the swivel connector against detachment from the cover. The anchor piece 15, of course, is held in place partly by being confined between the outer element of the cover and its liner, and partly by reason of the fact that the eye portion of the connector cooperates with the enlarged head 17 on its shank to substantially loosely rivet the anchor to the cover.

One form of anchor piece is shown in Figure 4 and is made in an extremely simple and inexpensive manner merely by twisting together two relatively short lengths of wire, leaving an aperture 16 intermediate the ends of the twisted wire for the reception of the shank or swivel 14 of the eye connector. Another form of anchor piece 15 is shown in Figure 5 and comprises a substantially flat rectangular piece of sheet metal having a central aperture 16' to rotatably receive the shank 14 of the eye connector.

When one of the covers of a set such as illustrated in Figure 3 is removed from the head of its club so that the club may be used, the cover hangs from the cord 12 and is enabled to be swiveled freely to facilitate its replacement on the head of the club when the same is returned to the bag or other receptacle employed for transporting the clubs from place to place. Hence the provision of the swivel overcomes the objection inherent in past golf club covers since it allows relatively free universal motion of the cover on its cord and eliminates the possibility of the covers becoming entangled.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art that this invention provides an improved golf club cover wherein application of the cover to the head of the golf club is facilitated by reason of the swivel connection afforded between the cover and its cord, and wherein accidental displacement of the cover from the head of the golf club is minimized.

What we claim as our invention is:

1. A readily removable cover for the head of a golf club, comprising: connected inner and outer bag-like elements, said elements having a continuous seam along the closed end and opposite sides thereof; a strip of elastic extending across said cover from one side seam to the other between the inner and outer elements thereof and substantially medially of the ends of the cover; and means anchoring the opposite ends of said strip to one of said elements with the strip stretched between said side seams so as to pull the sides of the cover inwardly toward one another at a distance from the open end of the cover whereby application of the cover onto and intentional removal thereof from the head of a club is facilitated without sacrificing assurance against accidental displacement of the cover from the club.

2. A readily removable cover for the head of a golf club, comprising: inner and outer bag-like elements, said elements being sewn together and having a continuous seam along the closed end and opposite sides thereof; an anchor piece secured to the cover at the closed end thereof; a swivel carried by said anchor piece; and an eye on the swivel and through which a cord may be passed to enable the cover to be suspended by and swiveled from the cord.

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