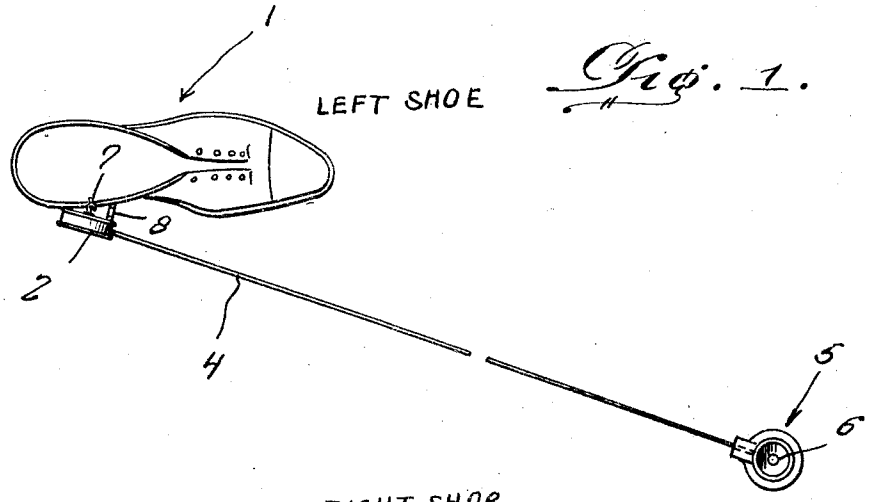
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Fig. 1.



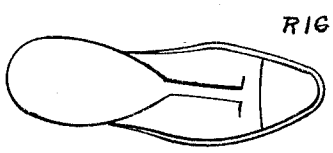


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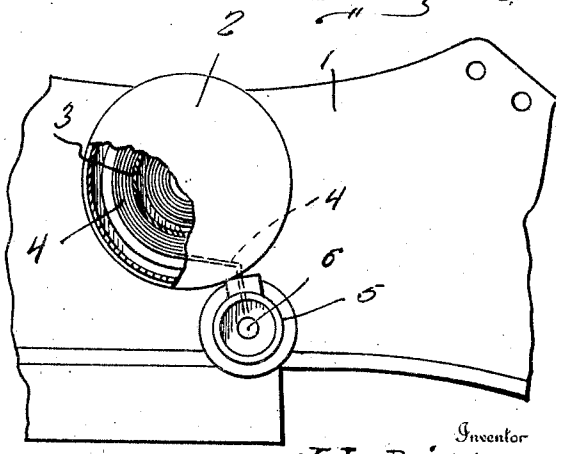
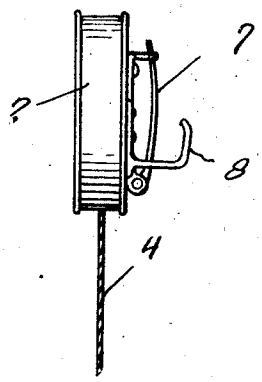


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHNIE L. DILLOW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Big Stone Gap, in the county of Wise and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Golf-Tee Reel, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a new combination of elements wherein a golf tee is connected with a reel, the reel being adapted to be attached to such parts of the body of the performer, preferably the foot so that after each drive the tee will be drawn into close contact with the reel.

It is not infrequent for golf players to make a drive off of the tee and to walk off and leave the tee.

It has been observed that the enthusiastic performer drives the ball from the tee and in the excitement of watching the ball and point where it falls, they walk off and forget to carry the tee with them.

In view of the foregoing circumstances, and also for convenience of handling, I propose to provide a spring rotated reel confined in a casing, the casing being attached to the shoe of the player; together with a tee attached to the free end of a flexible element wound upon the reel, this tee being provided with an anchoring spike so that it may be driven into the ground to stay put during the drive.

The primary feature is that by exerting a pull upon the flexible element, the spike on the tee can be pulled out of the ground, and the flexible element wound upon the drum or reel, whereby to dispose the tee in close relation to the reel casing on one side of the shoe, thus permitting convenient carrying of the tee from place to place over the golf course.

The invention is characterized by other features which will become apparent from the following description and drawings.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this application and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same:

Figure 1 is a top plan view showing the invention in use.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary side view of a portion of a shoe showing the invention attached and with portions broken away and shown in section to disclose the construction.

Fig. 3 is an edge elevation of the reel showing the attaching means more plainly.

In carrying out the invention, the reel is attached to the left shoe 1 of the player as represented in Fig. 1. The reel comprises a casing 2 in which a spring rotated drum 3 is mounted for rotation. A flexible element 4, preferably a length of relatively strong cord is wound upon the drum and is attached at its outer end to a conventional golf ball tee 5.

The tee is provided with a centrally disposed anchoring spike or its equivalent 6. Normally the tee assumes the inoperative position shown in Fig. 2. From Fig. 3 it will be seen that an appropriate fastener, preferably in the form of a safety pin 7 is carried by the inner side of the reel casing, and an angular spacing bracket 8 is also fastened on this side. This permits the reel casing to be pinned to the inner side of the left shoe as shown in Fig. 1 with the upstanding free end portion of the bracket 8 bearing against the shoe to dispose the casing in the approximate diverging relation shown.

It is customary for a person playing golf to keep his caddie ahead of him to watch the landing of the ball, and under these conditions it becomes necessary for the player to take care of the tee himself, if he uses the kind of a tee shown.

With the present device, the tee is set by driving the pin or spike down into the ground. In this connection I would point out that the spike is of a length to counteract the spring in the reel to prevent pulling up of the tee unless an unduly strong pull is exerted upon the cord intentionally by the player. In use, the player reaches down, grasps the tee, pulls out the string or cord and anchors the tee at a convenient distance from the feet.

The spacing of the reel from the shoe on the proper angles enables the tee to be disposed in proper alinement for a perfect drive. It has been noted that with the arrangement specified, the player will be aided in holding the proper distance preparatory to making a drive. Furthermore there is no tee to worry about after the drive, for by

simply walking off and exerting a slight pull upon the cord, the cord will wind on the reel and pull in the golf tee against the casing. No particular degree of violence however, will be noted. The experienced performer, however, will walk toward the tee, allowing the cord to wind and when close to the tee, will simply lift up the foot and disengage the spike.

This is the safest and best plan for using the device. It has been noted also that in a device of this kind the tee may be more accurately spaced from the tips of the toes to aid in making the drive. Each individual must necessarily accustom himself to a particular spacing to insure a perfect blow with the club and by properly spacing the tee from the feet, this stroke in the performance will enhance the ability of the player.

Undoubtedly persons skilled in the art to which the invention relates will be able to obtain a clear understanding of the same by considering the description in connection with the drawings. Therefore, a more lengthy description is thought unnecessary.

While the preferred embodiment of the invention has been shown and described, it is to be understood that minor changes coming within the field of invention claimed may be resorted to if desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:—

1. In a device of the class described, a tee, anchoring means therefor, a reel, and a flexible element wound upon said reel and connected at its outer free end with said tee.

2. In a device of the class described, a golf ball tee, an anchoring spike carried thereby, a spring wound reel, a casing in which said reel is housed, a flexible element wound upon said reel and attached at its outer end to said tee, and means for fastening said casing to a part of the player's clothing.

3. In a device of the class described, a spring rotated reel, a flexible element wound on said reel, a casing in which said reel is rotatably mounted, a fastener carried by said casing, a spacing bracket carried by said casing, and a golf ball tee connected to the outer end of the flexible element, said tee embodying anchoring spikes.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

JOHNIE L. DILLOW.