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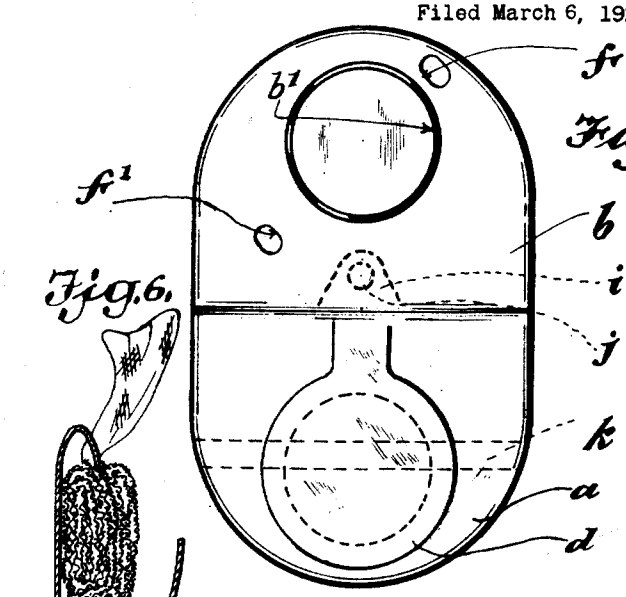


Fig. 1.

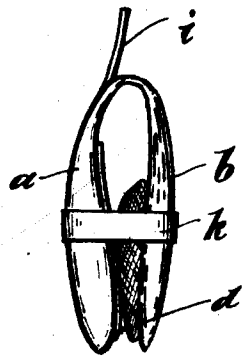
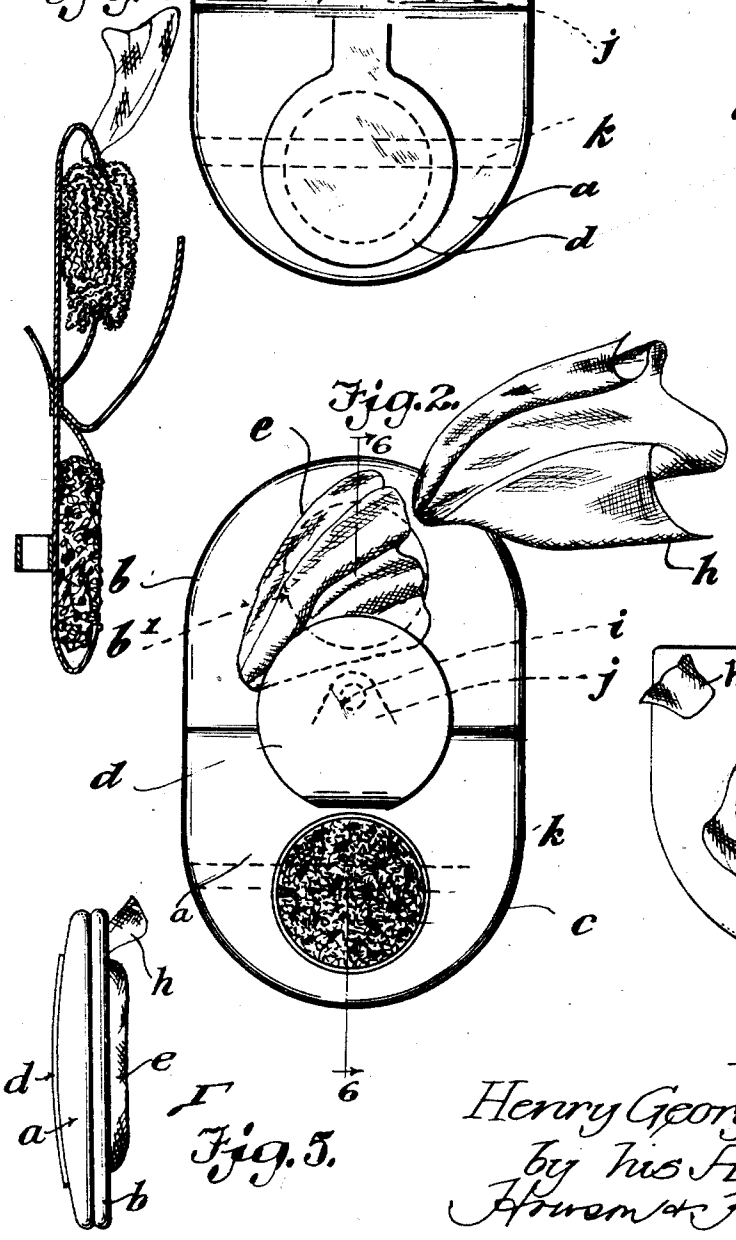


Fig. 3.



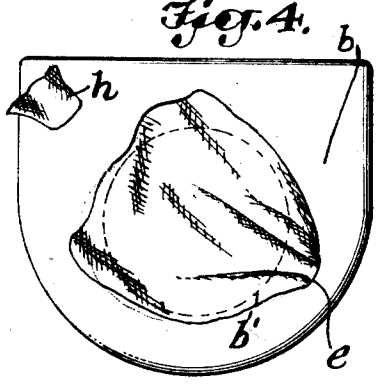


Fig. 5.

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This invention has reference to improvements in and relating to cleaning devices for golf balls and the like.

The object of my invention is to provide a cleaning device for golf balls which will be more efficient than those heretofore provided and which will enable a golfer afield to thoroughly clean a ball and subsequently clean his fingers.

According to my invention a portable golf ball cleaning device is provided with a wet element and also a drying element by which a golf ball can be cleaned and thereafter dried.

The device is conveniently formed of rubber or other flexible material and provided with pockets or cavities for the reception of a wet element or the like and for a drying cloth or the like, the former being used for cleaning the ball and the latter for drying same and also if desired the fingers of the user.

A flap is preferably provided to isolate the wet element and to prevent egress of moisture therefrom.

Preferred embodiments of my invention are illustrated by the annexed drawings whereon:

Figure 1 illustrates a cleaning device in its opened position, the dry cleaning device being omitted for clearness.

Figure 2 is a similar view but showing a dry cleaning device and also showing the flap by which the wet element is normally covered in its folded over position.

Figure 3 illustrates the device in its folded position.

Figures 4 and 5 are front and side elevations respectively of a modified form of device; and

Fig. 6 is a longitudinal sectional elevation taken on the line 6—6, Fig. 2.

On the drawings the same reference letters denote the same or corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings and particularly to Figures 1 to 3, the device comprises a hollow pouch like body portion composed of rubber, or other flexible material, having two pockets *a* and *b* formed therein, each pocket being provided with an opening, a^1 and b^1 respectively, which may have beaded edges as illustrated. In pocket *a* is inserted a sponge or similar element *c* which, when in use, is maintained in a wet or damp state. A waterproof flap *d*, of rubber or other equivalent material, normally covers the opening *a*. Into the pocket *b* is inserted a drying element *e* composed of cloth or other suitable material, which may be threaded through the two holes *f*, f^1 so as to retain same in position, the one end of the cloth projecting through the hole *f* as indicated at *h*, the other end of the cloth being threaded inward through the hole f^1. Said holes *f*, f^1, are formed in the side of the pocket *b*, adjacent the opening b^1.

i is a tab having an eyelet *j* by which the device can be secured to a golf club bag and *k* is a band by which the device is retained in its folded position.

In use the device is opened out and the flap *d* folded back as shown in Figure 2, the ball being cleaned on the wet element or the like *c*. When this has been effected the wet ball is then dried on the drying cloth *e*, the fingers of the user being thereafter dried on the projecting portion *h* of the latter.

The device is then folded as indicated by Figure 3 in which position it is retained by the band *k*.

As shown by Figures 4 and 5 the two pockets *a* and *b* may be arranged and secured back to back so that they do not require to be folded over after use.

The modified forms of the device are used for cleaning and drying the balls in exactly the same manner as set forth with reference to the device described with reference to Figures 1 to 3 of the annexed drawings.

Where there is no projecting portion *h* the drying cloth *e* or the like can be used to dry the fingers.

It will be understood that my invention is not restricted to any particular construction of receptacle for the cleaning and for the drying device or the materials used for these purposes, and that any multiplication of these devices may be used within the same housing so long as they are applicable for combined cleaning and drying the ball.

What I claim is:—

1. A cleaner comprising a flexible body having spaced pockets formed therein and restricted apertures opening into said pockets, a cleaning medium located within the one pocket, a drying medium located within the other pocket, and means to cover the aperture of the pocket containing the cleaning medium.

2. A cleaner comprising a flexible body having spaced pockets formed therein and restricted apertures opening into said pock-

ets, a cleaning medium located within the one pocket, a drying medium located within the other pocket, and a flap to cover the aperture of the pocket containing the cleaning medium.

3. A cleaner comprising a flexible body having spaced pockets formed therein and restricted apertures opening into said pockets, a cleaning medium located within the one pocket, a drying medium located within the other pocket, said body being adapted to be folded in a manner whereby the said cleaning and drying mediums lie opposite each other, a flap secured to said body and adapted to lie between said cleaning and drying mediums, and a band extending around said body when folded for maintaining the cleaner in its folded state.

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