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Fig. 1.

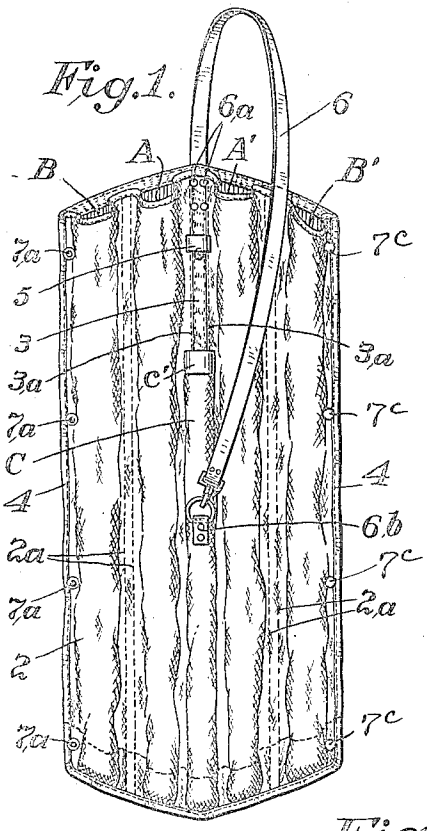


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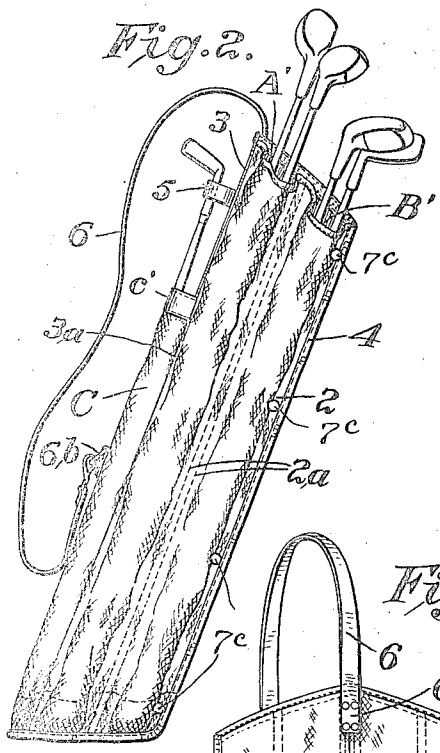


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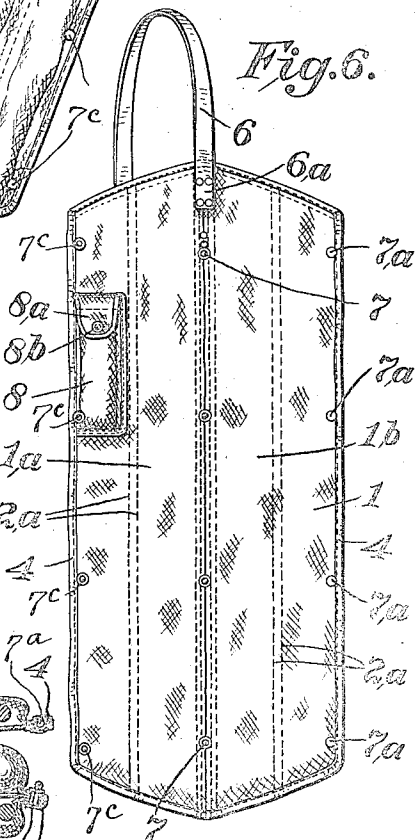


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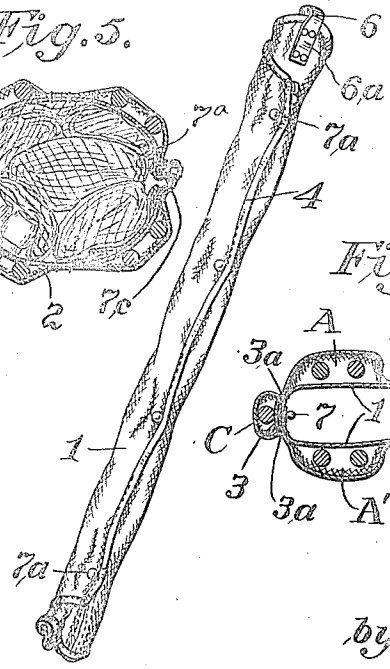


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In the use of the ordinary golf bag, which is of considerable weight, it not infrequently happens that a golfer on arriving at the links on Sundays and holidays, finds that a caddy is unavailable, and that it is desirable, for conserving his strength, to use a lighter bag.

My present invention aims to provide a so-called "Sunday bag", which can be conveniently carried by the golfer as a part of his regular outfit as an auxiliary bag, to be substituted for or used in lieu of the former when a caddy is unavailable.

Another object is to provide a construction in which the clubs will be segregated individually or in pairs, according to number, so that a ready selection is possible, and in which the bag will have two club carrying portions lying in parallelism and juxtaposition, whereby the bag will be reduced to a minimum thickness when in use, producing a flat type of bag which may be more conveniently carried.

A further object is to provide a construction which will eliminate the usual handle, thereby further reducing the weight, such construction enabling the putter to constitute the handle for the bag.

Another object is to provide a bag of this nature which, when the clubs are removed, can be rolled into cylindrical form of small diameter so as to be slid into the ordinary golf bag along with the clubs therein.

The invention also aims to provide a bag which can be used as a container or carrier for golf clothing, etc., either with the golf clubs in place therein, or with the clubs removed and carried in the customary bag.

With these and other objects in view which will hereinafter appear, the invention includes the novel features of construction hereinafter described, the nature and scope of my invention being defined and ascertained by the claims appended hereto.

An embodiment of my said invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved bag.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same in club carrying position.

Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the bag in the position shown in Fig. 2, the section being taken just below the top c' of the pocket C.

Fig. 4 is a view showing the bag with the clubs removed and rolled for insertion in the ordinary bag, and

Fig. 5 is a view of the bag when rolled for carrying golf clothing.

Fig. 6 is a view of the opposite face from that shown in Fig. 1.

Referring by reference characters to these drawings, the bag is shown as comprising a foundation layer 1 preferably of flexible and preferably textile material, carrying on one face thereof a plurality of club receiving pockets, conveniently four in number. These are preferably formed by stitching to one face (the outer when used for club carrying purposes) an outer facing layer 2 united to the layer 1 by longitudinal rows of stitches 2^a and also stitched or secured thereto transversely at the bottom, whereby open topped and closed bottom club receiving pockets are formed, each of these pockets in my preferred embodiment being large enough to receive two clubs, with the exception of the putter pocket hereinafter described.

The foundation layer may be made from two independent sheets 1^a, 1^b having their juxtaposed edges united by a longitudinally extending tape or reinforcing strip 3, which is designed to distribute the club carrying strain, said juxtaposed edges overlapping the surface of the tape and being secured thereto by means such as rows of stitching indicated at 3^a. The free side edges of the bag are preferably provided with reinforcing or wear resisting bindings, preferably of leather, as indicated at 4.

It will be noticed that the top edges of the bag are inclined downwardly from the center in opposite directions, and conversely the bottom edges are inclined upwardly. This produces two sets of relatively long and short pockets, A, A′ and B, B′, the former of which are adapted to receive and properly hold the longer clubs, such as mid iron and spoon in one, and driver and brassie in the other, while in a similar manner the shorter pockets retain in pairs the shorter clubs, such as the niblic and pitching mashie, and mashie and mashie iron. The portion of the sheet 2 which overlies said tape is cut away at its upper end, whereby a putter receiving pocket C is formed which has its upper edge preferably reinforced or bound with suitable material

such as leather, as indicated at *c'*. To the tape or reinforcing strip 3 at a suitable height above the top of the putter pocket is secured a loop or eye member 5, conveniently formed of leather or like material, and it will be seen that when the shaft of the putter is inserted through this loop or eye and into the putter pocket, the portion of the shaft lying between the loop and the top of the putter pocket will serve as a convenient handle for the bag, and when the bag is lifted by this handle the two club carrying portions will swing towards each other and lie in parallelism and juxtaposition, thus providing a flat form of club carrier with the club pockets and clubs on the outside in convenient position for removal and replacement. Due to the segregation of the clubs in pockets in a determined order, selection is facilitated and wear on the handle wrappings is reduced to a minimum.

In addition to the handle means formed by the putter and its means of retention, I provide a carrying or shoulder strap 6 having one end secured to the inner face of the bag, as indicated at 6^a, whereby it does not interfere with the insertion of the putter shaft into the loop and putter pocket, the opposite end of the strap being secured to the outer surface of the putter pocket at a suitable distance from the top thereof, as indicated at 6^b, and it will be observed that due to the central connections of the strap, the bag, when carried thereby, tends likewise to hang in a flat folded condition.

The bag is provided with means, such as snap fasteners 7 and 7^a, by which it may, when rolled up into close cylindrical form with the clubs removed, be retained in such position and thereby inserted in the ordinary golf bag when going to the links, and be in readiness for use in case a caddy is not available.

The bag is also preferably provided with a ball receiving pocket 8 having a cover 8^a provided with fastening means such as a snap fastener 8^b, such pocket being located on the inside face of the bag (opposite to the club pocket face) and preferably adjacent one edge.

It will be noticed that one set of snap fasteners 7 (the male fasteners) are secured to the inside face of the bag centrally thereof, while the female fasteners 7^a are secured to one edge of the bag with their sockets facing to the opposite side, or club pocket side.

When the bag is to be rolled for insertion in a caddy bag, the clubs being removed, I begin at the ball pocket carrying edge and roll with the club pockets facing inwardly, whereafter the snap fasteners are connected as shown in Fig. 4.

Other male snap fasteners 7^c are connected to the outside face of the bag adjacent the edge of the portion which carries the ball pocket which fasteners 7^c cooperate with the female fasteners 7^a to enable the bag to be formed into a tubular enclosure (either with or without clubs in the pockets) for carrying articles of golf apparel as shown in Fig. 5.

By forming the bottom edges of the bag inclined, as hereinbefore described, not only does this aid in shortening the edge pockets and facilitate club selection, but the tapered bottom tends to keep the near or advanced edge off the ground and prevent wear and tear at this point.

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

1. A golf bag of flexible material having club receiving pockets extending substantially the full length of the bag, an intermediate club receiving pocket having the upper end terminating below the upper end of the bag, and an eye member adjacent the upper end of the bag and aligned with said intermediate pocket and spaced therefrom.

2. A golf bag of flexible material having centrally disposed carrying means, said bag being freely foldable on the line of said carrying means, whereby the two side portions can fold into parallelism when supported by the carrying means, each of said side portions having a plurality of club receiving pockets, the bottom edges of each of said side portions inclining upwardly to the free edges, whereby successively shorter pockets are provided and the bottom of the bag is substantially parallel with the ground when suspended by the carrying means.

3. A golf bag of flexible material having centrally disposed carrying means, said bag being freely foldable on the line of said carrying means, whereby the two side portions can fold into parallelism when supported by the carrying means, each of said side portions having a plurality of club receiving pockets, the top and bottom edges of each of said side portions converging from the center line to the free edges, whereby successively shorter pockets are provided and the bottom of the bag is substantially parallel with the ground when suspended by the carrying means.

4. A golf bag of flexible material in flat form having club receiving pockets disposed lengthwise thereof of varying depth and bottom edges inclined upwardly to the free edge, with fastening means to hold the bag in a tightly rolled condition substantially as described.

5. A golf bag of flexible material in flat form, having club receiving pockets on one face thereof, centrally arranged fastener means carried by the other face, and fastener means carried by one edge and adapted to cooperate with said centrally arranged fastener means.

6. A golf bag having a plurality of club

receiving pockets extending substantially the full length thereof, and an intermediate club receiving pocket having its upper end terminating below the upper end of the bag, and an eye member adjacent the upper end of the bag and aligned with said intermediate pocket and spaced therefrom.

7. A golf bag having a plurality of club receiving pockets extending substantially the full length thereof, and an intermediate club receiving pocket having its upper end terminating below the upper end of the bag, an eye member adjacent the upper end of the bag and aligned with said intermediate pocket and spaced therefrom, and a carrying strap having one end secured to the face of the bag adjacent its upper end and opposite to the face to which the intermediate pocket is secured, and means for securing the other end of the strap to the wall of the intermediate pocket.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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