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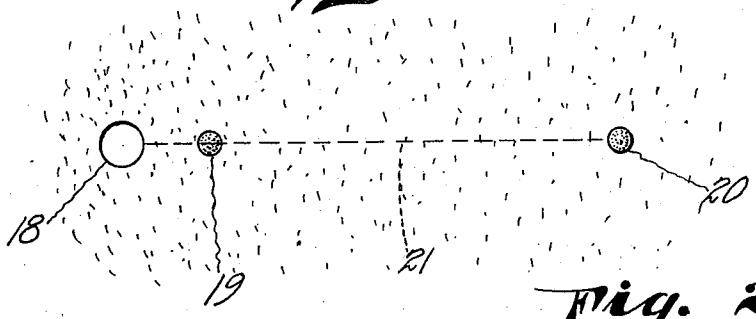


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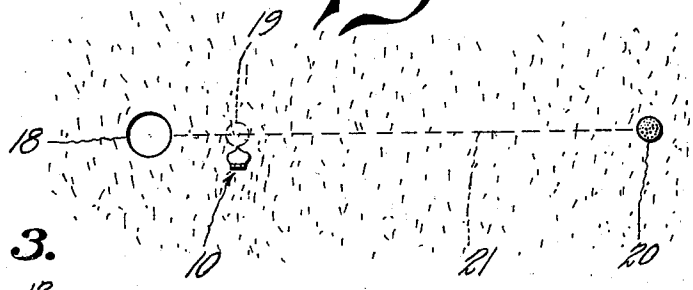


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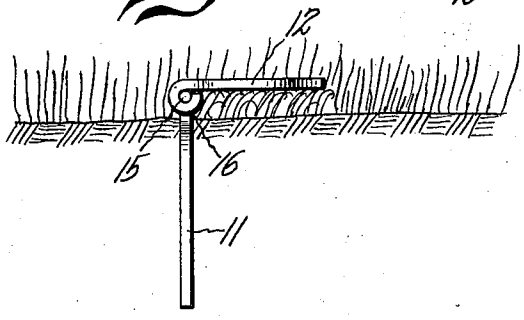


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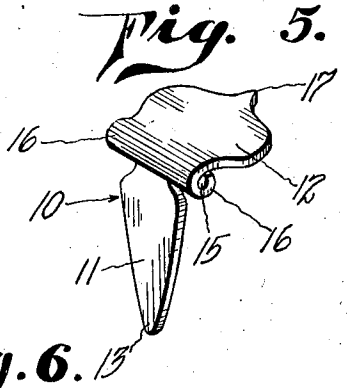


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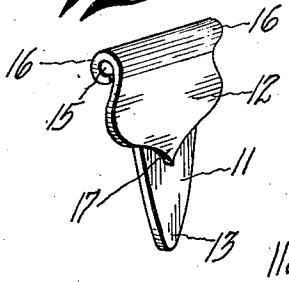
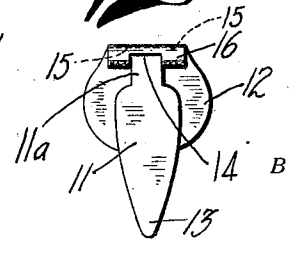


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My invention relates to devices to be used in the game of golf for marking the location of a picked up ball on the putting green.

In the game of golf, when two or more players are contesting, and particularly after the balls have been played to the putting green, it is customary for the several players to make their final shots in rotation, each player making one shot at a time, following the others. During this part of the game it often happens that two players' balls are lying in direct alignment with the cup, so that the ball farthest from the cup cannot be played without striking the ball nearest the cup. If the outer ball is to be played first it is said to be "stymied" by the inner ball, nearest the cup. Under the rules usually followed, the obstructing ball may be picked up until after the other ball is played and then replaced in the exact spot for its play. This necessitates careful marking of the location of the ball picked up, and it is for this purpose that I have provided the present device.

Heretofore it has been the usual practice to mark the location of the ball picked up by any means at hand, such as a small coin, a small stick stuck in the ground, or some visible fragment, but in marking the location care must be taken not to use anything which, when struck by the played ball, will deflect it from its course. It is for this reason that small sticks stuck in the ground, coins, fragments of paper, etc. are unsatisfactory.

My present device is designed to be stuck in the ground, to mark the location of the picked up ball, and is arranged to be clearly visible, yet not interfere with or deflect the other ball from its played course. It is also arranged to be foldable so that it will lie flat in the pocket.

Further detailed description of my device will be found in the following specification, reference being made therein to the accompanying drawings, wherein I have illustrated my preferred specific form. In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a diagrammatic illustration showing the location of two balls wherein one is stymied;

Figure 2 is an illustration similar to Figure 1, showing the use of my marking device;

Figure 3 is an enlarged view illustrating the manner in which my device is used;

Figure 4 is an enlarged perspective view showing my device in folded position for carrying in the pocket;

Figure 5 is a perspective view illustrating the relative arrangement of the parts when the device is made ready to use; and

Figure 6 is a rear view of the device as shown in Figure 5.

Referring first to Figures 4 and 5, my device, generally designated by the numeral 10, consists of a peg 11 and a location indicator top 12 hingedly mounted thereon. Both these parts are preferably stamped out of a light sheet metal, such as aluminum or the like, so that the top will be clearly visible on the turf.

The peg 11 is preferably pointed at its lower end, as shown at 13, its opposite end being cut or formed in a T-shaped configuration to provide a laterally extending hinge pin 15. The top 12 is preferably stamped out in the configuration shown to provide two projecting ears 16 which are rolled to engage around the hinge pin 15. Preferably the top 12 will have a location indicator point 17 to indicate on which side of the marker the picked up ball is to be replaced.

In stamping out the top 12 to form the ears 16, an edge 14 is formed to engage the neck 11^a of pin 11, when the top 12 is extended, as shown in Figures 3 and 5, to form a stop and limit movement of the top to substantially a ninety degree arc, that is, to prevent upward movement of the top above a ninety degree angle with the pin 11. This prevents the top 12, when in use, from protruding upwardly, above the horizontal, and interfering with the ball in its travel.

As shown in Figure 4, the top 12 is mounted upon the peg 11 so that when folded, for carrying in the pocket, the top will lie flat against the peg, and, as shown in Figures 3 and 5, the top 12 is swung to a position substantially at right angles to the peg 11 when the device is to be used.

In Figure 5 I have shown the marker as it

is stuck in the ground, far down in the grass, the top 12 lying practically flat on the ground. In this manner there are no parts protruding which, struck by the played ball, will tend to deflect it from its course. The top 12 being perfectly flat, the played ball will roll over it without any interference.

In Figure 1 the numeral designates the cup, and 19 and 20 the positions of two golf balls when one ball is said to be stymied by the other. In this case the ball 20 is stymied by the ball 19, and before it can be played the ball 19 must be picked up so that it will not interfere with the play of the ball 20 over the course shown by the dotted line 21. When the ball 19 is picked up its exact location must be so marked that it may be replaced for further play. This is shown in Figure 2, wherein the picked up ball 19 is indicated by a dotted line. When it is picked up my marker 10 is stuck in the ground, as shown in Figure 3, with its point 17 indicating the spot where the ball 19 should be replaced. Generally the marker 10 is so placed that it will not be on the line 21, but even it it were placed directly on this line the top 12 would not interfere in any way with the play of the ball 20.

My device may be made in any size which will best serve the purpose, but ordinarily it will be quite small, the view shown in Figs. 3, 4, 5 and 6 being about twice the usual size.

While I have shown and described the preferred specific embodiment of my improvement, I nevertheless reserve the right to make such changes or modifications in structure as will come within the scope of the claims appended hereto.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A device of the character described, comprising: a pointed peg adapted to be inserted in the ground and a pointed indicator top freely, hingedly mounted on its upper end and normally foldable against the peg, said top being arranged to extend parallel with the peg or extend at right angles thereto and being adapted to be supported in its relative right angular position by the surface of the ground when the peg is inserted therein.

2. A device of the character described, comprising: a supporting peg adapted to be inserted in the ground; a pointed location indicator top freely, hingedly mounted on the upper end of the peg, to swing on an axis extending at right angles to the axis of the peg, and normally foldable against the peg, said top being arranged to extend parallel with the peg or extend at right angles thereto, the top being adapted to be supported in its relative right angular position by the surface of the ground when the peg is inserted therein; and means to limit upward swinging movement of the top.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I have subscribed my name this 16th day of September, 1927.

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