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Fig. 1

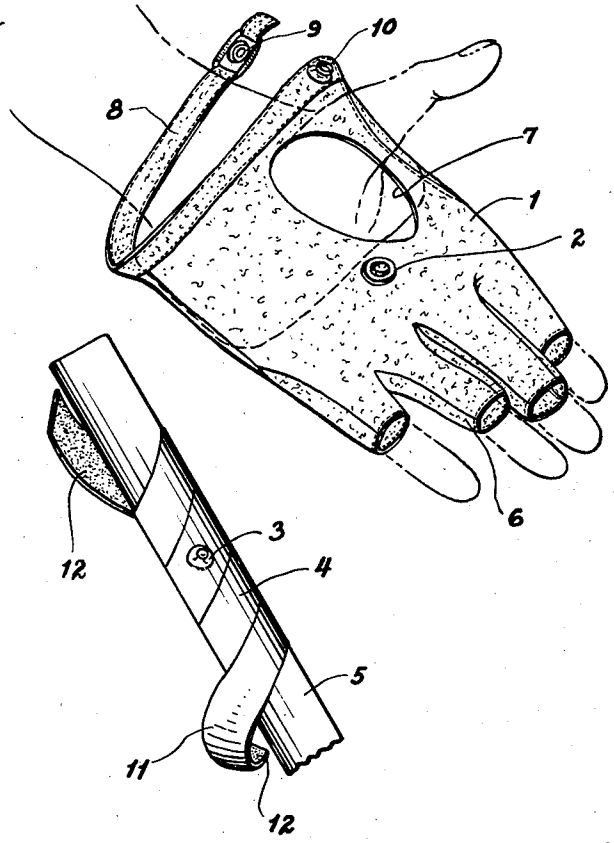


Fig. 3

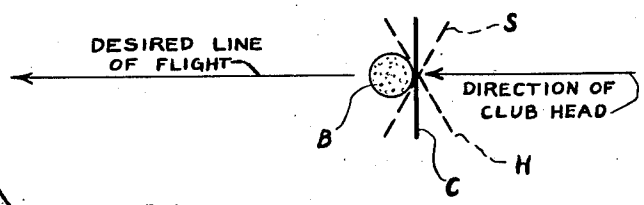
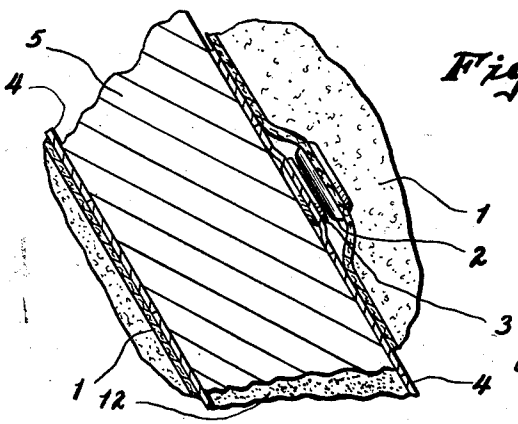


Fig. 2



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This invention relates to a device adapted for use in playing golf to insure that the handle of a golf club will always be correctly positioned in the hands of a player.

One of the difficulties of golf players, and particularly of novices, is to insure that the handle of a golf club is properly positioned in the hands. In addressing the ball, the club should be held so that the face of the club head is exactly perpendicular to the desired line of flight. If this is done, and if the golfer's swing is such that the face is exactly perpendicular to the desired line of flight at the moment of impact, the flight of the ball will almost inevitably be in the desired direction. But, as every golfer knows, despite all precautions, a ball will sometimes "slice" to the right of the intended line of flight or "hook" to the left, often for no apparent reason. And, with many golfers, and particularly novices, hooks and slices are chronic afflictions which sometimes require long periods of practice to overcome.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a device to aid the golfer to overcome these difficulties.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear hereinafter.

A preferred embodiment of the invention selected for purposes of illustration is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is an exploded view, in perspective showing the component elements of the invention applied to the hand and to the club handle.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view through the club handle.

Figure 3 is a diagram illustrating club face positions with respect to a ball.

Referring to Figure 3, I have illustrated three different positions of a club face with respect to a ball B. If, at the moment of impact, the club face is in position C, the ball will ordinarily travel in the desired line of flight, as indicated. If, on the other hand, the club face is in position H, a hook is likely to result, while if it is in position S, a slice is likely to result. In each case, it is assumed that the club head is moving in the proper direction, as indicated. In most cases, the reason why the club face is not in position C at the moment of impact is that the player has grasped the club handle incorrectly, with the result that at the moment of impact, the club face is not in position C, but is turned toward position H or S. This will happen despite the fact that in addressing the ball the player believes that he is holding the club properly. In fact, he may often be holding

the club so that the club face is properly positioned, but he has unconsciously adjusted his wrists to cause the club face to assume the correct position. In making his swing, however, this unconscious adjustment is often lost and in that case the club face will be improperly positioned at the moment of impact.

In order to overcome this, I provide a glove or mitten 1 which is worn on one hand and carries in its palm one part 2 of a separable fastener. The other part 3 of the separable fastener is secured to a member 4 which encircles the club handle 5 and is attached thereto in fixed position.

The invention is illustrated as adapted for a right handed player, in which case the glove 1 is worn on the left hand. Any suitable form of glove or mitten which fits the hand snugly may be employed, but as illustrated the glove has half fingers 6, and no thumb, a thumb hole 7 being provided, however, through which the player's thumb projects. A strap 8 encircles the wrist and is secured in any suitable manner, as by a separable fastener consisting of parts 9 and 10.

The separable fastener 2, 3 is preferably one of the common types of snap fasteners which may be readily attached and detached. The member 2 may be located at any suitable position in the palm of the glove, preferably near the center of the palm.

The part 3 may be secured to the club handle in any suitable manner, but in the embodiment illustrated it is fastened to a piece of tape 11 which is coated on one side with adhesive 12. The part 3 is first properly located on the club handle and the tape is then wound around the club handle so that the adhesive holds it firmly in position.

The proper location of the part 3 on the club handle is best determined by trial and error, making adjustments until it is in the desired position. Once it is properly located, however, and is attached to the member 2 of the glove on the player's hand, the club will always thereafter be held in proper position.

It will be understood that the invention may be variously modified and embodied within the scope of the subjoined claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A device for insuring proper positioning of a golf club handle in the hands of a player, comprising a glove to be worn on the hand of a player, a two part separable fastener having one part secured to the glove within the palm thereof, and means for securing the other part of said fastener to a golf club handle, said fastener parts being adapted to be attached when the club handle is grasped by the player.

2. A device as claimed in claim 1 in which said means for securing the other part of said fastener to a golf club handle is a piece of tape to which said part is secured, said tape being adhesively coated on one side.

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