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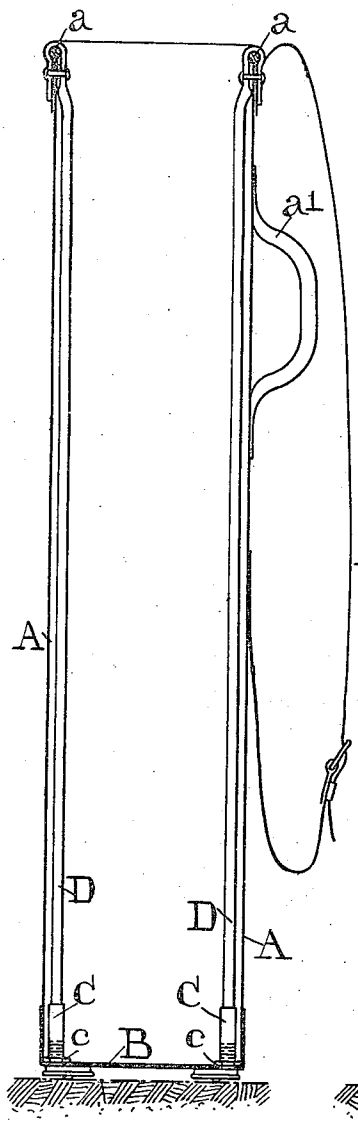


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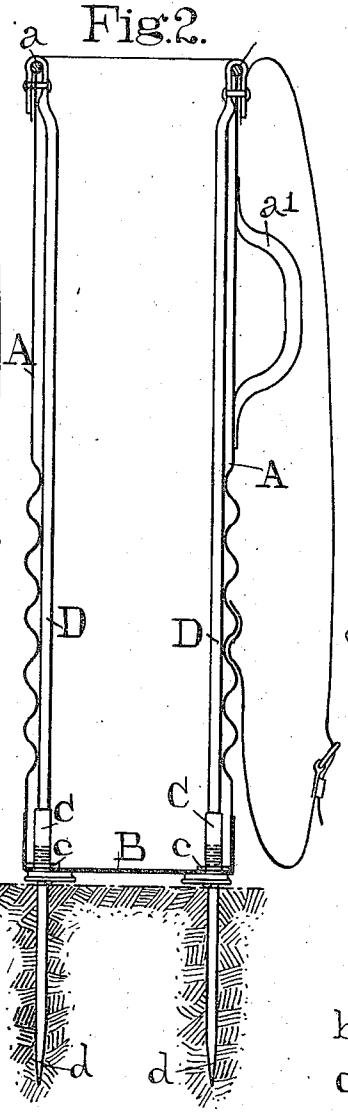


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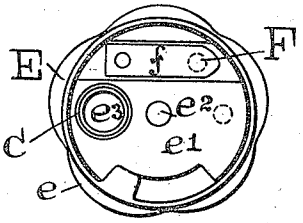


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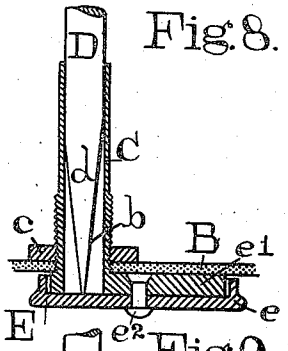


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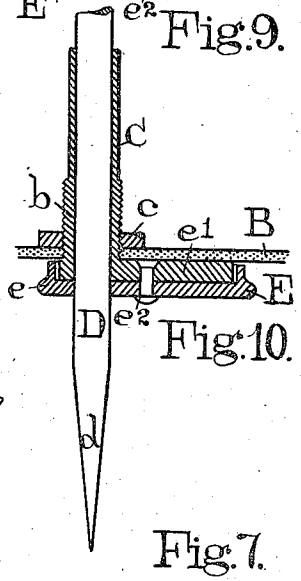


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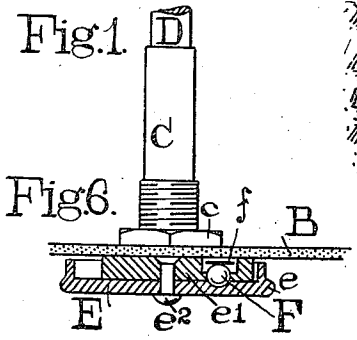


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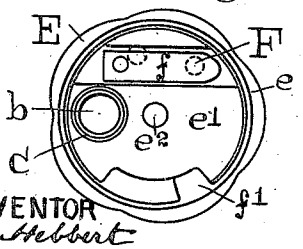


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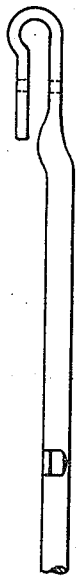


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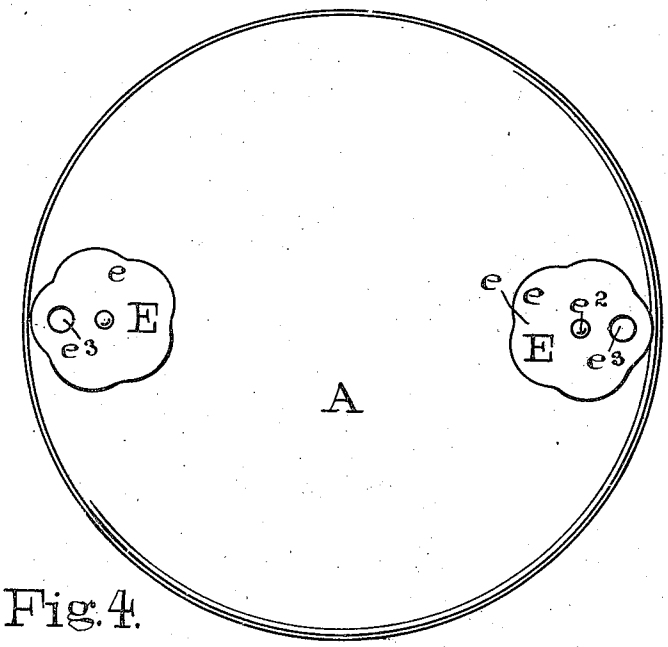


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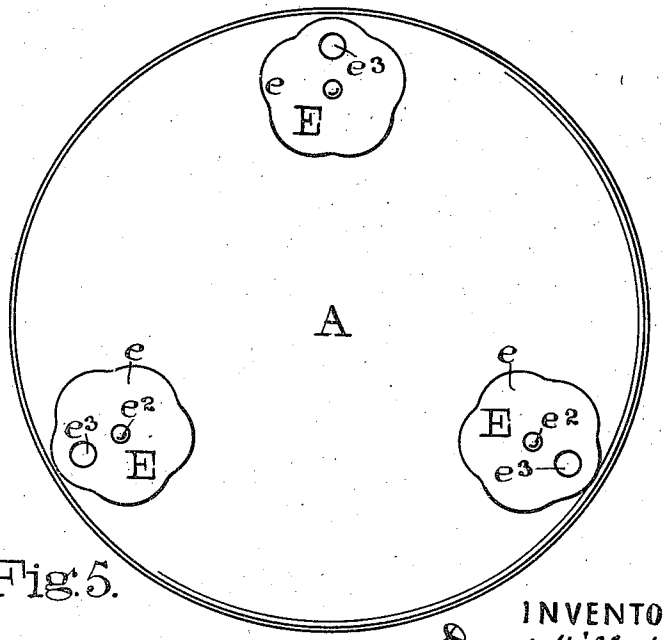


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID HIBBERT, a British subject, residing at Farnworth, near Bolton, county of Lancaster, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf or Caddie Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to golf bags or caddie bags for holding golf clubs during play, and is designed to keep the golf bag in an upright position on the ground while the player is engaged over a stroke.

According to the invention the golf bag is provided with two or more stiff or rigid uprights or stays secured to the top rim of the bag and passing through the bottom of the bag to form spikes to enter the ground, the bag being capable of contracting around the bottom as the spikes are pushed into the ground and expanding again under the weight of the clubs when withdrawn from the ground, retracting the spikes within the bottom of the bag; and the invention further comprises protectors or rotary protector plates fitted to the bottom of the bag to close the apertures and prevent the spikes protruding when not desired.

The invention will be fully described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

Fig. 1 is a sectional elevation of golf bag.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of golf bag showing spikes pressed into the ground and bag contracted.

Fig. 3 is an elevation of one of the uprights and spike.

Fig. 4 is a plan of bottom showing two uprights.

Fig. 5 is a plan of bottom showing three uprights.

Fig. 6 is an elevation partly in section of the ferrule or sleeve C and protector E.

Fig. 7 is a plan of protector E with shutter *e* open.

Fig. 8 is a plan of protector E with shutter *e* closed.

Fig. 9 is a sectional elevation through the ferrule or sleeve C and protector E showing the upright D and spike *d* retracted, the shutter *e* being closed.

Fig. 10 is a sectional elevation through the ferrule or sleeve C and protector E showing the upright D and spike *d* forced outwards, the shutter *e* being open.

The golf bag A is of ordinary or known construction of leather or canvas with a leather protecting base B and a metal or other stiff ring *a* around the top.

To the bag A two or more stays or uprights D are fitted being secured at their upper ends to the ring *a* and at their lower ends passing through holes *b* in the base B. The stays or uprights D are formed with sharp points or spikes *d* at their lower ends capable of being forced into soft earth. Each hole *b* is fitted with a ferrule or short sleeve C of metal, leather or the like, not exceeding 2½ inches in length, projecting into the interior of the bag and secured thereto by a nut *c* or otherwise, through which the spike *d* may project. The ferrule or sleeve C protects the spike when it is retracted.

To the bottom of the ferrule or sleeve C a protector E is fitted comprising a base *e'* with a rotary shutter *e* fitted thereto and capable of swivelling on a pin or rivet e^2 by which it is secured in position. The shutter *e* is provided with a hole e^3 which when open registers with the aperture of the sleeve C and is held in position either open or closed by a ball F entering a notch and held by a spring *f*. A stop *f'* in a slot in the base *e'* limits the movement of the shutter in either direction.

When the bag is in use the shutter *e* of the protector E is open, the bottom of the bag A is laid upon the ground and the ring *a* at the top, and the uprights D forced downwards causing the bag to contract or crumple up towards the bottom and the spikes *d* to enter the ground as shown in Figs. 2 and 10. The bag is thus held in an upright position at a convenient height for the user or player. When lifted say by the handle *a'* the bag straightens again and expands under the normal weight and pressure of the clubs, and the spikes *d* are retracted within the ferrules C.

When not in use the points of the spikes *d* are prevented from protruding beyond the bottom B of the bag A, and the ferrules C by the shutters *e* being closed as shown in Fig. 9.

What I claim as my invention and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:—

In a golf bag the combination with the bag of a plurality of stiff rigid uprights secured to the top of the bag and passing down through the bottom to form spikes to enter the ground, ferrules in the bottom of the bag to sheath the spike at the end of

the uprights when retracted, the bag being capable of contracting around the bottom as the spikes are pushed into the ground and expanding again under the weight of the clubs when withdrawn from the ground, retracting the spikes within the ferrules, a stationary laterally projecting base affixed to each ferrule, means for securing the ferrule and its base to the bag, a rotary shutter provided with an aperture pivoted to the base of the ferrule to close the ferrule, a ball stop and spring to control it inserted between the ferrule base and shutter the latter provided with indentations to receive the ball to retain it in the closed or in the open position so required.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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