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GOLF BALL ADDRESSING DEVICE.

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FIG. 1.

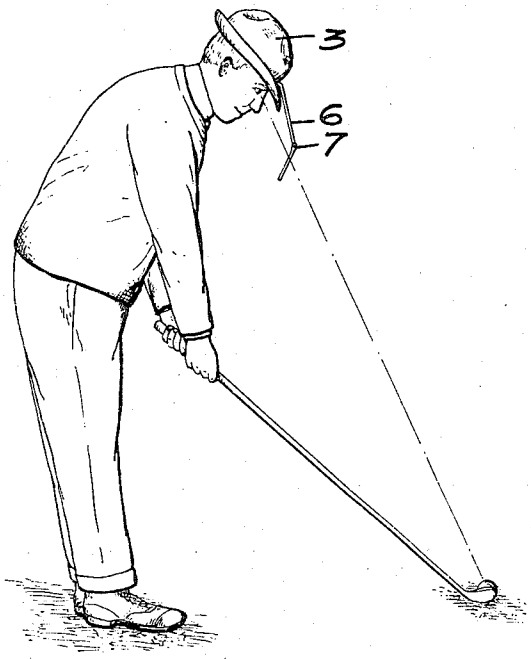


FIG. 2.

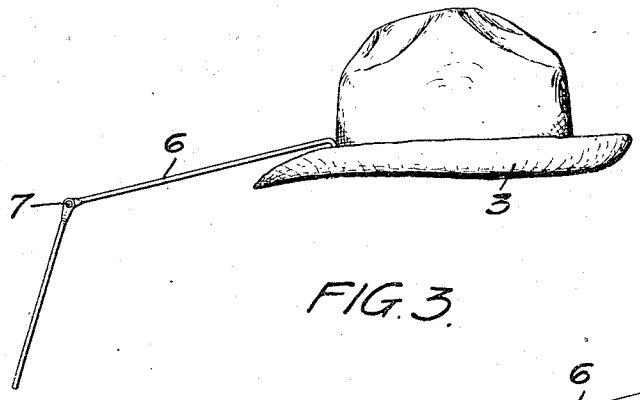


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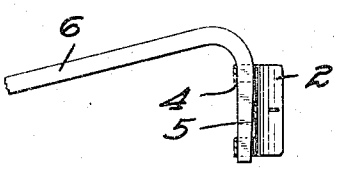


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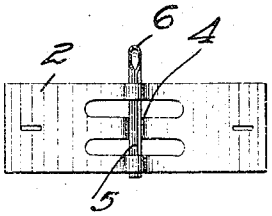


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR E. PECK, citizen of the United States, resident of Minneapolis, county of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Golf-Ball-Addressing Devices, of which the following is a specification.

In the game of golf, it is absolutely necessary that the player keep his head still while making a shot. Swaying of the head to one side or the other is almost invariably fatal, resulting usually in topping the ball or not hitting it at all.

The object, therefore, of my present invention is to provide a device suspended in the line of vision between the player and the ball which, if it remains in the line of vision while the player is making the shot, will insure the keeping of the head still and eliminate entirely the foozles which usually follow from movement of the head while the player is making the swing.

The invention consists generally in various constructions and combinations, all as hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front view of a player addressing the ball, with my invention attached to his hat or cap, Fig. 2 is a side view of the same, Fig. 3 illustrates the device and the manner of mounting it on the hat, Figs. 4 and 5 are details of parts of the device.

In the drawing, the player is shown in the act of addressing the ball with his driver. In making the swing, the club should be swung back of the shoulders by movement of the arms and shoulders, pivoting on the hips, while the player, holding his head stationary, keeps his eye fixed on the ball, looking over his left shoulder. There is a great temptation, particularly among beginners, to sway the body and the head with the club. The result is that the arc of the swing is distorted and the club head, instead of hitting the ball fairly, will top it or sometimes strike the ground behind it. To enable the player to restrain any inclination to sway his head, I provide a device that is supported in the line of vision and consisting preferably of a comparatively small wire or rod, supported preferably on the cap of the player and hanging down between his eyes and the ball. In the present embodiment of my invention, I prefer to place a plate 2 on the hat 3, or other head gear of the player, having a socket 4 to receive the downwardly turned end 5 of a comparatively small rod 6 which projects forwardly and downwardly from the player's hat or cap. This rod fits snugly in the socket in the plate, but can be removed whenever desired, being preferably held by frictional engagement with the walls of the socket. It is also preferably flattened at the end to be held against oscillation in either direction. At the outer end of this rod I provide a comparatively small wire, connected with the rod by a hinge 7 so as to be capable of swinging backwardly or forwardly thereon, toward or from the face of the player. This is to compensate for any difference in the length of the shanks of wooden and iron clubs, the player obviously standing at a greater distance from the ball when using a wooden club than with the iron club, and it being desirable, on that account, to change this angle of the depending wire with respect to the supporting rod. When the player addresses the ball, the depending wire is brought directly in the line of vision between the eyes and the ball, so that, as the player looks at the ball, the guide wire or sight will intersect the ball and as long as this wire does intersect the ball or lie on it, as it were, the player will know that he is keeping his head still and the moment the wire swings to one side or the other of the ball and does not intersect it, the player will at once realize that he is moving his head and that unless the sight wire is held on the ball, the shot will almost invariably be a failure. In this way a player soon schools himself to keep the head absolutely still while swinging the club and when well grounded in this habit, poor shots will be a rarity and his game will be vastly improved.

I do not wish to confine myself to the particular arrangement of the device employed, as it may be modified in various ways and still be within the scope of my invention.

I claim as my invention:

1. A device of the class described comprising a sight having means for mounting it on the head of a golf player in the line of vision between the player's eyes and the ball.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a guide for addressing the golf ball comprising a member having means for supporting

it on the head of the player above the mouth and depending in the line of vision of the player's eyes on the ball.

3. A device of the class described comprising a rod having means for mounting it on a golf player's hat, and a guide hinged on the outer portion of said rod and depending therefrom.

4. A device of the class described comprising a sight device having an attaching means for mounting it on the head of the golf player and normally depending in the line of vision between the player and the ball, said sight device being capable of adjustment toward and from the face of the player.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of January, 1915.

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