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GOLF BAG

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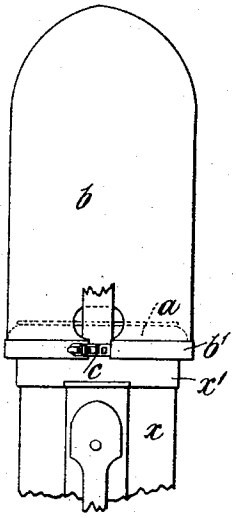


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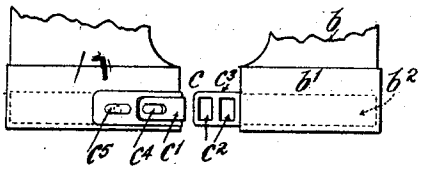


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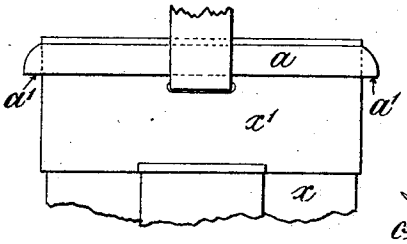


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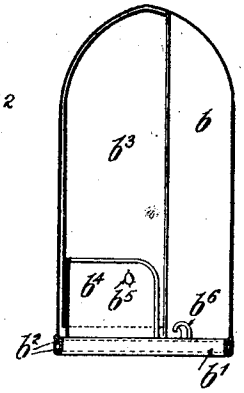


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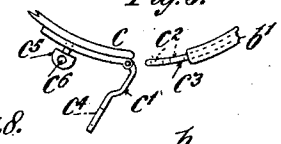


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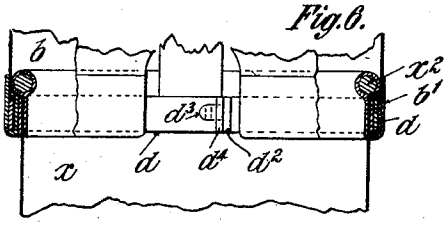


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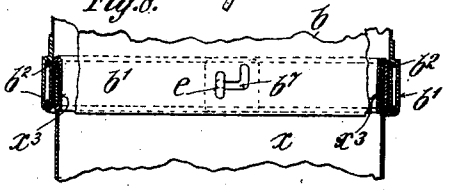


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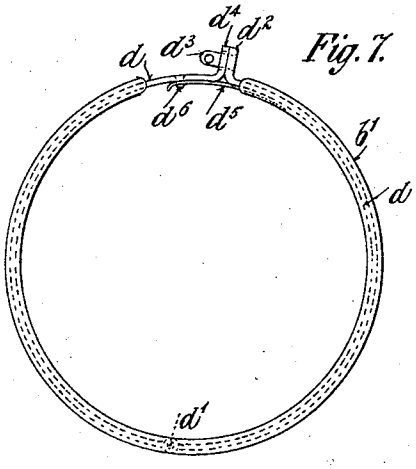
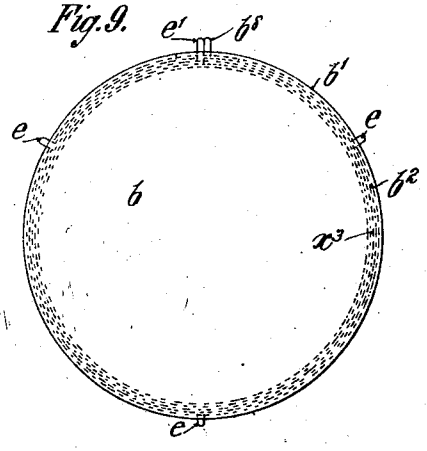


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HENRY LAWRENCE, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at 24 Drury Lane, London, England, have invented Improvements in and Relating to Golf Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in golf bags or holders for carrying golf clubs of the type in which an elongated flexible pocket made of leather or canvas is arranged to carry the clubs by their shafts. In such bags the mouth or opening is stiffened and kept in an open distended position by a metal ring or the like and it has been proposed to provide a cap or hood attached to the mouth of the bag so as to envelop the heads of the clubs projecting from the mouth of the bag. Such caps or hoods have been provided with an opening to allow of the clubs being withdrawn from and inserted into the bag and a means has been provided for temporarily closing said opening and the objects of the present invention are to further improve this type of bag, render it more useful and overcome certain defects inherent in such bags as at present constructed.

The present invention comprises essentially a golf bag in which an elongated flexible pocket made of leather or canvas and provided with a stiffened indeformable mouth or opening in combination with a detachable cap or hood adapted to envelop the heads of the clubs projecting from the open mouth of the pocket, the said hood having its opening provided with an inextensible edge and having means for securing said edge to the mouth or opening of the bag.

This invention will be now more particularly described making reference to the accompanying drawing in which:—

Fig. 1 is a broken view in front elevation of the top part of a golf bag embodying the present invention, showing the cap or hood secured in position over the open mouth of the bag.

Figs. 2 and 3 are broken views, on an enlarged scale, in front elevation of the lower edge of the hood and the upper edge of the golf bag respectively.

Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of the cap or hood.

Fig. 5 is a view in plan—on an enlarged scale—of the fastening means employed with the above construction.

Fig. 6 is a broken view in front elevation of a modified form of fastening for securing the cap or hood in position.

Fig. 7 is an underside plan view of the cap or hood shown in Fig. 6.

Fig. 8 is a similar view to Fig. 7 showing a further modification, and

Fig. 9 is a view in plan thereof.

Throughout the views similar parts are marked with like letters of reference.

Refering more particularly to Figs. 1–5, x designates the usual elongated flexible pocket made of canvas or leather. The mouth or opening thereto is provided with an annular reinforcement x^1 of fibre, metal or other suitable material covered with leather which is sewn or attached to the upper end of the bag x to form an indeformable mouth or opening thereto. On the upper edge of such mouth or opening is attached exteriorly—preferably by riveting—a ring of metal a so shaped as to provide a flange or shoulder a^1 on its lower edge. A cap or hood b—preferably of canvas—formed as a pocket has the opening or mouth thereof of such a size as to easily pass over the flange or shoulder a^1 on the mouth of the bag a. The edge b^1 of the mouth of the cap or hood b has inserted within it a flexible but inextensible band b^2, the ends of which are provided with a suitable fastening c adapted to hold the cap or hood on the bag by means of the inextensible edge b^1 of the hood b securely engaging beneath the flange or shoulder a^2 on the bag a. The flexible and inextensible band b^2 *is* preferably formed from a length of chain in which the links composing it are of wire bent to a C-shape and produce a flattened chain of a greater depth than width. This chain is inserted within a hem of leather and its ends riveted thereto and to the two parts of the fastening device c.

The one part of the fastening device preferably consists of a hinged hasp or lever c^1 adapted to pass through one of a series of slots c^2 formed in a plate or strip c^3 forming the other part. The free end of the hasp or lever c^1 is formed with an eye or slot c^4 through which may pass a turn button c^5 on the fixed part of the hasp. The turn button c^5 is provided with an eye or hole c^6. The

arrangement is such that when the hasp or lever c^1 is in a closed position, the slot c^4 thereof is opposite the turn button c^5, on giving the button a half turn, the fastening is made and by passing the bow of a padlock through the eye or hole c^6, the cap or hood b is securely locked to the bag and so prevents unauthorized withdrawal of the clubs from the bag.

The interior of the cap or hood b is formed with a pocket b^3, adapted to hold golf balls or other small articles. This pocket is closed by a flap b^4 which is fastened by press studs or buttons b^5.

In order to prevent the cap or hood b from being displaced downwardly on the bag and also to provide a means for readily positioning the cap or hood with respect to the mouth of the bag, a hook b^6 is fixed diametrically opposite to the fastening c to the edge b^2 of the hood as shown in Fig. 4. This hook b^6 is adapted to engage with the edge of the mouth or opening of the bag x.

In the modification shown in Figs. 6 and 7, the mouth of the bag x is provided with the usual metal ring x^2 to keep it in a distended position. The cap or hood b has the mouth or opening thereof of such a size as to easily pass over the metal ring x^2 in the mouth of the bag. Within the edge b^1 of the mouth of the hood b is inserted a two part metal ring d hinged together at d^1. The free ends of the ring d are adapted to be joined together by bending them at right angles and providing one of the turned out ends d^2 with an eyed pin or stud d^3 adapted to pass through a hole formed in the other end d^4. To keep the ends of the ring d in temporary engagement and to facilitate the stud d^3 entering the hole in the end d^4, the one end of the ring carries a spring finger d^5 adapted to engage a pin or projection d^6 carried on the opposite end of the ring d. The edge b^1 of the hood is placed over the ring x^2 in the mouth of the bag x and then has its ends secured and locked together by passing the bow of a padlock through the eyed pin d^3 thus preventing the hood b from being drawn up away from the mouth of the bag x.

In the further modification shown in Figs. 8 and 9, the mouth of the bag x is provided with a rigid metal band x^3 carrying headed studs e fixed to project outwardly. The hood b is formed with a flexible but inextensible edge b^1 provided with L-shaped slots b^7 so positioned as to receive the studs e. The heads of the studs e pass through the vertical part of the slots b^7 and the edge b^1 is then moved round so that the shanks of said studs will engage the lateral portions of the slots. To keep them thus in engagement, a pin or eye e^1 carried by the band x^3 and projecting through a slot in the edge b^1 of the hood engages a similar pin or eye b^8 carried on the edge b^1 and the two eyes or pins are held together by passing the bow of a padlock through them.

I declare that what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A golf bag comprising in part an elongated flexible pocket provided with a stiffened indeformable mouth in combination with a detachable hood adapted to envelop the heads of the clubs projecting from the open mouth of the pocket, the said hood having its opening provided with a substantially rigid inextensible edge approximating in circumference to the indeformable mouth of the pocket and having means for securing the substantially rigid inextensible edge of the hood to the indeformable mouth of the flexible pocket, as set forth.

2. A golf bag comprising in part an elongated pocket of flexible material provided with a stiffened indeformable mouth, a separable attachable hood of flexible material, a pocket formed within the interior of said hood, substantially rigid inextensible edge formed in the mouth of the hood and means for securing said edge to the mouth of the flexible pocket, as set forth.

3. A golf bag comprising in part an elongated flexible pocket provided with a stiffened indeformable mouth, an outwardly projecting flange carried by said mouth, a detachable flexible hood adapted to envelop the heads of the clubs projecting from the open mouth of the pocket, a substantially rigid but inextensible edge formed in the opening of the hood approximating in circumference to the indeformable mouth of the pocket, means for reducing the size of the hood opening so that its edge is held beneath the shoulder of the flange on the mouth of the pocket and means for securing the hood opening in its reduced condition, as set forth.

4. A golf bag comprising in part an elongated pocket of flexible material provided with a stiffened indeformable mouth, an outwardly projecting flange carried by said mouth, a separable attachable hood of flexible material, a pocket formed within the interior of said hood, a fastenable flap closing the opening to said pocket, a substantially rigid but inextensible edge formed in the opening of the hood approximating in circumference to the indeformable mouth of the bag, means for reducing the size of the hood opening so that its edge engages beneath the shoulder of the flange on the bag and means for securing the hood opening in its reduced condition, as set forth.

5. A golf bag comprising in part an elongated flexible pocket provided with a stiffened indeformable mouth, a detachable hood adapted to envelop the heads of the clubs projecting from the open mouth of the pocket, and a substantially rigid edge

formed in the mouth of the pocket capable of being enlarged to pass over the indeformable mouth of the bag and to be retracted and locked in such retracted position when placed in position over the mouth of the bag, as set forth.

6. A golf bag comprising in part an elongated flexible pocket provided with a stiffened indeformable mouth, headed studs fixed to project outwardly from said mouth, a detachable hood adapted to envelop the heads of the clubs projecting from the open mouth of the bag, an inextensible but flexible edge formed in the opening of the hood, L-shaped slots formed in said edge to receive the headed studs and means for preventing the rotation of the mouth of the hood after the shanks of the studs are in engagement with the lateral portions of the L-shaped slots, as set forth.

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