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GOLF TEE

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FIG. 1.

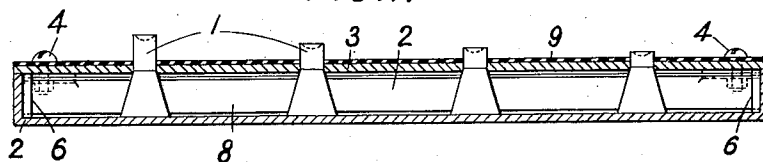


FIG. 2.

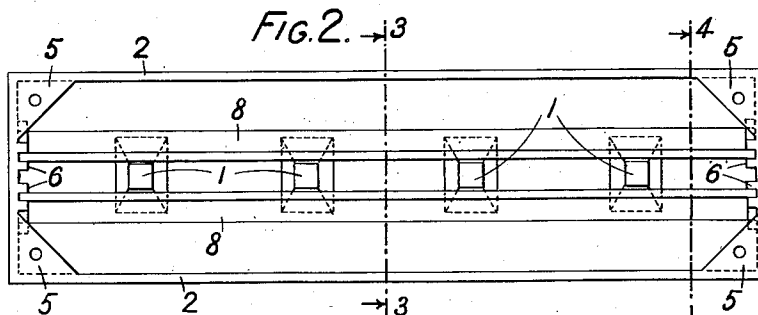


FIG. 3.

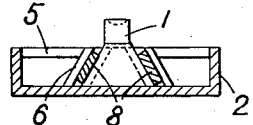


FIG. 4.

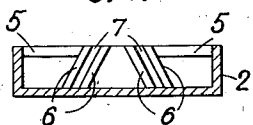


FIG. 5.

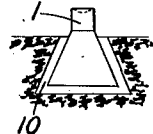


FIG. 6.

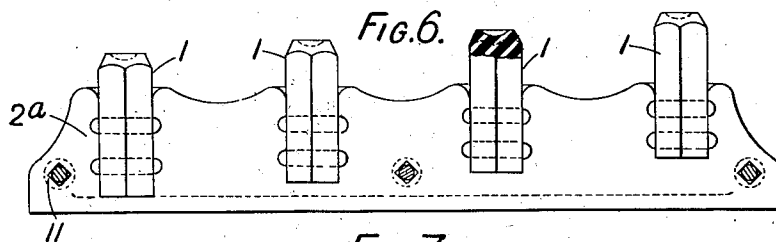


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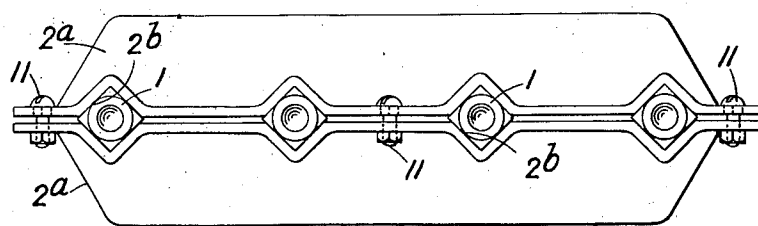
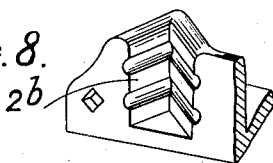


FIG. 8.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS HALLAS GLEDHILL, a subject of the King of England, residing at L'Ancrese, Guernsey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf Tees, of which the following is a specification.

This invention concerns improvements in tees and supports or holders for the same for use in playing golf and is characterized by the provision of a plurality of tees of different heights, and so arranged that, as a player goes round the course, all he will need to do will be to place the ball on the tee he thinks will suit his particular style of drive.

By this arrangement there is no need for the player or his caddy to make a tee in the usual manner, i. e. by the formation of a small mound of sand, and the disadvantages of this latter, the uncertainty in forming the tee of the required height and the grittiness of the hands caused by handling the sand, are obviated.

Three embodiments of the invention are shown in the accompanying drawing, wherein Fig. 1 is a longitudinal section of a container holding four tees; Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, with the cover of the container removed; Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, whilst Fig. 4 is a transverse section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2; Fig. 5 is an end elevation of a modified form of tee holder. Fig. 6 shows a plan view and Fig. 7 a side view (with one bracket removed) of a further modification, Fig. 8 being a detail view.

Referring firstly to Figs. 1 to 4 it will be seen that a plurality of tees 1, of which four are shown in the drawing, are mounted in a comparatively shallow container or holder 2, preferably of cast iron, closed by a cover 3 provided with holes through which the upper ends of the tees 1 project.

The container is sunk into the ground as shown in Fig. 1 so that the top of its cover is flush with the surface, when in place. The said cover 3 may be hinged to the container or mounted in any other convenient manner thereon, as for example, by means of bolts or the like 4, the container in this latter case being preferably provided with webs or lugs 5 (Fig. 2) to receive and secure the bolts.

The tees 1 are of different heights, or ar-

ranged so as to project above the ground to various extents; they may, for example, be of such heights as to extend above the ground for distances between one-quarter of an inch and an inch, whilst they may be conveniently placed about six inches apart. Their upper ends are slightly hollowed or curved in order to provide a steady seating for the ball.

The tees are preferably made of rubber and provided with conical or pyramidal bases, whilst each end of the holder 2 is provided with two pairs of ribs 6 of a corresponding inclination. Into the slots or spaces 7 between the pairs of ribs 6 are inserted bars 8 serving to hold the tees in place, as will be readily understood. The distance between the outer ribs 6 at each end of the holder is preferably slightly less than the normal width at any corresponding point of the bases of the tees, in order that there may be a slight compression of the latter when the bars 8 are inserted and thus a secure holding of the tees effected.

Obviously, if the ends of the holder 2 are of sufficiently thick material the ribs 6 may be omitted and the spaces 7 to receive the bars 8 may be formed by slots in said holder.

The cover 2 is preferably made of rubber or, if of metal is, as shown in Fig. 1, covered with a layer 9 of rubber or the like to prevent jarring or damage to the club in the event of a mis-stroke.

In the modified form shown in Fig. 5 the holder is narrow with inwardly bent longitudinal sides 10, the cross section of the holder corresponding to the shape of the bases of the tees 1, which are slidden in and spaced at convenient distances apart.

In the modification shown in Figures 6, 7 and 8, the tees are in the form of rubber rods 1, here shown as of square cross section, having recesses at their top to enable the golf ball to be balanced thereon. These rubber rods are mounted between the vertical members of a support consisting of two angle plates 2^a, 2^b, of L cross section, adapted to be connected together by bolts 11, or in any other suitable manner.

These vertical members are provided with vertical recesses 2^b, corresponding to the shape of the tees 1, these recesses being preferably fluted or grooved to enable the tees 1 to be securely gripped when the plates 2^a are clamped together as shown in Figure 6.

In the example illustrated, the tees are

all shown as of the same height, but the recesses 2^b extend at different distances down the vertical faces of the members 2^a so that when the tees are placed in position and the device is placed on the ground or sunk into the ground, the tees will project upwardly at different distances.

This particular construction is not essential as obviously a converse construction could be employed wherein the recesses are of the same depth, while the tees vary in height or length. Preferably the holder is embedded in the ground to such an extent that the tops of the tees project upwards beyond the turf, to the desired extents.

In a modified and more simple form I may form cast or otherwise secure rubber tees of different height on a strip of rubber or other material which can be laid on the ground or pinned thereto in a readily removable manner.

What I claim is:—

1. A device for use in playing golf, comprising a plurality of tees, and means for gripping the sides of said tees and holding them in adjusted relative positions.

2. A device for use in playing golf, comprising a plurality of tees, a support for said tees adapted to be sunk into the ground so as to be level with the latter, and means

connected to said support to lock said tees in position.

3. A device for use in playing golf, comprising a tee support consisting of two plates adapted to engage against the opposite sides of the tees and means for clamping said plates against the tees.

4. A device for use in playing golf, comprising a tee support consisting of two angle plates, vertical recesses in the vertical members of said angle plates, and means for clamping the angle plates together.

5. A device for use in playing golf, comprising a tee support adapted to be sunk into the ground, a yielding cover for said support, a plurality of tees mounted in said support and projecting above said cover to different extents, and means for holding said tees in position.

6. A device for use in playing golf, comprising a holder, a yielding cover for said holder, a plurality of tees projecting above said cover to different extents, inclined bases for said tees resting within said holder, slots in said container wall of corresponding inclination to said bases, and bars inserted in said slots to engage said bases and secure said tees in position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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