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Fig. 1.

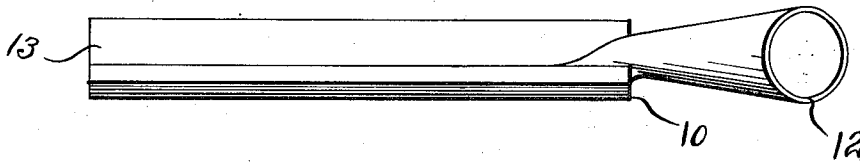


Fig. 2.

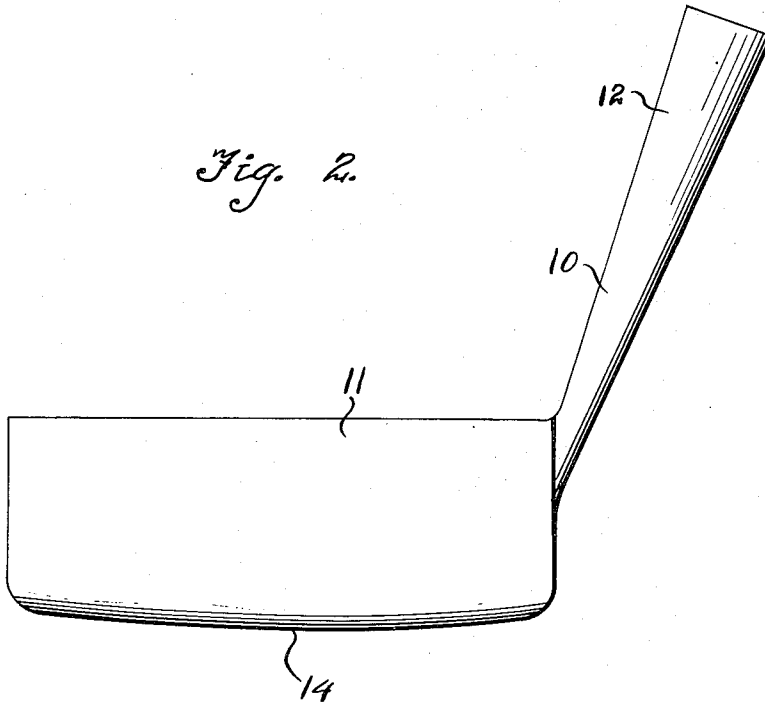
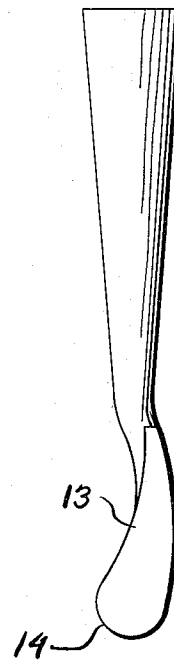


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to golf clubs and has for its object the provision of a novel iron club so constructed as to insure hitting the ball properly even though the club be tilted.

Another object is to provide a club of this character which has a rounded edge which not only acts to insure hitting the ball in the proper direction or at the proper angle but which will also operate to prevent digging up of the turf to such a serious extent as when the sharp edge clubs are used.

Another object is to provide a club of this character which on account of the curvature is less apt to cut and injure the ball in case the ball is "topped".

Still another object is to provide a club of this character which will almost insure accuracy inasmuch as the peculiar line of the elongated blade will give the user a sure guide as to the direction, it being therefore less likely for him to "slice" or "hook" the ball.

An additional object is the provision of a club of this character which will be simple and inexpensive in manufacture, easy to use, accurate in action, durable in service and a general improvement in the art.

With the above and other objects and advantages in view, the invention consists in the details of construction to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the club head. Figure 2 is a side elevation thereof, and Figure 3 is an end elevation.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the numeral 10 designates the club head as a whole, which is, as usual, formed from a single piece of metal either as a casting or forging, as the case may be. The head 10 includes the elongated blade 11 upon one corner of which is formed an upstanding inclined socket member 12 within which it is intended that the usual shaft or handle, not shown, be secured by any desired means. The exact angle of inclination of the socket member with respect to the blade is more or less immaterial especially as it may be varied

to suit the requirement of individual players or the taste of a manufacturer.

The essential feature of the invention lies in the particular shape of the blade member 11 which is shown as being of concavo-convex formation, the concaved side 13 constituting the active or striking base. It is preferable that the blade gradually increase in thickness from the upper portion to the lower portion, the lower edge being rounded as indicated at 14 and being preferably an arc of a circle, this curvature being of great advantage inasmuch as there will be less likelihood of digging up the turf than if the blade were straight at the bottom as is so often the case.

In the use of the club, it will of course be apparent that it is swung in exactly the same manner as any other club but it possesses the great advantage of insuring hitting the ball at the proper angle regardless of whether the ball be hit high or low, this feature being insured by the peculiar curvature of the concave base 13. The function of the curved lower edge 14 has already been mentioned and it need not be repeated. Another distinct feature of advantage is that the elongated form of the blade is such that it will give the user a proper guide as to direction so that there will be greater likelihood of his driving the ball in the true direction. Experience has demonstrated that there is less likelihood of "slicing" or "hooking" the ball with this particularly designed club than with the ordinary type. It is thought that the construction, operation and advantages will be readily apparent to one skilled in the art, without further explanation.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of the invention, I desire to have it understood that I reserve the right to make such changes in the form, construction and arrangement of parts as will not depart from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claim.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:—

In a golf club head, a blade having an angularly disposed socket member formed integrally upon one end thereof and adapted

to be connected with a staff or handle, said blade being considerably elongated with relation to its width and of substantially rectangular form with its upper edge and both
 5 ends straight and arranged at right angles and with its lower edge slightly convexed throughout its length, said blade having its lower edge rounded and arcuate in cross sec-

tion and of materially greater thickness than its upper edge, the inner face of the blade
 10 being concaved and merging into the arcuate lower edge and the outer face of the blade being convexed with a less abrupt curvature than the inner face.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
 JOHN VERNON.