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Fig. 1.

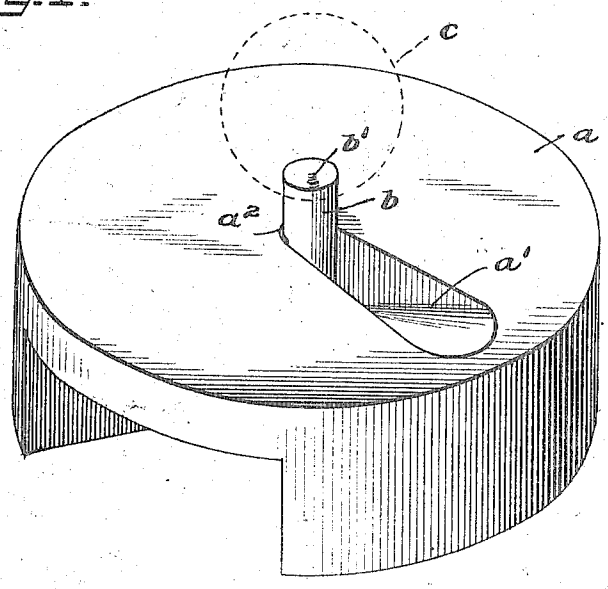


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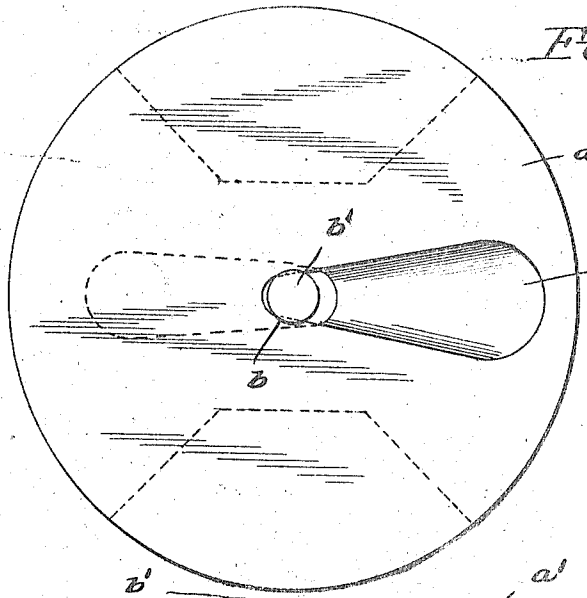
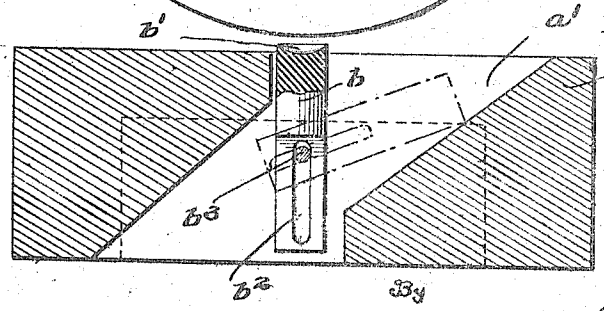


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOWARD L. DAVID, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Golf-Ball-Tee Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to the provision of an adjustable golf-tee adapted to be wedgingly positioned to tee at different elevations to meet the different fancied ideas of the individual players.

A further feature of my invention is the provision of an adjustable golf ball-tee adapted to be fitted to a receiver or cup fitting the green and to become a permanent fixture of the ground and after each drive of the ball from the tee the latter falls into the trough provided in the block therefor to house the same after having been wedgingly supported in different fancied elevations manually for teeing.

My invention stated in general terms, consists of an adjustable golf ball tee pivotally connected so that after a blow delivered against the ball in driving the same from the tee, it will fall into a trough and there be protected for subsequent use, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

The nature and scope of my present invention will be more fully understood from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, in which—

Figure 1, is a perspective view of the adjustable golf ball tee device, embodying essential main features of my said invention.

Fig. 2, is a top or plan view thereof; and Fig. 3, is a view partly in vertical longitudinal section through the device, showing the slotted tee pivoted to the block and the preferred form of trough to receive the tee after teeing or driving the ball therefrom.

Referring to the drawings *a*, is the block, preferably circular in form, and made of rubber, fiber, wood, metal or other suitable substance or composition material. This block may be mounted in a suitable receptacle or cup made of metal or other preferred material fitted in the ground so as to become a permanent fixture of the same.

In the body of the block *a*, is provided a trough a^1, of substantially egg-shape arranged longitudinally of the block *a*, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2. In the contracted portion a^2, of the trough a^1, is mounted a vertically slotted plug, *b*, called the "tee", the upper end of which is concaved at b^1, to receive and support the golf-ball *c*. In the slotted portion b^2, of the plug *b*, is inserted a cross-piece b^3, fitting the block *a*, as shown in Fig. 3 to permit without displacing manually the plug or tee *b*, of the ready elevation of the same above the top of the block *a*, to variable different heights, for mounting a golf ball thereon, to deliver a blow to the ball for driving the same therefrom. The preferred arrangement of the trough a^1, is clearly illustrated in Fig. 2, so that when the plug or tee *b*, is positioned above the block to whatever height desired to meet the fancied ideas of the individual player, that is, either high or low and wedgingly held in the position given, the teeing can thus be effected. After teeing, the plug will fall into the trough a^1, below the surface of the block *a*, longitudinally thereof, so as to permit of another readily using the same for the above defined purpose.

It will be observed that such a device as above fully explained becoming, as it will, a permanent fixture of the ground, removes all necessity of forming little mounds of wet sand to become tees, as well as avoiding the hands being soiled and eliminating the labor of making such character tees, as the foregoing device provides an ever-ready means on the green for the said use.

Having thus described the nature and objects of my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. An adjustable golf ball tee, comprising a block having an oblong irregular-shaped trough and a vertically slotted plug or tee pivotally mounted in said trough and adapted to be wedgingly supported in variable different vertical positions from said block, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. An adjustable golf-ball tee, comprising a block having a longitudinally arranged substantially egg-shaped trough and a vertically slotted plug or tee mounted in said trough and a cross-pin extending through the slotted portion of said plug

or tee and having a concaved upper end to receive and support the ball and said plug or tee adapted to be wedgingly supported in variable different vertical positions from said block, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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