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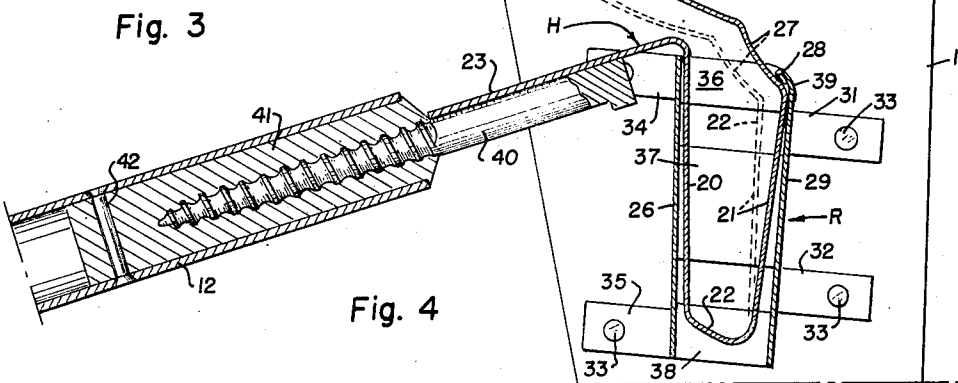
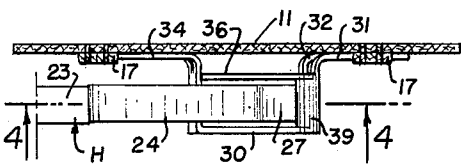
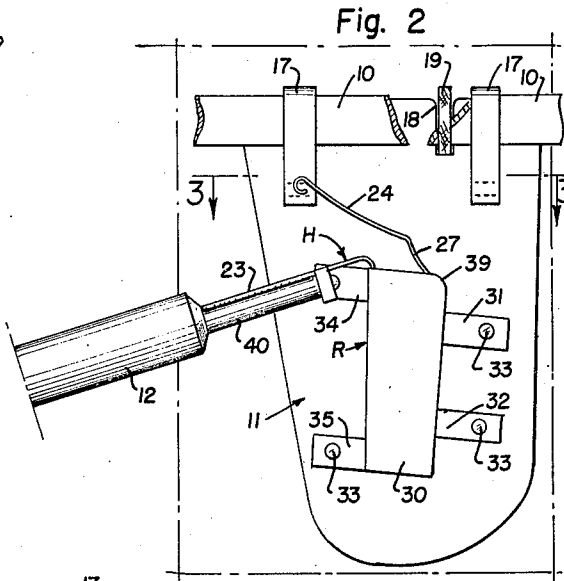
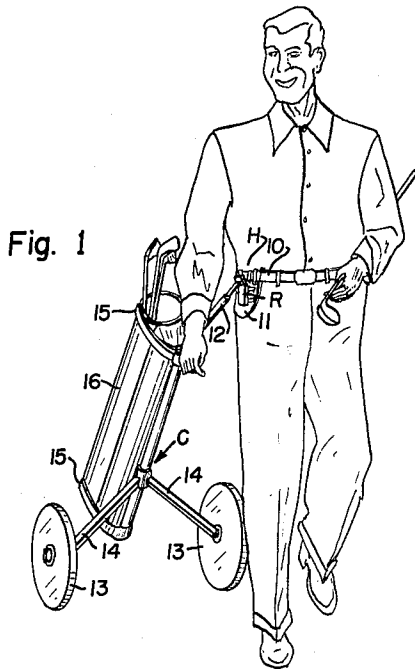
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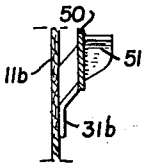


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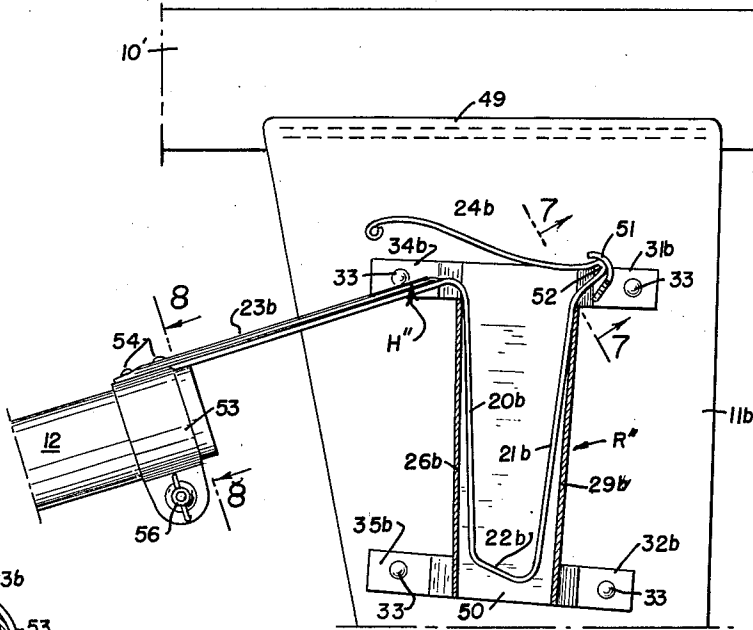


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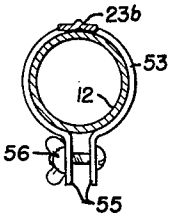


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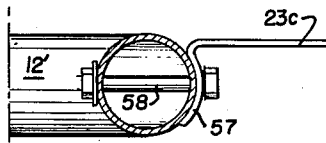


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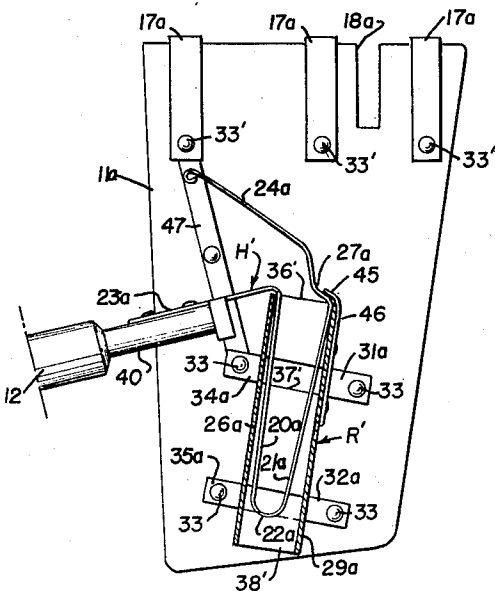


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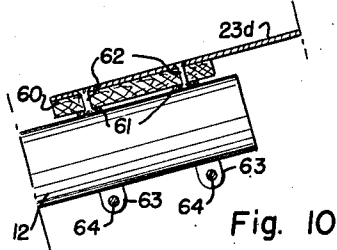


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This invention relates to towing devices for golf bag carts and the like.

To avoid the fatigue occasioned by carrying a bag containing a set of golf clubs around a golf course, many players use a cart or the like, usually a two wheeled cart to which the golf bag is strapped or otherwise attached. Such a cart is provided with a handle at the front end, which may extend longitudinally of the principal axis of the cart, or may extend perpendicularly thereto. Since such carts are normally pulled behind the player, the handle being held in one or both hands, it often happens that fatigue of muscles of the hand, wrist, and often also the forearm, produced by grasping the handle, even when changed about from hand to hand, is sufficient to prevent maximum accuracy and control of the club during shots, particularly during the latter holes of a course. Such a condition exists primarily, of course, in the case of a player whose normal occupation does not involve exercise of the same muscles used in grasping the handle of the cart, and also in grasping the club, so that such fatigue is not surprising. Thus, a person unused to carrying a relatively heavy weight around, such as involved in carrying a bag containing a set of golf clubs, and therefore using a cart, may find that his golf game is adversely affected by the strain of pulling the clubs around the course on a cart.

Among the objects of this invention are to provide a novel device for towing a golf bag cart or the like; to provide such a device which eliminates fatigue or strain of the hand, wrist or forearm, caused by grasping the handle of such a cart, in pulling the same; to provide such a device which permits the cart to be towed with ease from the body of the user, yet permits the cart to be detached, as when a shot is being made; to provide such a device in which attachment and detachment of the cart from the person of the user is relatively easy; to provide such a device which does not interfere with the use of the golf clubs; to provide such a device which does not tend to become fouled by dirt, mud or other debris picked up by the cart handle when the latter is laid down during a shot or for other purposes; and to provide such a device which is relatively simple to manufacture and is highly effective in operation.

Additional objects and the novel features of this invention will become apparent from the description which follows, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a golf player

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towing a golf bag cart, by means of a towing device constructed in accordance with this invention;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the towing device of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a horizontal section through the device, taken along line 3-3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a side elevation, on a larger scale than Fig. 2 and taken partly in vertical section along line 4-4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a side elevation, similar to Fig. 4, of an alternative towing device;

Fig. 6 is a side elevation, similar to Fig. 2, of an alternative towing device, also constructed in accordance with this invention;

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary, oblique section, taken along line 7-7 of Fig. 6;

Fig. 8 is an oblique section taken along line 8-8 of Fig. 6, and also illustrates an alternative manner of attaching the device to the handle of a golf bag cart or the like; and

Figs. 9 and 10 are longitudinal sections of additional alternative attachments.

As illustrated in Fig. 1, the golf bag cart towing device of this invention is adapted to be attached to the person of a golf player or the like, as to a belt 10, the device including a receiver R mounted on a holster 11, and a hook H attached to the handle 12 of a golf cart C. As in Fig. 1, the holster 11 may be positioned on the belt 10 at a point slightly forward of one hip, so that as the player walks his body will tend to push against the holster, rather than pulling it by the belt. At the same time, there should be a slight "give," to enable the cart to follow over uneven ground with a minimum of jerking, this being accomplished in a manner explained later.

While the golf cart C is shown as having a pair of wheels 13 mounted on individual axles 14 and having straps 15 for clamping the golf bag 16 to the cart, it will be understood that the towing device of this invention is applicable to other types of golf carts, and also carts or wheeled structures used for other purposes.

The holster 11, as in Figs. 2 to 4, inclusive, may comprise a substantially flat piece of leather or the like, cut to a generally trapezoidal shape, but with a rounded lower edge, the latter primarily for appearance. At spaced points along its upper edge, the holster 11 is provided with a pair of loops 17, formed either as extensions of the holster 11, or from separate pieces of leather or the like, sewed, riveted, or otherwise suitably attached to the holster. The belt 10 of the player may be passed through the loops 17, while the

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holster may also be provided with a slot 18 to accommodate the belt loop 19 of the pants or equivalent article of attire, worn by the player. The belt loop 19 is conventionally disposed at about the desired position, when in slot 18, to place the holster 11 properly for the maximum of comfort in towing. The holster 11 is preferably not stiff, but slightly flexible, and the loop 17 may also provide sufficient clearance for belt 10, so that the receiver R may move slightly forwardly and rearwardly, to accommodate unevenness in ground and slight variation in pull during walking.

As in Figs. 3 and 4, the hook H is preferably made of flat, spring material, the principal portion of the hook being generally U-shaped, having a rear leg 20, a front leg 21, and a bottom 22. One end of the hook extends rearwardly and downwardly from the upper end of rear leg 23, to form a handle attaching section 23, and the opposite end of the hook, from the upper end of front leg 21 also extends rearwardly and upwardly to form an operating extension 24, adapted to be pushed downwardly, as to the dotted position of Fig. 4, in inserting or removing the hook H from the receiver R. The bottom 22 of the U may extend angularly, as shown, while a short, forwardly concave section 27 may be disposed between the front leg 21 and the operating extension 24, so as to engage a locking projection 28, disposed at the upper edge of the front wall 29 of the receiver R. The rear wall 26 and front wall 29 of the receiver R preferably converge slightly toward each other, in a downward direction. The total width of the U-shaped portion of the hook, when the operating extension 24 is compressed to the dotted position of Fig. 4, is preferably less than the distance between projection 28 and rear wall 26 of the receiver R, while the width of the flat strip of which hook H is preferably made should be sufficiently less than the inside width of the receiver R, so that the hook may be readily inserted in and removed from the receiver.

The receiver R is, of course, open at the top to receive the hook, and it is also open at the bottom, to permit dirt, mud or other debris which might adhere to or be picked up by the hook H, to fall through the receiver, thus preventing the towing device from becoming fouled by such debris. The front wall 29, rear wall 26, and also the outer wall 30 of the receiver R, may be imperforate, as shown, or sufficiently solid to hold the hook therein when engaged therewith. The inner wall of the receiver R may also be solid, or, as in Figs. 2 and 4, have spaces therein corresponding to front ears 31 and 32, which are bent forwardly, so as to be disposed at right angles to the front wall 29, and which may be attached to the holster 11 by rivets 33, or in any other suitable manner, as by sewing. Rear ears 34 and 35 may be bent rearwardly, so as to be disposed at right angles to rear wall 26, and attached to the holster 11 by additional rivets 33, or in any other suitable manner. Thus, the inner wall of the receiver R may be formed by three strips—an upper strip 36 initially extending from front wall 29 and disposed above front ear 31, but separated therefrom and bent rearwardly; a center strip 37, initially extending from front wall 29 and disposed between ears 31 and 32, but separated therefrom and bent rearwardly to rear wall 26; and a lower strip 38, initially extending from front wall 29 and disposed below ear 32, but separated from the latter and bent rearwardly to

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rear wall 26. Thus, there will be openings between strips 36 and 37, and also between strips 37 and 38, but these openings do not interfere with either the insertion or removal of the hook H, and also provide additional openings for dirt or other foreign material to drop out. Rear ears 34 and 35 similarly may initially be integral with rear wall 26, but be bent inwardly and rearwardly, so that the entire receiver R may be made from a single piece of metal which is readily worked, such as brass.

As will be evident from Fig. 3, the ears 31 and 32, and also the ears 34 and 35, are preferably bent so that the inner wall of the receiver will be spaced from the holster 11, to facilitate the player grasping the hook H, for removal of the same from the receiver. Also, the upper edge 39 of the front wall 29 of receiver R is preferably severed from the strip 35, as will be evident from Fig. 3, and bent rearwardly in arcuate fashion, with the upper end being doubled over to form added thickness of material at projection 28, the point of probably greatest wear, which may also be provided with a hard-facing composition, such as "Stellite" or the like.

The rear extension 23 of the hook H may be attached to a wood screw or bolt 40, threaded into a wooden plug 41 which is inserted in the tubular handle 12 of the cart C, and secured therein by a transverse pin or rivet 42, although other ways of attaching the hook to the golf cart handle may be utilized, such as described later. The extension 23 may be attached to the bolt 40 by welding or brazing, or by rivets, machine screws or bolts, or in any other suitable manner.

As will be evident from Fig. 4, in removing the hook H from the receiver R, when the towing device is placed on the right side, the fingers of the right hand may be placed underneath the bolt 40, and the thumb placed on operation extension 24, downward pressure of the thumb moving the front portion of the hook to the dotted position shown, and the hook being maintained in compressed position between the thumb and fingers while being lifted from the receiver R, after which it may be released, to spring to its free position. As will be evident, bottom 22 of the U of hook H need not extend diagonally, as shown, but instead may extend straight across, although the arrangement shown is desirable from the standpoint of placing the front leg 21 relatively close to front wall 29 of the receiver. The rear leg 20 of the U of hook H also may move forwardly from rear wall 26 of receiver R, more readily to permit the bag to move forwardly when encountering a variation in the ground, to assist additionally in eliminating jerking. Of course, when extremely rough ground is encountered, or when a player is crossing a narrow bridge or going down a very steep slope, it may be advisable to detach the cart and pull it by hand.

In the embodiment of this invention illustrated in Fig. 5, the receiver R' is generally box-shaped, with the rear wall 26a and front wall 29a converging toward each other slightly in a downward direction, while the outer wall (not shown) is imperforate and the rear wall 38a is formed by strips 36', 37' and 38', integral with rear wall 26a, but cut apart from ears 34a and 35a and bent forwardly toward front wall 29a, forming openings therebetween, as shown. Front ears 31a and 32a may be integral with front wall 29a, and ears 34a and 35a integral

with rear wall 26a, the ears being cut out and bent inwardly and then forwardly and rearwardly, respectively, so that the inner wall of the receiver will be spaced from the holster 11a, to facilitate the player grasping the hook H, for removal of the same from the receiver. The ears may be attached to holster 11a by rivets 33, as before, or by sewing or in any other suitable manner. The receiver R' is, of course, again open at the top to receive the hook, and it is also open at the bottom, to permit dirt, mud or other debris which might adhere to or be picked up by the hook H', to fall through the receiver, thus preventing the towing device from becoming fouled by such debris. As before, hook H' is preferably made of flat, spring material, the principal portion of the hook being generally U-shaped, having a rear leg 20a, a front leg 21a, a bottom 22a, a rearwardly and downwardly extending handle attaching section 23a, and extending from the upper end of front leg 21a, a rearwardly and upwardly extending operating extension 24a, adapted to be pushed downwardly in inserting or removing the hook H from the receiver R as before. The bottom 22a of the U may be convex, and extension 23a may be riveted to screw 40, as shown, while a short, forwardly concave section 27a may be disposed between the front leg 21a and the operating extension 24a.

Concave section 27a of the hook is adapted to engage a projection 45, bent rearwardly at the upper end of a strip 46, attached to front wall 29a of receiver R' in a suitable manner, as by riveting. Strip 46 is preferably made of relatively hard metal, such as high carbon or alloy steel, or Stellite to resist wear, while the remainder of receiver R' may be made of a more readily worked, but softer, metal such as brass, although any other suitable material may be used for either. Also, a reinforcing strip 47, as of brass, may extend from ear 34a diagonally upwardly to the lower end of a loop 17a, being attached to holster 11a by rivet 33 for ear 34a, and rivet 33' for the loop 17a, and an additional rivet, as shown. Strip 47 is adapted to prevent holster 11a from buckling during use, but preferably permits sufficient play or movement to facilitate comfort in pulling. As before, holster 11a may comprise a substantially flat piece of leather or the like, cut to a generally trapezoidal shape, but with a slightly inclined lower edge, and at spaced points along its upper edge, provided with three loops 17a, formed either as extensions of the holster, or from separate pieces of leather or the like, suitably attached to the holster, as by rivets 33'. The belt of the player may be passed through the loops 17a, while, as before, the holster 11a may be provided with a slot 18a to accommodate the belt loop of the pants or equivalent article of attire, worn by the player.

In the embodiment of this invention illustrated in Figs. 6 to 8, the receiver R'' is again generally box-shaped, with the rear wall 26b and front wall 29b converging toward each other slightly in a downward direction, while the outer wall (not shown) is imperforate and the inner wall 50 is also imperforate, the structure being made from two or more pieces which are cut or bent to shape and attached together. Thus, the front wall and the side walls may be bent from a single piece of metal, and the inner wall 50 and attaching ears 31b, 32b, 34b and 35b cut from another piece of metal, and the two pieces welded or brazed together along the edges of the

inner wall 50. Or, the receiver R'' may be made in any other suitable manner. As before, the ears are preferably so formed so that the hook engaging portion of the receiver will be placed outwardly from the holster 11b, to permit readier access to the hook H'. As in Figs. 6 and 7, the rear wall 50, adjacent front upper ear 31b may be provided with an oblique transversely extending, rearwardly concave stop 51, which may be formed of or provided with a layer of wear resistant material and which may be welded or brazed to wall 50, above and forward of the upper edge of front wall 29b of the receiver R''. Stop 51 is adapted to be engaged by a forwardly convex projection 52 of hook H'', the point of which has a radius of curvature less than the radius of curvature of the inside of stop 51. Projection 52 may be located between the front leg 21b and the operating extension 24b of hook H'', which is also preferably made of flat spring material and also is generally U-shaped. Thus, hook H'' may have a diagonal bottom 22b connecting the rear leg 20b with the front leg 21b, although hook H'' may be similar to hook H' of Fig. 5, if desired.

The holster 11b has, in general, a shape similar to the holster 11 of Figs. 1 to 4, but the upper edge 49 may be sewed or otherwise attached to a belt 10', adapted to be strapped around the body of the player just above the hips, to position the holster 11b in a position similar to that of holster 11 in Fig. 1. As will be evident, the towing device of Figs. 1-4 is adapted primarily for male players, or female players wearing male attire, while the towing device of Figs. 6-8, having a holster attached to a separate belt, is adapted primarily for players, such as female players, who may not be wearing a belt as a part of their regular attire.

As illustrated in Figs. 6 and 8, the handle attaching extension 23b of the hook H' may be formed integrally with or attached to a circular split clamp 53, as by welding, brazing or rivets 54, clamp 53 having ears 55 adapted to be drawn together by a bolt 56, provided with a wing nut for convenience, to attach the clamp to the tubular or circular handle 12 of the golf cart. It will be understood, of course, that the hook H' of Fig. 6 or the hook H' of Fig. 5 may be provided with a wood screw or the like, adapted to be mounted in a wooden plug installed in the handle of the golf cart, as in the case of the hook H of Figs. 1 to 4, while the latter or hook H' of Fig. 5 may be provided with a clamp in a manner similar to the hook H'' of Figs. 6 and 8.

In addition to the type of golf cart which has a tubular handle extending in the longitudinal direction of the movement of the cart, there are other types of carts which are provided with an inverted U-shaped framework, the cross bar of the U at the upper end forming a handle and the wheels or axles being attached to the lower end of each leg of the inverted U. For such golf carts, as illustrated in Fig. 9, the rearwardly extending, handle attaching extension 23c of the hook, otherwise similar to the extension 23 of Fig. 4 or the extension 21b of Fig. 6, may be provided with a flange 57 curved so as to be concave at the rear and therefore fit against a transversely extending, tubular handle 12' of the cart. The flange 57 may be attached to the handle by a bolt 58, or in any other suitable manner. It will be evident, of course, that the rear end of the handle extension 23c may be provided with a clamp to encircle the handle 12' of Fig. 9, or may merely be provided with a hole through

which a bolt extends downwardly through the handle 12', and the extension 21 of Fig. 4, 21a of Fig. 5, or 21b of Fig. 6 may be provided with a hole for a similar bolt.

The hook of any of the previous embodiments also may be attached to the handle 12 in the manner shown in Fig. 10, wherein the handle attaching extension 23d is mounted on a block 60, such as hard wood, on which is also mounted a pair of split clamps 61, the extension 23d and clamps 61 being attached thereto by common rivets 62. Clamps 61 have ears 63 adapted to be drawn together by bolts 64, to attach the hook having extension 23d to the cart handle 12.

From the foregoing it will be evident that the towing device of this invention fulfills to a marked degree the requirements and objects hereinbefore set forth. As will be evident, fatigue or strain of the hand, wrist, or forearm, due to towing the cart, will be eliminated since it is unnecessary for the player to grasp the cart handle with the hand, when using the towing device of this invention. The device, when the holster thereof is placed in the preferred position, permits the cart to be towed with ease from the body of the user, while the ready detachability of the hook from the receiver means that only an instant is required to detach the cart, so that inconvenience or interference with shot making or the like is reduced to a minimum. The position of the holster on the body of the user, even with the slight outward spacing of the receiver, does not interfere with the use of the golf clubs, as during shot making. Also, due to the open lower end of the receiver, the device does not tend to become fouled by dirt, mud, or the like, while a hook made of flat spring material presents a broader base for resting on the ground, and thus has a lesser tendency to sink in and cause dirt or mud to be picked up, than with a round wire, for instance, or a relatively narrow hook. It will be evident, of course, that the flat operating extension contributes to the ease with which the hook may be grasped for disengagement.

It will be understood, of course, that various changes may be made, such as the use of different materials for the various parts. Thus, the receiver may be made partly of plastic, the holster may be made of cloth or simulated leather, rather than leather, or even a plastic, while the hook may be made partly of spring material and partly of less resilient material, such as partly of spring steel or bronze, with the remainder of iron, steel, brass or the like. Also, the spring and hook may have different shapes or configurations, and be manufactured in many ways different from those described.

It will further be understood that, although different embodiments of this invention and certain variations thereof have been illustrated and described, other embodiments may exist and variations provided therein, all without departing from the spirit and scope of this invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster attachable to a person desiring to tow said cart or the like, said holster being provided with a receiver; a hook engageable with and disengageable from said receiver; and means for attaching said hook to a handle or the like of said cart.

2. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster attachable to a person desiring to tow said cart or the like, said holster being provided with a receiver; a hook having a

resilient portion engageable with and disengageable from said receiver; and means for attaching said hook to a handle or the like of said cart.

3. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster attachable to a person desiring to tow said cart or the like, said holster being provided with a receiver having an open lower end; a hook having a resilient portion engageable with and disengageable from said receiver; and means for attaching said hook to a handle or the like of said cart.

4. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, as defined in claim 3, wherein a portion of said hook extends from said receiver in engaged position; such portion being movable to effect disengagement of said hook.

5. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, as defined in claim 3, wherein said receiver is provided with a stop, for engaging a portion of said hook to maintain said hook in engagement with said receiver.

6. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster attachable to a person desiring to tow said cart, said holster being provided with a box-like receiver; a hook having a U-shaped portion formed of spring material and insertable in and removable from said receiver; and means for attaching said hook to a handle or the like of said cart.

7. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, as defined in claim 6, wherein the rear end of said hook is attached to said cart and the front end of said hook forms an operating extension which may be moved to lessen the width of the U-shaped portion, for insertion in or removal from said receiver.

8. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, as defined in claim 7, wherein said operating extension extends rearwardly and said receiver is provided with a stop at the upper front end for engaging said hook adjacent the upper end of the front leg of said U-shaped portion.

9. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, as defined in claim 8, wherein the lower end of said receiver is open.

10. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster attachable to a person desiring to tow said cart, said holster being provided with a box-like receiver having a front wall and an inwardly extending projection at the upper end of said front wall; a hook having a U-shaped portion formed of spring material and insertable in said receiver, the front end of said hook extending rearwardly to provide an operating extension and a portion of said hook between the front leg of said U-shaped portion and said operating extension being engageable with said receiver projection; and means for attaching the rear end of said hook to a handle or the like of said cart.

11. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster attachable to a person desiring to tow said cart, said holster being provided with a box-like receiver having a front wall and a rearwardly concave projection extending laterally at a point above and forwardly of the upper edge of said front wall; a hook having a U-shaped portion formed of spring material and insertable in said receiver, the front end of said hook extending rearwardly to provide an operating extension and a portion of said hook between the front leg of said U-shaped portion and said operating extension being engageable with said receiver projection; and means for attaching the

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rear end of said hook to a handle or the like of said cart.

12. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster attachable to a person desiring to tow said cart, said holster being provided with a box-like receiver; a hook having a U-shaped portion formed of flat spring material and insertable in said receiver; and means for attaching said hook to a handle or the like of said cart.

13. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster having at least one loop at the upper end thereon for passage of a belt extending around a person desiring to tow said golf cart, said holster also having a slot to accommodate a belt loop of pants or the like of such a person; a box-like receiver having an open upper end and mounted on said holster below said loops; a hook having a U-shaped portion formed of spring material and insertable in said receiver; and means for attaching said hook to a handle or similar portion of said golf cart.

14. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster attachable to a person desiring to tow said cart, said holster being provided with a box-like receiver having a front wall and a stop adjacent the upper end of said front wall; a hook having a U-shaped portion formed of spring material and insertable in and removable from said receiver, a portion of said hook being adapted to engage said receiver stop; and means for attaching the rear end of said hook to a handle or the like of said cart.

15. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster attachable to a person desiring to tow said cart, said holster being provided with a box-like receiver having a front wall and a strip attached to said rearwardly front wall and a rearwardly extending upper end disposed above the upper edge of said front wall; a hook having a U-shaped portion formed of spring material and insertable in and removable from said receiver, the U-shaped portion of said hook including front and rear legs and a portion above the upper end of said front leg adapted to engage the upper end of said receiver strip; and means for attaching the rear end of said hook to a handle or the like of said cart.

16. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster attachable to a person desiring to tow said cart, said holster being provided with a box-like receiver having a front wall, a rear wall, and a rearwardly extending projection adjacent the upper end of said front wall; a hook having a U-shaped portion formed of flat spring material and insertable in and removable from said receiver, the U-shaped portion of said hook including front and rear legs and a connecting bottom, the rear end of said hook extending rearwardly and downwardly from the upper end of said rear leg and the front end of said hook extending rearwardly and upwardly from the upper end of said front leg and provided with a forwardly concave portion adapted to engage said receiver projection; and means for attaching the rear end of said hook to a handle or the like of said cart.

17. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster attachable to a person desiring to tow said cart, said holster being provided with a box-like receiver having a front wall and a rearwardly concave stop extending obliquely and laterally at a point above and forwardly of the upper edge of said front wall; a hook having a U-shaped portion formed of flat

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spring material and insertable in and removable from said receiver, the U-shaped portion of said hook including front and rear legs and a connecting bottom inclined forwardly and downwardly, the rear end of said hook extending rearwardly and downwardly from the upper end of said rear leg and the front end of said hook extending rearwardly and upwardly from the upper end of said front leg and provided with a forwardly convex projection adapted to engage said receiver stop; and means for attaching the rear end of said hook to a handle or the like of said cart.

18. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster generally trapezoidal in shape and formed of leather-like material, said holster having a pair of spaced loops at the upper end thereof for passage of a belt extending around a person desiring to tow said cart, said holster also having a slot to accommodate a belt loop of pants or the like of such a person; a box-like receiver having open upper and lower ends and mounted on said holster below said loops, said receiver having front and rear walls converging toward each other in a downward direction and said receiver having integral front and rear ears for attachment to said holster, said ears spacing an inner wall of said receiver from said holster and said front ears extending inwardly and forwardly from said front wall and said rear ears inwardly and rearwardly from said rear wall, said inner wall being formed of integral strips extending rearwardly from said front wall in alternating relation to said front ears, and the upper end of said front wall being curved rearwardly and the upper edge doubled under to form a projection; a hook having a U-shaped portion formed of flat spring material and insertable in and removable from said receiver, the U-shaped portion of said hook including front and rear legs and a connecting bottom inclined forwardly and downwardly, the rear end of said hook extending rearwardly and downwardly from the upper end of said rear leg and the front end of said hook extending rearwardly and upwardly from the upper end of said front leg and provided with a forwardly concave portion adapted to engage said receiver projection; and means for attaching said rear end of said hook to a handle or the like of said cart.

19. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster generally trapezoidal in shape and formed of leather-like material, said holster having three spaced loops at the upper end thereof for passage of a belt extending around a person desiring to tow said cart, said holster also having a slot to accommodate a belt loop of pants or the like of such a person; a box-like receiver having open upper and lower ends and mounted on said holster, said receiver having front and rear walls converging toward each other in a downward direction and said receiver having integral front and rear ears for attachment to said holster, said ears spacing an inner wall of said receiver from said holster and said front ears extending inwardly and forwardly from said front wall and said rear strips inwardly and forwardly from said rear wall, said inner wall being formed by strips integral with said rear wall and extending forwardly to said front wall; a strip of material having greater resistance to wear than the remainder of said receiver and attached to said front wall in an upright position, the upper end of said strip being bent rear-

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wardly to form a stop; a hook having a U-shaped portion formed of flat spring material and insertable in and removable from said receiver, the U-shaped portion of said hook including front and rear legs and a connecting bottom, the rear end of said hook extending rearwardly and downwardly from the upper end of said rear leg and the front end of said hook extending rearwardly and upwardly from the upper end of said front leg and provided with a forwardly concave portion adapted to engage said receiver stop; and means for attaching said rear end of said hook to a handle or the like of said cart.

20. A device for towing a golf bag cart or the like, comprising a holster generally trapezoidal in shape and formed of leather-like material; a belt adapted to extend around a person desiring to tow said cart, the upper edge of said holster being attached to said belt; a box-like receiver having open upper and lower ends and mounted on said holster, said receiver having front and rear walls converging toward each other in a downward direction and said receiver having integral front and rear ears for attachment to said holster, said ears spacing an inner wall of said receiver from said holster and said front ears extending inwardly and forwardly from said front wall and said rear ears inwardly and rearwardly from said rear wall, said inner wall being provided with a rearwardly arcuate, obliquely laterally extending stop disposed upwardly and for-

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wardly of the upper edge of said front wall; a hook having a U-shaped portion formed of flat spring material and insertable in and removable from said receiver, the U-shaped portion of said hook including front and rear legs and a connecting bottom inclined forwardly and downwardly, the rear end of said hook extending rearwardly and downwardly from the upper end of said rear leg and the front end of said hook extending rearwardly and upwardly from the upper end of said front leg and provided with a forwardly convex projection adapted to engage said receiver stop; and means for attaching said rear end of said hook to a handle or the like of said cart.

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