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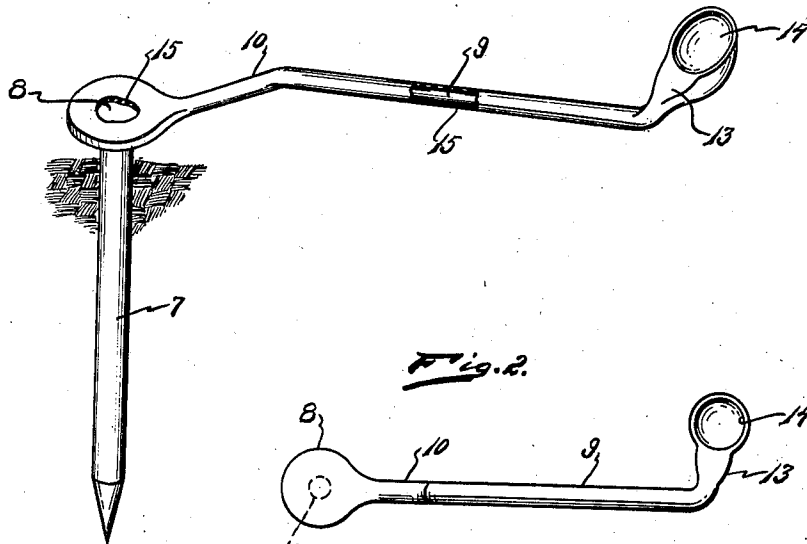


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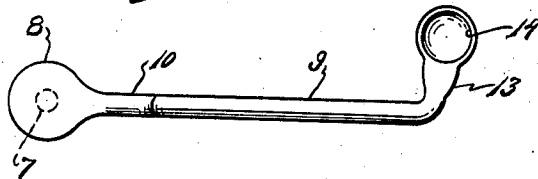


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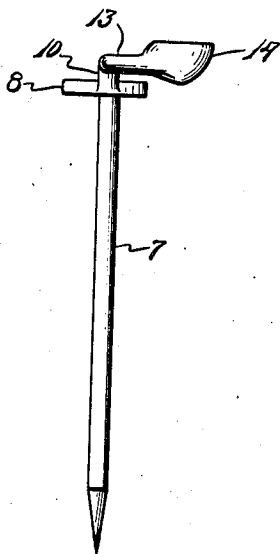
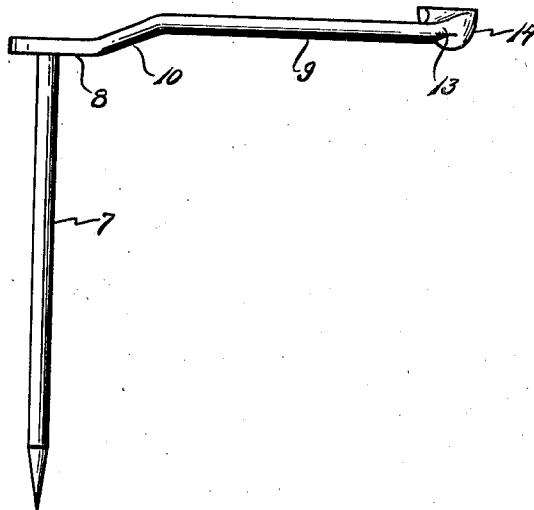


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1 Claim. (Cl. 273—33)

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in a golf tee and has for its object the provision of a golf tee which may be mounted in the earth or other suitable supporting body in such a manner that it may pivot on its mountings.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a golf tee having an anchor pin and a supporting arm projecting outwardly from the upper end of said anchor pin and carrying on its outer end a supporting cup.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a golf tee having an anchor pin provided with a supporting arm projecting outwardly from its upper end and carrying a supporting cup at its outer end connected thereto by a neck directed at an inclination thereto.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a golf tee having a supporting arm provided with a ball-supporting cup so arranged and constructed that the supporting arm will be positioned beyond the cup when in use, thus causing the club when in use to pass over the supporting arm when in the upward swing and reducing the likelihood of contacting the club with the supporting arm.

Another object of the invention is the provision in a golf tee of a pivot pin provided with a supporting arm projecting outwardly from its upper end and having the arm upwardly offset, intermediate its ends, to elevate the free end thereof above the surface of the supporting body.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a golf tee so arranged and constructed that the tee itself will momentarily attract the eye of the user while making the drive and thus prevent the driver from raising his eye to follow the ball prematurely, to such an extent that his stroke would be impaired.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by a reference to the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this specification, and in which,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the invention.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the invention.

Fig. 3 is an end elevational view of the invention.

Fig. 4 is a side elevational view of the invention.

The invention comprises a pin or peg 7 sharpened at its lower end and secured at its upper end to the plate-like member 8 which forms a head.

Formed integral with the member 8 and projecting outwardly therefrom is a supporting arm 9 which is provided with the upwardly offset portion 10 and which terminates in the neck 13 on the end of which is formed the supporting cup 14. It will be noted that the neck 13 is of greater length than the width of the cup 14 so that it may be termed an elongated neck. It will also be noted that it extends angularly to the axis of the supporting arm 9. The supporting arm and cup as well as the plate 8 are dipped in rubber or have a layer 15 of rubber secured thereto in any suitable manner. The upwardly offset portion 10 elevates the arm 9 above the surface of the earth or other supporting body 16 into which the peg or pin 7 may be forced. Normally, in use the pin would be forced into the earth or supporting body until the plate 8 contacted therewith.

The arm 9 is, of course, an elongated arm so that the golf ball when positioned on the cup is maintained at a considerable distance from the pin 7. In view of the fact that the arm 9 is elevated above the earth this extension of the arm 9 outwardly from the pin 7 is of importance as the arm 9 thereby serves as a sort of lever which will, when struck at the cup-bearing end, effect a rotation of the entire device on the axis of the pin 7. Thus, there is no unyielding body to be struck by the golf club so that the likelihood of damaging the device is reduced to a minimum. Should the golf club strike the end of the arm or the cup 14, this cup and arm would be driven outwardly from the club, swinging on the pin 7 as an axis. The elevating of the arm 9 above the surface of the earth removes the friction which would otherwise be present so that the swinging of the arm on the axis of the pin 7 as a pivot is an easy and free one.

In use the operator would line up the tee in such a manner that the neck would serve as a directing line and lie in the desired line of flight of the ball. When so lined up the arm 9 will be considerably in advance of the cup 14, the ball being driven off of the cup and passing over the neck 13 in its flight. This is an important feature of the construction as the elongated arm 9 is thus placed in advance of the cup so that as the golf club passes over the arm 9 it is normally on its upward swing and thus the likelihood of striking the arm 9 with the club is considerably lessened. It has also been found that by providing the upwardly offset portion 10, the arm 9 is re-enforced and strengthened. The use of the neck 13 in lining up the line of flight has

proven most effective in increasing the efficiency of the golfer. Invariably the driving of the ball from the cup will effect a spinning of the tee or a swinging of the arm on the axis of the pin

- 5 7. This fact has proven also quite effective in developing the efficiency of the golfer. It is preferred that the arm 9 be coated with a brightly colored rubber, such as white, red, or the like. As the ball is driven and the arm 9 swings, the eye of the player has a tendency to follow the arm 9 and thus prevent the raising of the eye of the golfer, for a very brief time, to follow the flight of the ball and thus the lifting of the eyes before the completion of the stroke is practically eliminated.

15 With a golf tee constructed in this manner, an economical, durable and very practical device is thus afforded.

- 20 While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction, I do not wish to

limit myself to the precise details of structure shown, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as may come within the scope of the appended claim.

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

A golf tee of the class described, comprising: a pin adapted for insertion into a supporting body; an elongated supporting arm; a plate-like portion on one end of said arm and secured to the upper end of said pin to provide a head therefor; a neck on the opposite end of said arm, said neck extending angularly to the longitudinal axis of said arm and laterally thereof, said arm being upwardly offset, intermediate its ends; and a ball-supporting cup on the free end of said neck.

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