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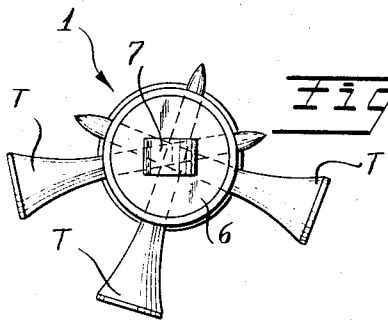


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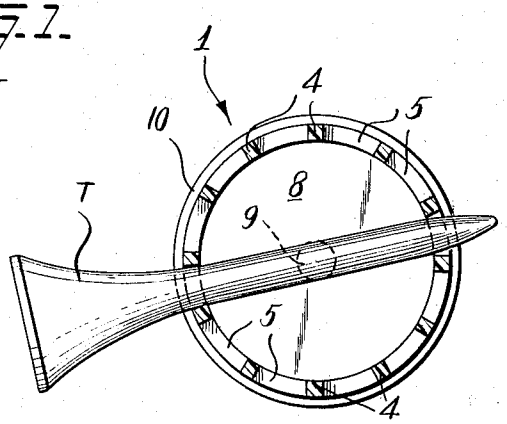


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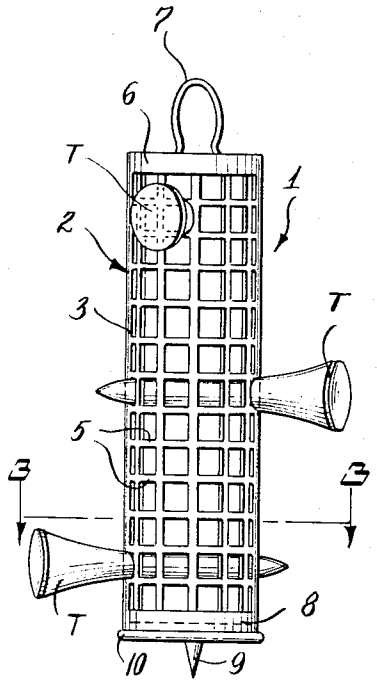


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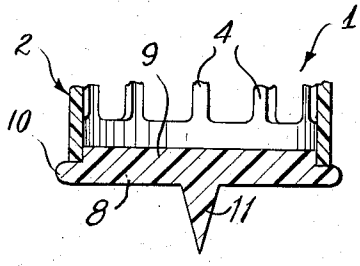


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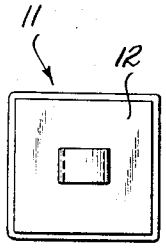


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This application relates generally to an improvement in golf tee holders and more particularly to a golf tee holder adapted to be mounted on a golf bag or worn on the person of a player while in the process of playing golf.

There have been numerous other constructions proposed for this purpose, but they all have involved various disadvantages, such as difficulty in inserting and removing golf tees therefrom, limited accessibility, or the like.

A primary object of this invention is to provide a holder that is adapted to firmly grip a golf tee, said tee being readily removed therefrom or inserted therein without precise manipulation and without having to line up the tee carefully with the holding device.

Another important object is to have the device readily attachable in accessible position on the golf bag, on the golf cart, on on the person of the golfer.

Another object is to provide a golf tee holding device capable of carrying a large number of golf tees.

A further object is to provide a golf tee holding device which is compact and lightweight in construction, inexpensive to manufacture and durable in use.

A still further object is to provide a golf tee holder having a portion readily removable and adapted to be used as a ball marker.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description, when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a top plan view of a golf tee holder embodying the principles of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a front elevation view of the golf tee holder shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is an enlarged horizontal sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of FIG. 2;

FIG. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary vertical sectional view, taken on the line 4—4 of FIG. 3; and

FIG. 5 is a top plan view of a modified form of golf tee holder, according to the present invention.

Referring now more specifically to the drawings and to FIG. 2 thereof in particular, it will be seen that the present invention consists of a golf tee holder, generally indicated by numeral 1, which comprises a cylindrical body member 2. This cylindrical body member 2 has side wall means 3 formed of yieldable resilient plastic material and has a diameter of approximately one inch. The side wall means 3 are formed of a plurality of closely spaced parallel vertical web members 4 and a plurality of closely spaced horizontal web members 5 which intersect the said vertical web members 4 to define openings therein with dimensions on the order of three-sixteenths of an inch square. The vertical and horizontal web members 4 and 5 are formed integrally with respect to each other.

A top wall member 6 is secured above said side wall means 3 to cover the body member 2. A loop 7 is formed integrally on the top wall member 6 and extends upwardly from the center thereof for attachment to a hook on the golf bag, or the like.

A bottom wall member 8 encloses the bottom of said body member 2 and includes a stem portion 9 which is removably positioned in tight engagement within the lower end portion of side wall means 3. An outwardly extending, annular flange 10 of bottom wall member 8 underlies side wall means 3 to prevent the bottom wall member from being inserted too deeply within the body member 2. A pointed projection 11 is formed integrally with bottom wall member 8 and is disposed in depending relation from the center thereof when it is desired to mark the position of a golf ball the bottom wall member 8 may be removed and positioned on the ground with the pointed projection 8 extending into the earth as an anchoring means.

It will readily be appreciated that when the golf tee holder 1 is suitably mounted on a golf bag or the like, the golfer may readily insert a plurality of golf tees T therein. The tees T may be inserted from any side of the device, their pointed ends automatically locating the perforations and penetrating therethrough. The shanks of golf tees T spread the web members 4 and 5 apart and a positive gripping action is effected thereby at both ends of the shank.

In a modified form of the invention, the golf tee holder 11 is of square configuration with a square top 12 and squared side and bottom wall means (not shown). Numerous other modifications may be made in the construction, configuration, design and material without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the annexed claims.

What we claim is:

1. A golfing accessory comprising an elongated tubular body member having a hollow central area, said body member being formed of resilient mesh-like material having a plurality of closely spaced resiliently expansible perforations provided therethrough, a golf tee removably mounted in said body member with its pointed end projected through randomly selected ones of said perforations, said perforations being normally smaller than the shank of said golf tee when in unexpanded position for yieldably gripping said golf tee adjacent said pointed end and adjacent said head and means for securing said body to a golf bag whereby a plurality of said golf tees may be inserted at random positions along the periphery and length of said body member without precise alignment, having their heads exposed.

2. A golf tee as defined in claim 1 wherein said elongated body member is generally cylindrical in configuration having a diameter on the order of one inch.

3. A golf tee holder comprising a vertically elongated hollow body member having side wall means surrounding a substantially enclosed central area, said side wall means being formed of yieldable resilient material and having a plurality of closely spaced perforations therein in opposed positions on said side walls, and means for detachably connecting said body member on a golf bag, the bottom of said body being defined by a removable bottom wall member having a pointed projection extending from the central portion thereof whereby said bottom wall member may be removed for use as a ball marker.

4. A golf tee holder comprising a body member of generally cylindrical configuration having side wall means formed of yieldable resilient plastic material having a diameter of one inch, said side wall means being defined by a plurality of closely spaced, parallel, vertical web members and a plurality of closely spaced parallel horizontal web members disposed horizontally and intersecting said vertical web members to define openings therein on the order of three-sixteenths inch square, said openings being formed in substantially all portions of said side wall means, said vertical and horizontal web members being formed integrally with respect to each other, a top wall member secured above said side wall

means and covering said body, a loop formed integrally on said top wall member and extending upwardly from the center thereof, and a bottom wall member enclosing the bottom of said body member, said bottom wall member including a portion removably received in tight engagement within the lower end portion of said side wall means and an outwardly extending annular flange underlying said side wall means, and having a pointed projection formed integrally therewith and disposed in depending relation from the center of said bottom wall member, thereby said bottom wall member may be removed for use as a ball marker.

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