

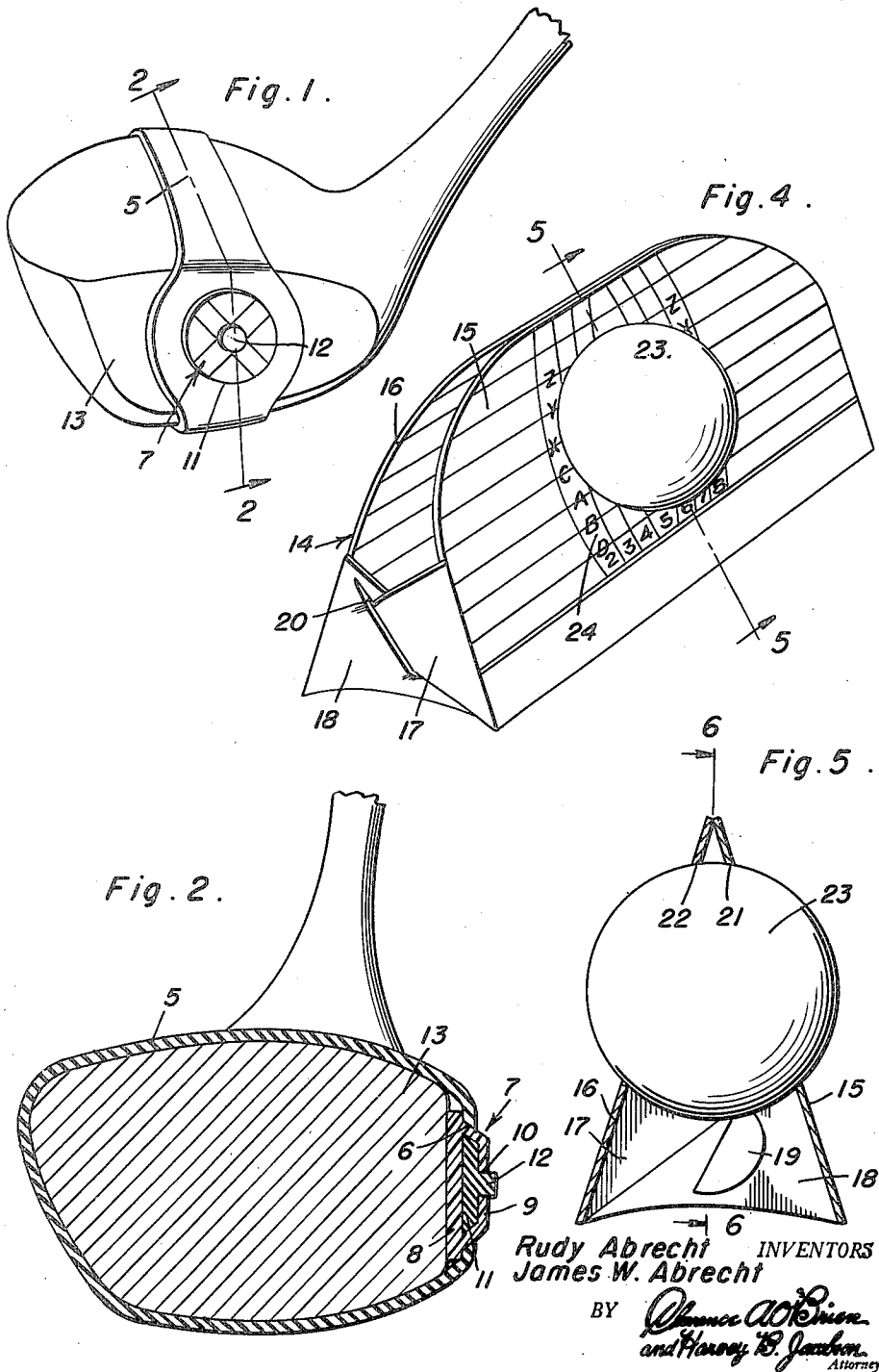
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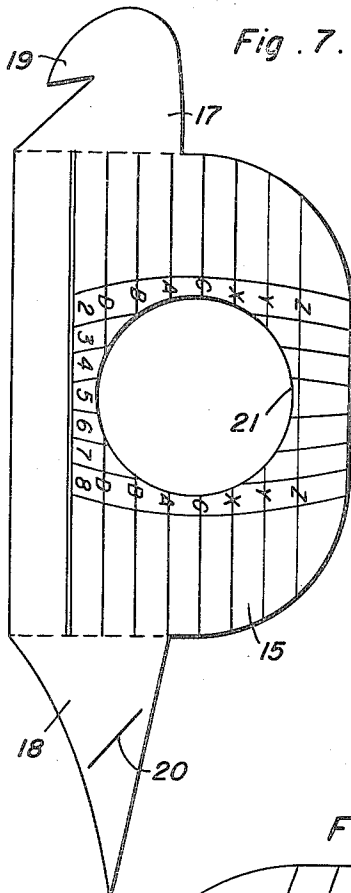


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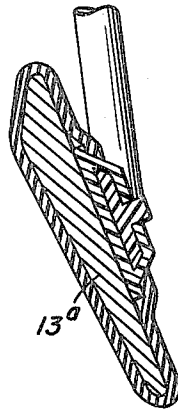


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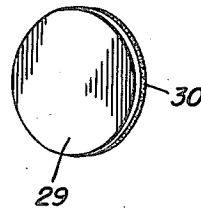
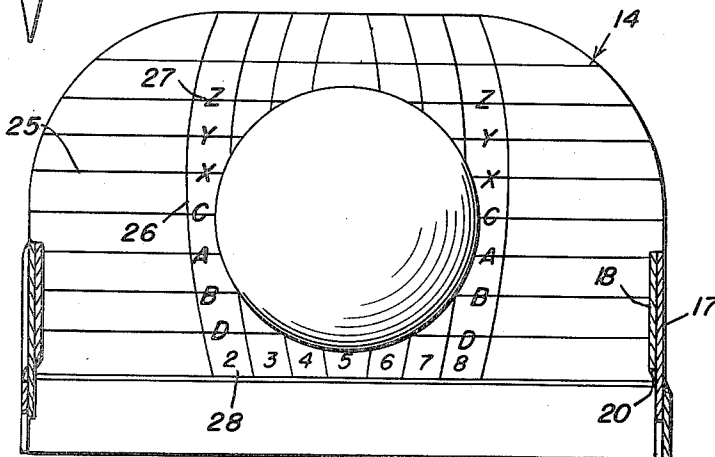


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The present invention relates to new and useful golf practicing devices for use either indoors or outdoors and more particularly to the provision of a marking device carried by a golf club to register a spot on the golf ball struck by the center of the club to thus indicate the accuracy of the swing.

An important object of the invention is to provide means for easily and quickly interchangeably attaching the marking device to various types of wooden or metal golf club heads.

A further object is to provide spotting means carried by the face of a golf club to register the point of contact thereof when driving a regulation golf ball.

Another object is to provide a device of this character of simple and practical construction, which is efficient and reliable in use, relatively inexpensive to manufacture and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a wood golf club showing the marker in position thereon;

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view taken substantially on a line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a similar view showing the marker positioned on an iron club head;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the target;

Figure 5 is a transverse sectional view taken substantially on a line 5—5 of Figure 4;

Figure 6 is a longitudinal sectional view taken substantially on a line 6—6 of Figure 5;

Figure 7 is a front elevational view of one side of the target in collapsed position; and,

Figure 8 is a perspective view of a spotting device carried by the golf club.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, wherein for the purpose of illustration we have disclosed preferred embodiments of the invention, the numeral 5 designates an elastic band having an opening 6 therein and in which is positioned a marking device designated generally at 7. The marking device comprises a disk 8 of plastic or other suitable material having a cage 9 at one surface of substantially spider form provided with a central opening 10. An inked pad 11 is held in the cage with a marking stud 12 projecting therefrom through opening 10.

The band 5 is stretched around either a wooden

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golf club head 13 as shown in Figures 1 and 2 or around an iron club head 13a as shown in Figure 3 with the marking device 7 positioned at the center of the striking face of the club.

A target is shown generally at 14 and comprises a pair of integral stiff paper or cardboard sheets 15 and 16 of predetermined size and shape and having interlocking tongues 17 and 18 at each end, the tongue 17 of the sheet 15 having a hook 19 received in a slit 20 of tongue 18 at adjacent ends of the sheets to support the sheets in upright back to back position substantially in the form of an easel.

The sheets 15 and 16 are formed with aligned central openings 21 and 22 in which an imitation golf ball 23 is snugly fitted and supported, the ball being constructed of tough fiber-board or other inexpensive suitable material.

The front and rear surfaces of target sheets 15 and 16 adjacent openings 21 and 22 are provided with a chart 24 composed of intersecting substantially horizontal and vertical lines 25 and 26, the horizontal lines being identified by the letters of the alphabet 27 while the vertical lines are identified with numbers 28.

In the use of the invention, the marking device 5 is placed on a club head 13 or 13a and the target 14 is placed on the ground with the imitation golf ball 23 supported therein and exposed at opposite sides of the target. The striking of the ball by the club will cause the stud 12 of inked pad 11 to leave a mark on the ball at its point of impact and indicate to the golfer the accuracy of his swing.

The chart 24 is used to enable the golfer to make a record of the point of impact on the ball during frequent striking thereof by the club to show improvement in his swing.

In Figure 8 we have illustrated a colored cloth disk 29 having adhesive 30 on one surface for attaching to the striking face of a golf club for striking a regulation golf ball, the disk leaving a colored mark on the ball at its point of impact to show the accuracy of the swing.

In view of the foregoing description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings it is believed that a clear understanding of the device will be quite apparent to those skilled in this art. A more detailed description is accordingly deemed unnecessary.

It is to be understood, however, that even though there is herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of the invention the same is susceptible to certain changes fully compre-

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hended by the spirit of the invention as herein described and the scope of the appended claim.

Obviously, the imitation golf ball 23 may be moulded or pressed into the sides of the target 14 to form an integral part of the fibre-board 5 which forms the target.

The easel is so constructed that it can be set up so that the imitation golf ball will be at the proper height for wood golf clubs and easily changed to the required lower position for iron golf clubs.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A golf practice device comprising an endless band of elastic material adapted to embrace the head of a golf club, said band having an enlarged portion for opposing the striking face of a golf club, said enlarged portion having an opening therein, a backing disk adapted to bear against the striking face of a golf club, a spider-like cage at one surface of said disk having a central aperture; said cage extending through the opening in said band, an ink retaining pad mounted in the

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cage, and a stud carried by said pad and projecting through the aperture in said cage.

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