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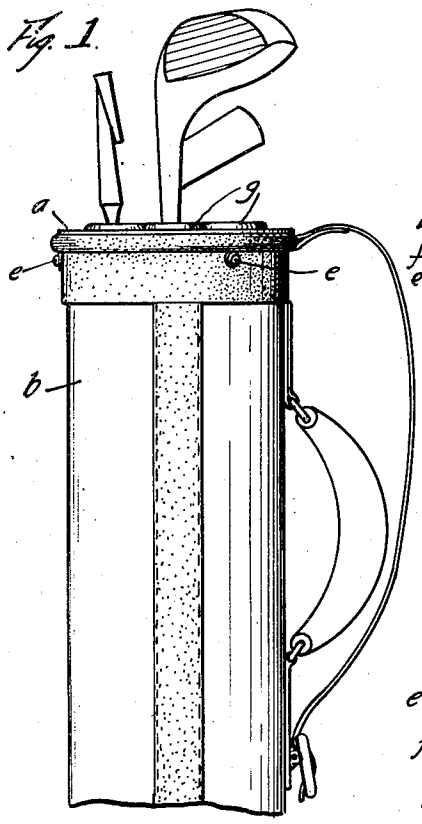


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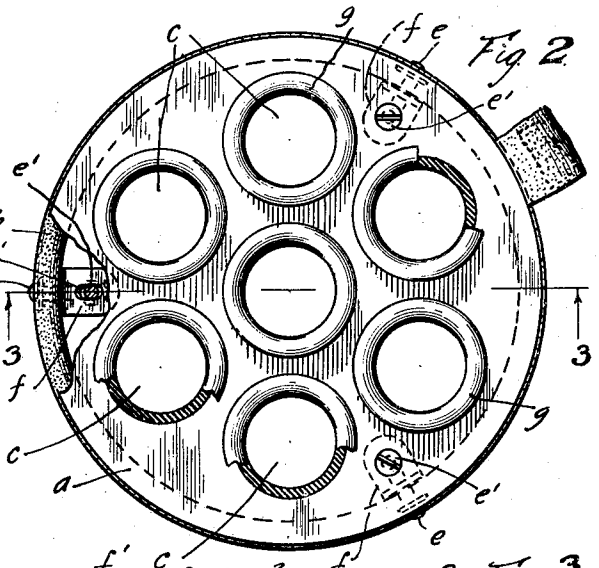


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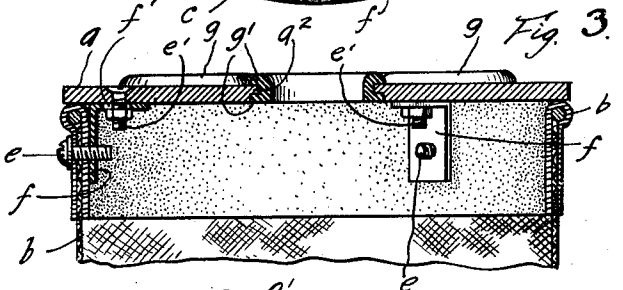


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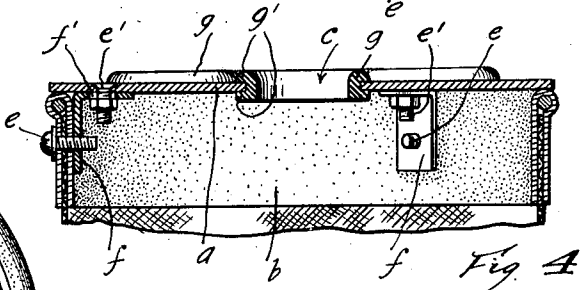


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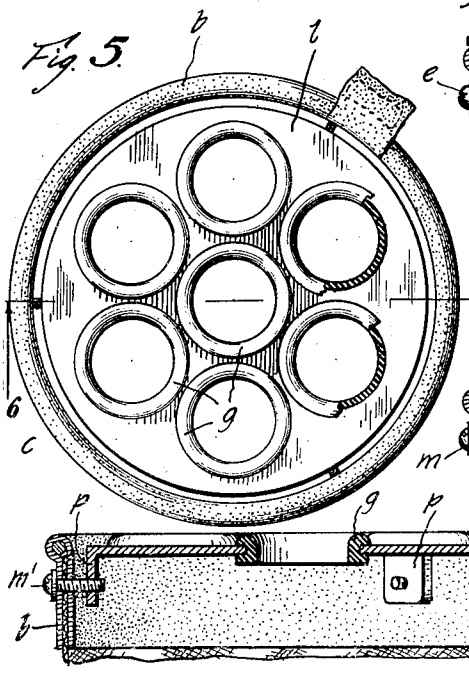


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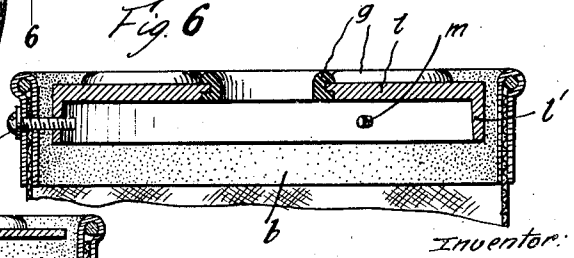


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GOLF-CLUB-HOLDING ATTACHMENT FOR GOLF BAGS

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My invention relates to "golf-bags" for carrying a set of golf clubs about while at play. Since the golf-bags are commonly used to hold the different clubs required for playing the game, these clubs if carried loosely in the bag tend to strike one another, also against the rim of the bag, which causes wearing of the bag, and the heads of the "driver" and other wood clubs to be more or less bruised, and the shafts of the clubs also tend to become scratched in the same way.

This tendency of the clubs to strike against each other is further accentuated by the fact that the heads of the clubs are relatively heavier than their shafts, so that when the caddie swings the bag over his shoulder, the clubs tend to strike against each other more or less violently, due to the fact that the greater proportions of their weight is at the head-end of the shaft projecting above the rim of the bag.

Furthermore, the shafts of some clubs are longer than others, and thus when the clubs are carried loosely in the bag, the heads of the shorter clubs will tend to bruise and damage the wooden shafts of the longer clubs.

Therefore, the principal object of my invention is to provide the mouth of the golf-bag with a golf-club holding means, for holding a set of golf-clubs in such manner that they cannot impact with each other, and also are restrained against freely moving longitudinally and thus tending to slide out of the bag in certain positions of the latter, and further, to provide for such purpose an attachment which may be readily fastened to the mouth of the golf-bag.

I attain my object by securing in the mouth of the golf-bag a plate, provided with a number of spaced and bushed holes, each adapted to receive a golf-club, and thus hold the clubs orderly and in spaced relation, preventing in that way the bruising of the golf-clubs, as mentioned.

Furthermore, I employ for such bushings, an elastic material possessing some friction property such as rubber, thereby tending to restrain the clubs from sliding out of the bag in case the same is tilted at such an angle, as would tend to cause the clubs to slide out. The bushing material being non-abrasive will also prevent wearing of wooden shafts.

A further object of my invention is to arrange the bushings of the holes of the said plate in the form of removable inserts, so that these bushings may be replaced when worn.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a simple and economical golf-club holder attachment which may be manufactured at a reasonable cost and attached to any golf-bag.

Other features of my invention are hereinafter described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 shows a side elevation of a golf-bag with my club holding attachment in place and illustrates several clubs inserted therein;

Fig. 2 shows a top plan view of a golf bag and my club-holding attachment;

Fig 3 shows a central vertical section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and discloses further details of construction;

Fig. 4 shows in a similar section to Fig. 3, a modification of my invention, in which my club holding attachment is adapted to be formed by stamping instead of cast metal as previously shown;

Fig. 5 shows a top plan view of a golf-bag with my club-holding attachment adapted to be set within the rim;

Fig. 6 shows a section taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5; and

Fig. 7 shows a section taken similarly to Fig. 6, and illustrates this modification of my club-holding attachment adapted to be formed by stamping out of metal sheets.

Referring to Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive, my invention comprises a circular plate *a* formed of cast metal, preferably aluminum and ap-

proximately equal to the outside diameter of the golf-bag *b* and provided with spaced circular holes *c*, in which golf-clubs may be inserted, shaft first.

The plate *a* is arranged over the open end of the golf-bag *b* and is attached to the inside of the rim by screws *e*, inserted through the wall of the bag and threaded into angular brackets *f*, the other portions of which are provided with slotted holes *f'* through which the brackets are fixed to the underside of the plate *a* by bolts *e'*, which provides a degree of adjustment for slight variations in the diameter of bags, since bags of the same size, but products of different manufacturers may vary somewhat in their given diameters.

Each of the holes *c* are provided with bushings *g*, preferably of rubber, formed with spaced lips *g'* on their outer peripheries, which engage the upper and lower surfaces of the plate *a* at the rims of the holes *c*.

In Fig. 3, the rims of the holes *c* are rabbeted as at a^2, since in this figure my club-holding attachment is shown as formed of cast metal, and is thicker than the space provided between the lips *g'*.

By this construction, the clubs carried in the golf-bag are prevented from striking against each other, and from slipping out of the bag, should it be carried in more or less of a horizontal position, by the elastic nature of the bushing and the more or less frictional resistance of the rubber to any movement of the clubs.

In Fig. 4, I have shown my club holder adapted to be stamped out of sheet metal or formed of other material which will permit a plate of thinner cross section to be used. By this construction, the rim of the holes *c* are of such thickness as to fit between the lips *g'* without the formation of a rabbet *a'* as shown in Fig. 3.

In Figs. 5 and 6, I have shown my club-holding attachment comprising a plate *l*, similar to the plate *a*, and adapted to be be formed of cast metal as previously described, except that its diameter is somewhat less than the inside diameter of the bag and is adapted to be arranged within the rim. The plate *l*, as shown in Fig. 6, is provided with a peripheral downwardly extending flange *l'* and bolts *m* are inserted through the wall of the bag and threaded into holes provided in the flange *l'*.

Fig. 7 shows my club holding attachment adapted to be formed by stamping from sheet metal, with the difference that the plate *l* is thinner in cross section, and the rims of the holes are not rabbeted, and in the place of a downwardly extending flange *l'*, spaced lugs *p* are provided, integral with the plate, in which bolts *m'* are threaded.

As shown in the drawings, I have illustrated my attachment provided with seven holes which I have found to be a convenient number for an attachment adapted to a five inch bag, but the number of holes may be varied as the diameter of the bag for which it is intended, is larger or smaller.

And as shown in Figs. 5, 6 and 7, the plate *l* is formed for a given size of bag, slightly less than the inside diameter and the bolts *m* are provided of sufficient length to accommodate variations in the diameter of the bag.

Furthermore, by the use of my club-holder, the clubs may be classified in the bag and maintained in a predetermined arrangement, that is, by using a particular hole always for the same club, there will be no need of searching through the clubs, as when they are loose in the bag, but the desired club will always be ready at hand.

I claim:

1. A club holding attachment for a golf bag comprising a substantially inflexible plate secured at the mouth of the bag, brackets comprising two right angular members, one of said members bolted to the wall of the bag at its mouth, the other member provided with elongate slots, adapted to have a bolt inserted therethrough and secured to the rim of said plate, whereby said plate is adjustably secured to the mouth of the bag, and said plate provided with a plurality of club receiving holes arranged in spaced relation.

2. A club holding attachment for a golf bag comprising a substantially inflexible plate secured at the mouth of the bag, brackets comprising two right angular members, one of said members bolted to the wall of the bag at its mouth, the other member provided with elongate slots, adapted to have a bolt inserted therethrough and secured to the rim of said plate, whereby said plate is adjustably secured to the mouth of the bag, and said plate provided with a plurality of club receiving holes arranged in spaced relation, said holes being bushed with soft elastic rubber.

3. A club holding attachment for a golf bag comprising a substantially inflexible plate secured transversely at the mouth of the bag, brackets comprising two right angular members, one of said members bolted to the wall of the bag at its mouth, the other member provided with elongate slots, adapted to have a bolt inserted therethrough and secured to the rim of said plate, whereby said plate is adjustably secured to the mouth of the bag, said plate provided with a plurality of club receiving holes arranged in spaced relation, said holes being bushed with soft elastic rubber, and said bushings being provided with peripheral, laterally, projecting spaced lips adapted to engage with the upper and lower surfaces of said plate to protect the shaft of a golf club from abrasion.

4. A club holding attachment for a golf bag comprising a substantially inflexible plate secured at the mouth of the bag, and said plate provided with a plurality of club re-

ceiving holes arranged in spaced relation, said holes being bushed with soft rubber.

5. A club holding attachment for a golf bag comprising a substantially inflexible plate secured transversely at the mouth of the bag, said plate provided with a plurality of club receiving holes arranged in spaced relation, said holes being bushed with soft elastic rubber, and said bushings being provided with peripheral, laterally, projecting spaced lips adapted to engage with the upper and lower surfaces of said plate to protect the shaft of a golf club from abrasion.

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