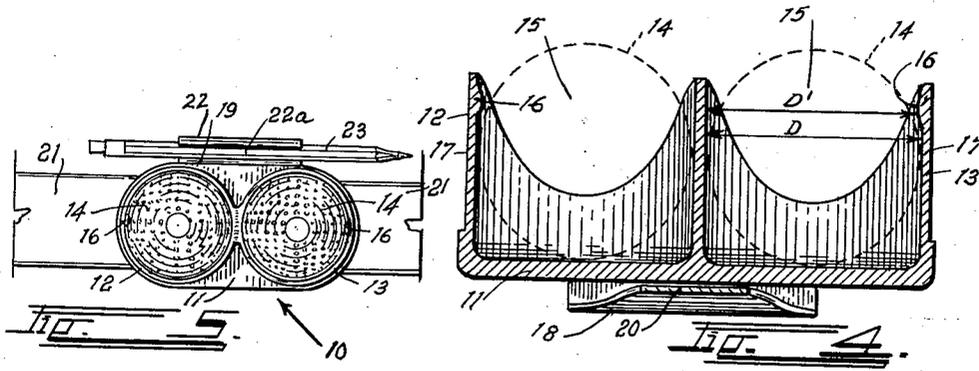
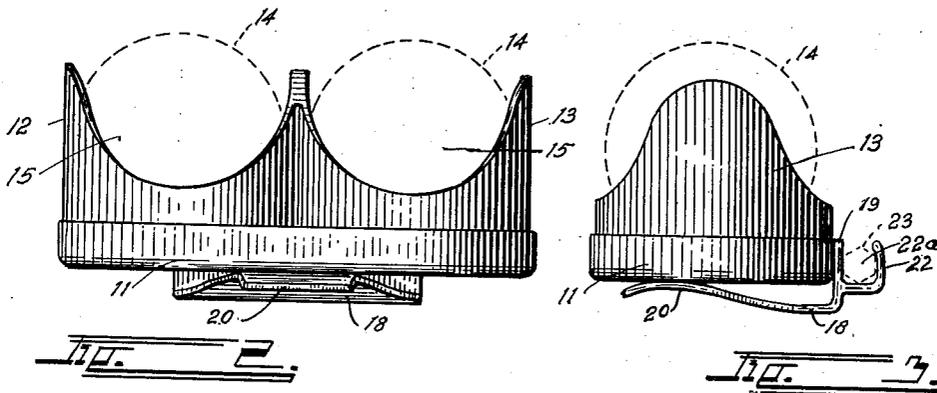
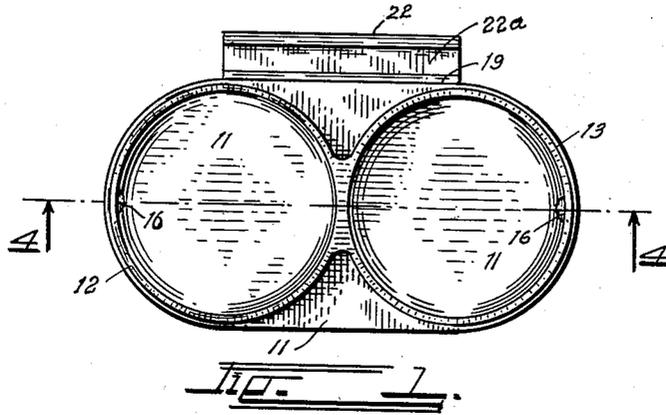


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This invention relates to improvements in golf ball carriers of the type adapted to be secured to the clothing of the golf player.

In playing golf the player often requires one or more spare balls during his plays between a tee and green, either for replacements for lost balls or because it is desired to substitute a particular ball in a certain play. For example, the next play may be such that there is a chance of losing the ball due a hazard in the golf course, in which event the player substitutes an inferior or cut-up golf ball, the loss of which will cause him no particular amount of disconcertment. He normally carries enough balls for the entire game in the bag which contains his clubs. It is not convenient, however, to carry this bag to all parts of the golf course where it may be necessary to make the plays and hence it is more convenient to carry one or more golf balls on his person. These may be carried in a pocket of the clothing, if provided with same, but this has not been found convenient because it produces bulges in the clothing, wears them, and causes annoyance which hampers the free and unrestricted movement of the body during swinging of the club.

To obviate the foregoing and yet provide the golfer with spare golf balls available on his person, certain ball carriers have been proposed such as those shown in Patent No. 1,862,614, granted June 14, 1932, and Patent No. 1,610,344 granted December 14, 1926. It is to devices of this type, and improvements therein, that the present invention more particularly relates.

One of the principal objects of the invention is to provide a golf ball carrier which permits more convenient access to the balls for insertion in and removal from the carrier.

Another object is to provide a holder in which the golf balls are visible so that the player may quickly select the one desired without removing others therefrom.

A further object is to provide a holder which is simplified in construction and may be mass produced from molded plastic material to thus render it relatively inexpensive.

Further objects, advantages, and salient features will become more apparent from the description to follow, the appended claims, and the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is side elevation of the golf ball holder;

Figure 2 is a bottom plan thereof;

Figure 3 is an end elevation;

Figure 4 is a section taken on line 4-4, Figure 1; and

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Figure 5 is a side elevation, showing the position of the carrier on the clothing of the golfer.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the carrier 10 is provided with a base 11, and a pair of cylindrical tubes 12, 13, secured thereto, these tubes being slightly larger in diameter than the diameter of a golf ball 14. The walls of the tubes are provided with arcuate cut out portions 15 which permit the ball to be grasped between the fingers when it is desired to remove them from the carrier.

To releasably secure the balls in the holder a detent 16 is provided on a wall of each tube, and as best shown in Figure 4, when a ball is in position in the holder, the detent forms an effective tube diameter, D' which is slightly less than the diameter D of the golf ball, which prevents the ball from falling out of the pocket formed by the tube wall and base. The portion 17 of the cylindrical wall is sufficiently resilient to permit it to spring laterally when the ball is drawn outwardly across the detent or when forced inwardly into the pocket.

The carrier just described may be secured to the clothing in any convenient manner although the resilient clip 18 is preferred which is secured to the carrier along an edge thereof as indicated by reference character 19. This clip has a spring tongue 20 which engages a portion of the clothing, such as a belt 21 worn by the golfer, the base of the carrier being disposed on the opposite side of the belt. If the golfer does not wear a belt, the clip construction is equally effective to secure the carrier to the top edge of trousers, a skirt, an edge of a pocket, or any other garment edge.

The clip 18 may also be provided with a portion 22 forming a channel 22a which holds a pencil 23 therein, this portion also being resilient so that the pencil may be snapped into or out of the channel. The pencil is a necessary part of the golfer's equipment, being used to keep a tally of the number of club strokes during the game and such other notations as become necessary.

The carrier may be constructed of any material desired but plastic material is preferred since the device may be moulded and thus constructed inexpensively. The base and tubes are moulded as one integral member and the clip formed as another, also of plastic material. A suitable solvent or cement is then applied to one or both in the region of edge 19 and after the two parts are pressed together and the material which effects adhesion has set, the carrier and clip become one integral unitary member.

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While two pockets have been disclosed for carrying two balls, this is exemplary only and one pocket or more than two may be provided. Also, the shape may be modified from that shown and other means of securing the device to the golfer's clothes may be employed, without departure from the spirit of the invention. The tube 12 or 13 has been illustrated holding a single ball. It will now become apparent that the tube may be of any length to hold a plurality of balls. As an example, the tube may be of a length to accommodate several balls and be closed by a base similar to base 11. This base may have secured thereto a suitable clip, similar to clip 20, extending parallel to the tube. The tube may be secured to the wearer's clothing or to the top edge of a golf bag in inverted position, that is, with detent 16 at the bottom of the tube. After the exposed ball is removed, the remaining balls fall in the tube the distance of one ball diameter exposing another ball which may be removed when desired by pulling it downwardly past the detents 16. It is also apparent that two or more such tubes may be placed side by side and secured together where a greater capacity is desired. These tubes may be provided with a common base similar to base 11 and the clip secured either to one of the tube walls or to the base so that when the clip is disposed over the top edge of an article, such as a golf club bag, the open ends are directed downwardly. Since many other modifications will occur within the spirit of the invention it is not intended therefore, that the invention be limited to the precise details illustrated or disclosed except as defined by the scope of the appended claims.

Having described the invention what is claimed as new is:

1. A golf ball carrier comprising, a base member adapted to lie against a substantially vertical portion of a user's clothing, a resilient clip secured to the member having a portion engaging the opposite side of said vertical portion, a cylindrical resilient tube extending horizontally from the base opening outwardly away from the user's clothing of such size to form a pocket for a golf ball, and detent means integral with the wall of the tube for releaseably securing the golf ball therein.

2. A carrier in accordance with claim 1 where-

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in at least two cylindrical tubes are provided on the base, the axes of the tubes being parallel and in a single substantially horizontal plane, adjacent tubes having a common wall portion therebetween.

3. A golf ball carrier in accordance with claim 1 wherein the base and tube are integral plastic material.

4. A golf ball carrier comprising, a flat base, a resilient clip secured to the base having a portion disposed adjacent one side thereof, a pair of cylindrical tubes projecting perpendicularly outward from the other side of the base, the tubes having an inside diameter slightly greater than the diameter of a golf ball and being disposed closely adjacent to each other to provide a common wall portion therebetween, an integral detent on the wall of each tube projecting inwardly thereof, the diametrical distance from the free end of each detent and the common wall portion being less than the diameter of a golf ball, the portion of each tube wall carrying a detent being sufficiently resilient to permit a golf ball to be forced beyond the detent thereon and into the tube.

5. A golf ball holder in accordance with claim 4 wherein the tube walls are constructed to expose diametrically opposite portions of a golf ball adapted to be disposed therein, whereby the ball may be grasped between the fingers of a hand to remove it from the holder.

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