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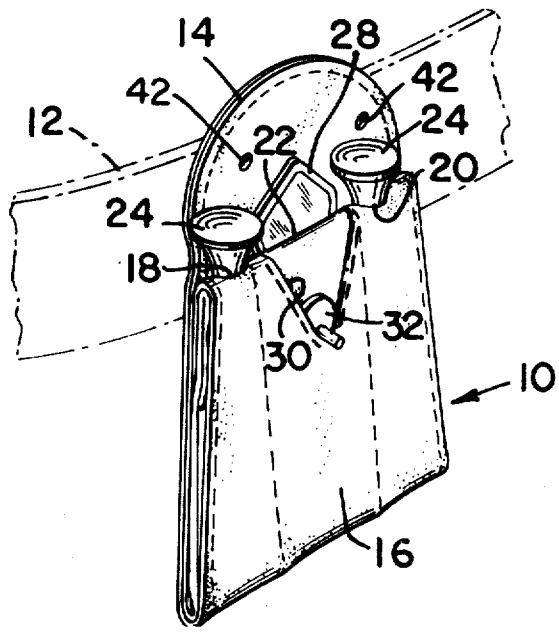
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A kit comprised of accessories useable by a golfer and a holder adapted to be worn on clothing or shoes where it can be conveniently accessible as well as decorative. The holder, made from components of flexible, sheet material, is held together in such a manner as to form pockets for golf tees, a ball marker and a greens repair tool.

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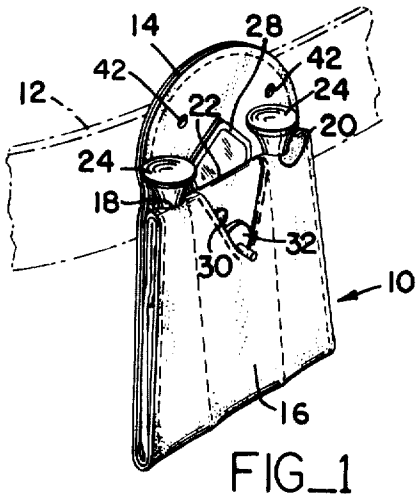


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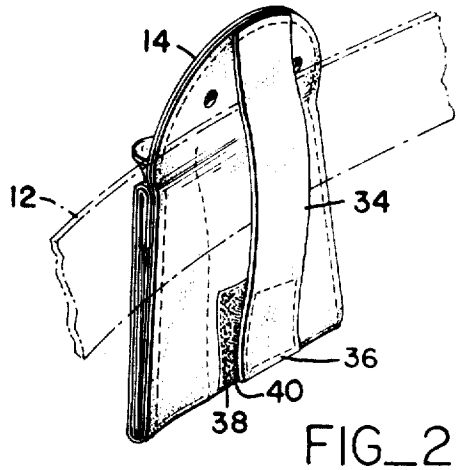


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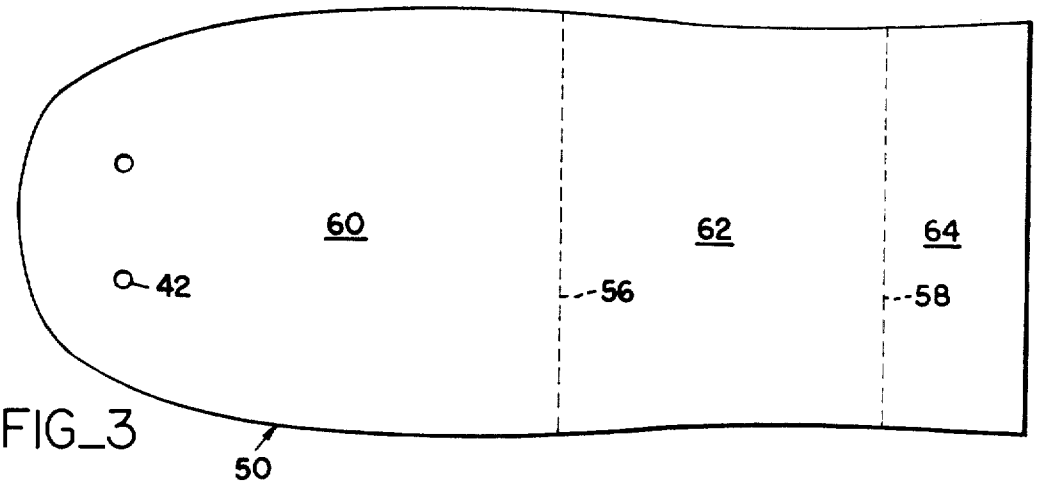


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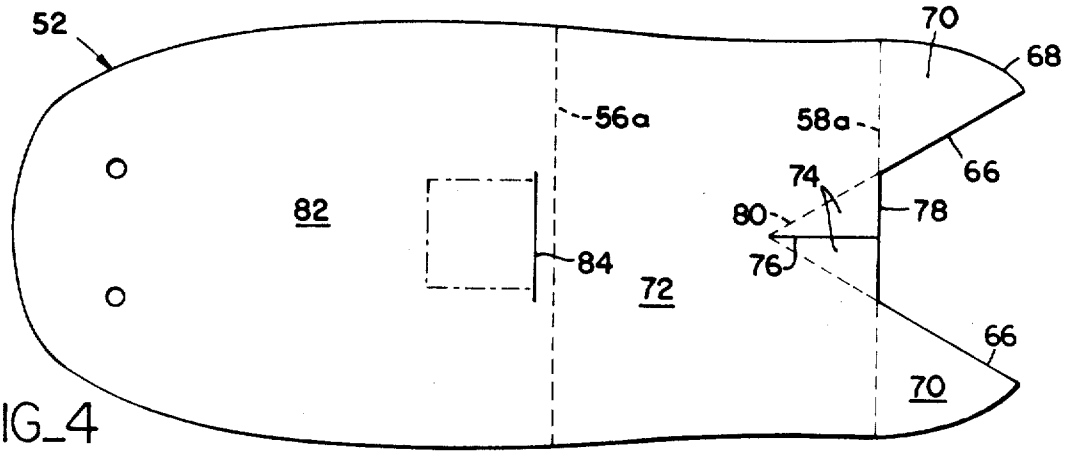


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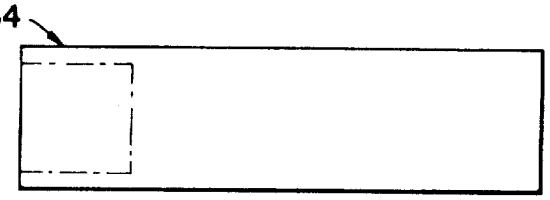


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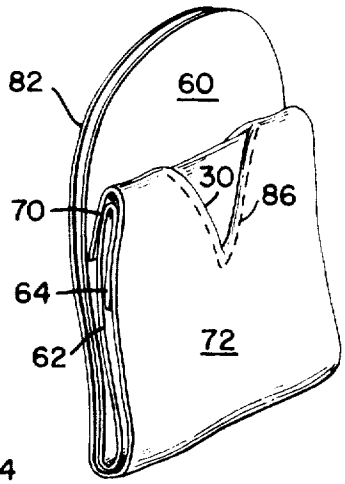


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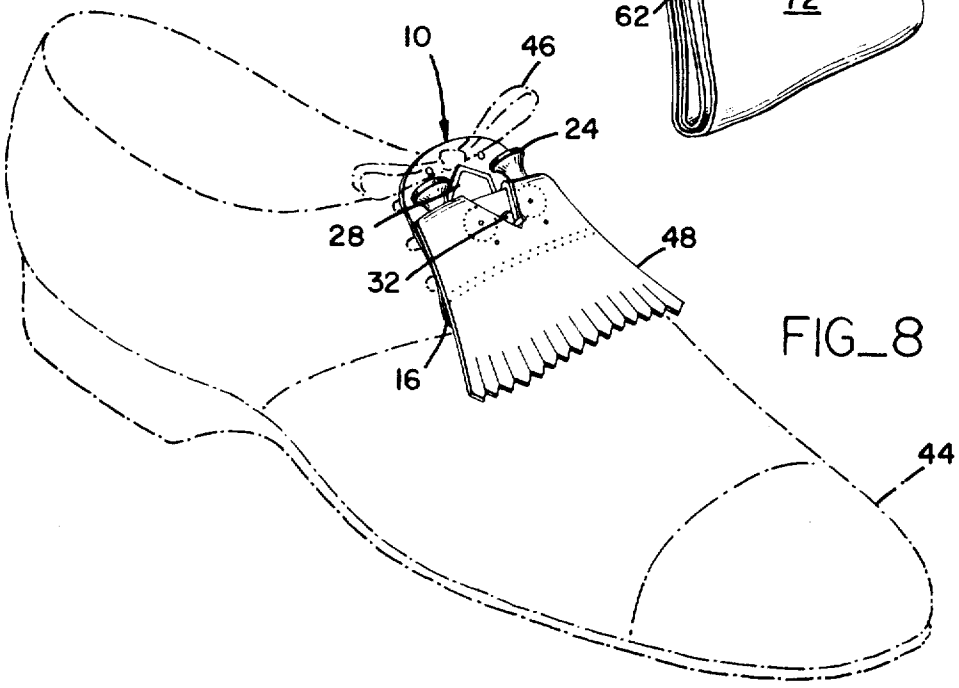


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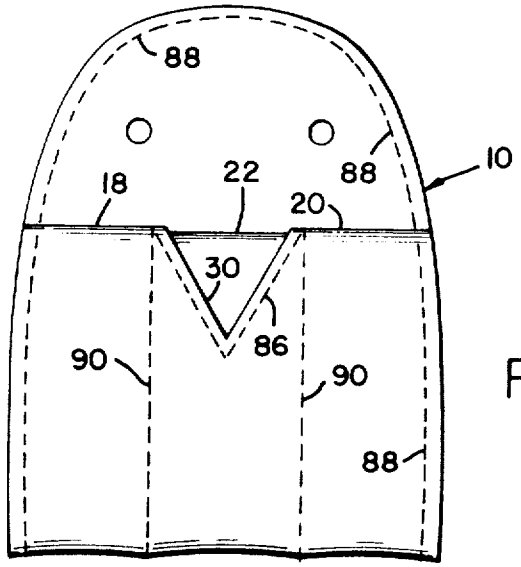


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This invention relates to a unique kit of accessory items that are useful to golfers with a holder for the items that is adapted to be attached to various parts of the golfer's clothing.

In playing the game of golf it is often necessary for the participant to carry or have available several items which are required for use at different times. Golf tees are used for driving to start each hole, a ball marker is often required during the putting phase and a greens repair tool is necessary for lifting depressions in the green which may be caused by falling balls or heavy heels. While it is possible for golfers to carry all of the aforesaid items in conventional clothing pockets, this practice usually results in one or more of the items being lost or forgotten.

A general object of the present invention is to provide a kit that will solve the problem of retaining all of the accessory items in one location where they are visible and easily accessible when needed.

Another object of my invention is to provide a golf accessories kit that has a pleasing appearance and can be worn by either men or women golfers on various parts of their clothing. The kit can be made in different colors and the accessory items are partially exposed so that when worn it considerably enhances rather than detracts from the golfer's appearance in addition to affording the convenience of having the accessory items readily available.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a kit for golf accessories that may be made from relatively inexpensive materials using simple assembly techniques embodied in a few method steps. It is therefore particularly well adapted for ease and economy of manufacture.

In its assembled form, my kit comprises a rear body portion which includes a suitable means for attaching it to the wearer's clothing or shoes and a smaller front portion that is attached to the rear portion so as to form a series of pockets. Both the front and rear portions are preferably formed by two pieces of flexible material that is cut and folded, and connected together in a unique manner. Each of the pockets have a particular size and shape which enables it to accommodate a particular accessory. Also, each pocket is designed so that it will hold its accessory firmly and yet will expose a portion thereof, thereby allowing the accessories to be visible at all times and easily removable when needed.

Other objects, advantages and features of my invention will become apparent from the following detailed description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a view in perspective of a golfing accessories kit embodying the principles of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a rear view in perspective of the kit shown in FIG. 1;

FIGS. 3 – 5 are flat pattern views of members comprising the kit shown in FIGS. 1 and 2;

FIG. 6 is a view in perspective showing the members in FIGS. 3 – 5 as they appear when folded to form the kit of FIG. 1;

FIG. 7 is a front view in elevation showing the kit of FIG. 6 after the folded members have been stitched in place; and

FIG. 8 is a view in perspective showing a modified form of my kit having an ornamental "kilty" member attached to it.

With reference to the drawing, FIGS. 1 and 2 show a golf accessories kit 10 embodying the principles of the present invention, as it appears when ready for use and normally attached to a person's belt 12. In general, my kit comprises a holder having a relatively flat base or rear body portion 14 formed with a curved upper edge. Attached to this rear body portion is a front portion 16 that forms three elongated pockets 18, 20 and 22 arranged side by side on the holder. The pockets 18 and 20 on opposite sides of the central pocket 22 are sized to retain conventional golf tees 24, as shown. The central pocket 22 which is slightly wider than the others, is adapted to retain a greens repair tool 28. Such tools, which are familiar to golfers, generally comprise a pair of parallel,

spaced-apart prong portions somewhat longer than a conventional golf tee and joined together at one end. A fourth pocket 30 is V-shaped and is also located between the pockets 18 and 20 and over the pocket 22. This latter pocket retains a ball marker 32 which may be a small plastic or metal disc having a central stem portion.

As shown in FIG. 2, a strap member 34, attached at one end to the rear holder portion 14, has a free end 36 which is connectable to a retaining means that is also fixed to the back side of the holder portion 14. Preferably the retaining means is one that operates by simple pressure to secure the free end of the strap. For example, simple snap members may be used or, as shown, small swatches 38 and 40 of any of the well known open cell materials that will adhere together by an application of pressure may be attached to the holder and the free end of the strap.

In lieu of attaching the holder to clothing by a strip means, I may also provide a pair of holes 42 near the upper end of the main holder portion 14. This allows the holder to be attached to the wearer's clothing by a simple pin or a flexible cord that passes through the holes. For example, as shown in FIG. 8 the holder may be attached to a golfer's shoe 44 using his shoestring 46 as the retaining cord. In this arrangement, a decorative fan-like member 48 having a fringed edge, commonly used on golf shoes and referred to as a "Kilty", may be attached to the front portion 16 of the holder.

The steps for making my holder 10 may be best described with reference to FIGS. 3 – 7. Any flexible sheet material may be used for the main components that is strong, durable and can be readily cut to the desired shape. Generally, a thin leather or some similar leather-like plastic material is suitable, and this material is preferably diecut into three members 50, 52 and 54, shown in their flat pattern form in FIGS. 3 – 5, respectively. As shown, member 50 is somewhat elongated and has two transverse spaced apart fold lines 56 and 58 that divides the member into three areas 60, 62 and 64. Member 52 is somewhat similarly shaped as member 50 and has fold lines 56*a* and 58*a*. However, at one end, this member is notched out by two converging inner edges 66. These inner edges are each joined by a curved outer edge 68, thereby forming a pair of generally triangular shaped portions 70 bounded by the fold line 58*a*. Adjacent to the portions 70 is an area 72 which is similar in shape to the area 62 of the member 50. However, within the area 72 are a pair of small triangular members 74 that are separated along a cutting line 76. The outer edges 78 of these members 74 is along a line coincident with the folding line 58*a* for the portion 70, thus diagonal folding lines 80 for the portions 74 are formed between the ends of the cutting line 76 and the edges 78 and these folding lines are preferably aligned with the edges 66.

A portion 82 of the member 52 lies adjacent to the portion 72 and has a shape similar to the portion 60 of member 50. Near the folding line 56*a* and centrally positioned between the side edges is the swatch 38 of retaining material which can be attached by means of a suitable cement or glue. The strap member 34 has a simple rectangular shape and fixed to one end thereof is the other swatch 40 of adhesive retaining material. The members 50 and 52 are assembled in the following manner. Member 50 is first folded about the fold line 56 so that the portion 62 is overlaying the portion 60. Thereafter the portion 64 is folded in the opposite direction about the line 58 to lie against the back side of the portion 62. On member 52, the triangular portions 74 are folded back on their folding lines 80 to form the V-shaped notchlike pocket 30. At this point, a series of stitches 76 in a V-shape are provided to hold the portions 74 down and the switch 38 can be attached to the member 52, as described. Now, the portion 72 with the stitched V-pocket 30 is placed over the portions 62 and 64 of member 50. As this is done, the portions 70 are folded around and tucked between the portions 60 and 62 of member 50. Next, as shown in FIG. 6, the portion 82 of the member 52 is folded on its line 56*a* completely around until it is aligned with and is adjacent to the similarly shaped portion 60 of member 50.

In assembling the holder, a combination of stitching and some use of adhesives is preferred to achieve strength and economy as well as satisfactory appearance. For example, a layer of adhesive may be provided between the portions **62** and **72** and the portions **60** and **82** as they are placed together. With the members **50** and **52** folded, as shown in FIG. **6**, stitching is accomplished to hold them together and form the various accessory pockets. As shown in FIG. **7**, an outer stitching **88** which is spaced a short distance inwardly from the outer edges provides peripheral strength as well as outer side closures for the pockets **18** and **20**. Additional stitches **90** provided along lines on opposite sides of the notch pocket **30** forms the side closures for the golf tee pockets **18** and **20**, as well as the pocket **22** for the greens repair tool **28**. The strap member **34** is also stitched at one end to the upper end of the rear portion so that its free end with the swatch **40** can align with and attach to the connecting swatch **38**. The tees **24** and the tool **28** can now be inserted into their respective pockets formed between the front and rear portions **14** and **16** and the stitch lines **90**. Similarly, the putting marker **32** can be placed in its V-shaped pocket **30** which holds the sides of the marker.

As previously pointed out my golf accessories kit can be worn or carried by both men and women in a variety of ways so as to be both decorative as well as useful. Thus, it may be worn on belts, shoes, skirts, sweaters or other wearing apparel. The material used for the members **50** and **52** can be of any color, and when combined with the colors of the accessories themselves the entire kit can be an ornamental clothing accessory. Yet, when any of the accessories are needed they are always available and easy to locate.

To those skilled in the art to which this invention relates, many changes in construction and widely differing embodiments and applications of the invention will suggest themselves without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. The disclosures and the description herein are purely illustrative and are not intended to be in any sense limiting.

I claim:

1. A holder for retaining a plurality of golfing accessories and adaptable for attachment to some portion of a golfer's apparel, said holder being comprised of:

a pair of first and second elongated members of flexible sheet material;

said first member being folded along two spaced apart transverse lines in different directions with larger and smaller end portions formed by said lines being adjacent a central portion;

said second member having generally the same shape as said first member, having a larger portion and a central portion folded around and located adjacent to said larger and central portions respectively of said first member, and smaller end portions of said second member located between said larger end portion and said central portion of said first member; and

means for holding said first and second members together and for forming pockets between the larger end portion and the central portion of said first member.

2. The holder as described in claim 1 including means forming a V-shaped notch in said smaller end portion of said second member.

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