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Fig. 1.

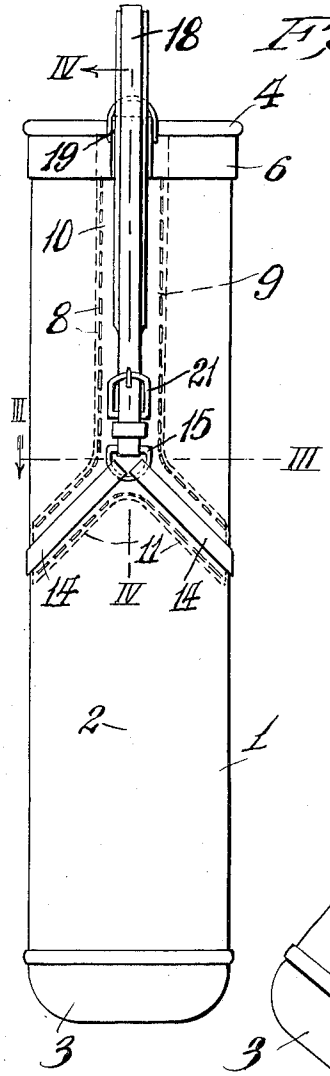


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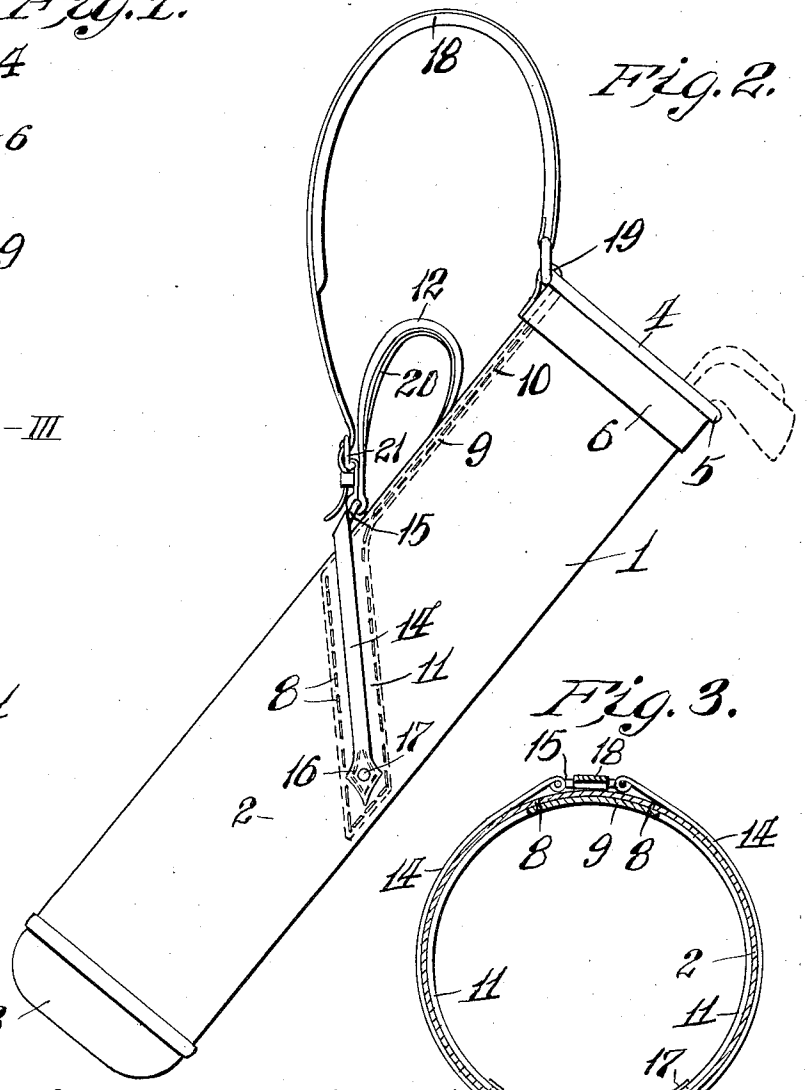
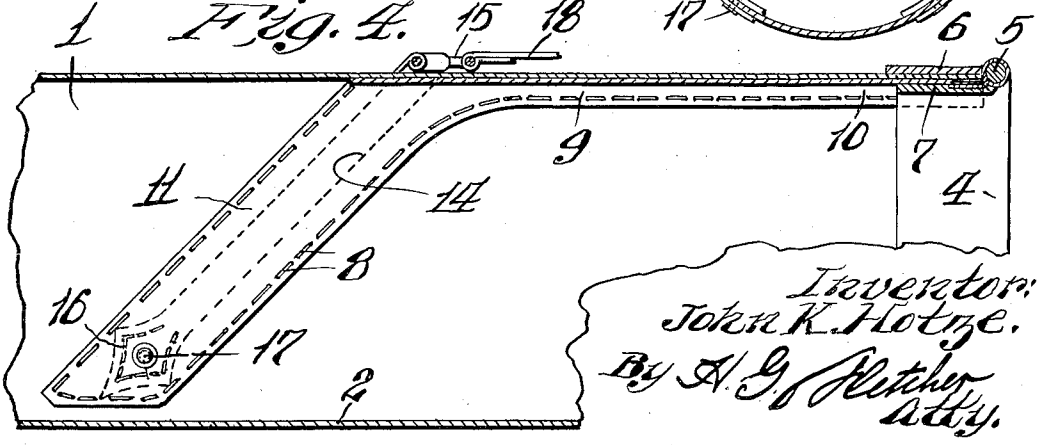


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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in golf bags and pertains more particularly to the provision of improved means for preventing distortion of the bag from carrying or lifting strains effective on the bag during the carrying thereof.

Another object of the invention is in providing the bag with improved reinforcing means to which the lifting or carrying straps of the bag are secured.

A further object of the invention is in securing the shoulder lifting strap to the handle or hand lifting strap of the bag.

A still further object of the invention is in providing a golf bag with improved means for distributing the lifting strain of the carrying handle or lifting strap of the bag around the girth of the bag wall.

Other and further objects will appear in the specification and be specifically pointed out in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, exemplifying the invention, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a golf bag showing the invention applied thereto.

Figure 2 is another side elevation of a golf bag showing the bag in carrying position and with the invention thereon.

Figure 3 is an enlarged transverse section taken approximately on the line III—III of Fig. 1.

Figure 4 is an enlarged fragmentary longitudinal section taken approximately on the line IV—IV of Fig. 1.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawing, 1 designates a golf bag having the bag wall 2, base end 3 which is secured to the bag wall and the open end or mouth 4.

The open end or mouth 4 of the bag may be of any desired construction and in this instance of disclosure, a mouth ring 5 is provided, said mouth ring being covered by a leather layer which is secured between the outer collar 6 and the inner collar 7, said collars also securing the upper end of the bag wall 2.

Secured to the bag wall 2 on its inner surface by stitching 8 is a longitudinally disposed Y-shaped reinforcing member 9 having the leg or body portion 10 thereof secured at its end between the collars 6 and 7 and the branches 11 secured to the bag wall 2 intermediate of the length of the bag 1 in a girth extending manner.

The bag wall 2 may be made of any desired material such as leather or canvas and the reinforcing member 9 can also be made of a desired material such as leather or other analogous material providing the material is relatively stiff as it is required that the bag wall be reinforced approximately one half its length for carrying out the invention.

A carrying handle 12 which is preferably made of leather is secured at its upper end to the body portion 10 of the reinforcing member 9 by providing a slit in the bag wall 2 at the place of attachment of the handle 12 to the member 9, the upper extending end of the handle being secured to the member 9 by stitching and if necessary by riveting. The lower extending end of the handle 12 is secured to respective branch straps 14 by a D link 15, each of said branch straps being secured at their lower extending ends to the ends of respective branches 11 of the member 9 by stitching 16 and if necessary by riveting such as 17, in which the stitching and rivets will be passed through respective straps 14, the bag wall 2 and the reinforcing branches 11.

A shoulder carrying strap 18 is secured at its upper extending end to the mouth ring 5 by a leather link 19, the opposite and lower end of said strap 18 being secured to the handle 12 below the hand grip portion 20 thereof by a buckle 21 which is secured to the handle 12 adjacent where the handle connects with the D link 15 of the branch straps 14.

The carrying strap 18 if desired, may be directly connected to the end of the body portion 10 of the reenforcing member 9 at the mouth ring 5 or adjacent thereto.

Heretofore the carrying straps or handles of golf bags have been secured to the bag wall on a longitudinal line and as the golf clubs are carried in inverted positions in the bag and the driving ends of the clubs hang over the mouth ring, the weight of the clubs is therefore greatest adjacent the upper end of the bag and consequently the lifting strain is carried by the bag wall on the longitudinal line on the upper side of the bag and through the lifting strap or straps thereby distorting the bag wall and destroying the shape thereof. In addition, the carrying weight is imparted to the lifting straps or strap at two points where the lifting strap is connected on the longitudinal line on the bag wall and the strain thereof quite frequently causes the bag wall to tear at the securing points of the strap.

In applicant's improved construction of golf bags, the reinforcing member 9 being secured to the bag wall and the carrying handle 12 and strap 18 being secured to the reinforcing member, will not only prevent distortion of the bag

wall but in addition will prevent parting of the carrying handle and strap during the carrying strains imparted to the bag wall during the carrying of the bag when filled with clubs, on account of the distribution of the carrying strains on the reinforcing member 9.

In the carrying of a filled golf bag having this improved construction applied thereto, the usual approximate carrying position of the bag is as shown in Fig. 2 in which the strap 18 is mounted over a shoulder of the golfer or caddy and the weight of the loaded bag will be received by the strap 18 at the upper end where it connects with the mouth ring and at the lower end through the branch straps 14, the mouth ring 5 of the bag preventing distortion of the bag at the mouth end thereof. By reason of the branches 11 of the reinforcing member 9 extending around the girth of the bag wall 2, it is obvious that the weight being carried by the lower or rear end of the strap 18 will be divided equally on the branches 11 and respective branch straps 14, the load or weight being carried therefore being distributed around the girth of the bag wall 2 in upward compression strains on the branches 11 where they will be continued on upwardly through the leg 10 of the reinforcing member 9, said member 9 acting as a stiffener and preventing buckling of the bag wall from a point intermediate of the bag length to the mouth 4 of the bag. Obviously an even distribution of the carrying load is presented to the stiffener or reinforcing member 9 by reason of the upward carrying force being transferred through the member 9 and consequently the bag wall 2 is relieved of the carrying strains.

The handle 12 while ordinarily not used in carrying a loaded golf bag is however capable of directing the carrying strains to the reinforcing member 9 when used as a lifting member by reason of it being secured at one end to the branch straps 14 and at its opposite end to the reinforcing member 9.

While the reinforcing member 9 is shown as being secured to the inner surface of the bag wall 2, it can if desired be mounted on the outside of the bag wall for the same intents and purposes, as the longitudinal disposition of the reinforcing member 9 with respect to the bag wall and secured thereto in the manner described with the lifting elements 12 and 18 in cooperation therewith, provides a golf bag of durability, fitness and refinement.

Obviously, constructional modifications of the device are possible, such as making the reinforcing member 9 of secured together pieces, without departing from the spirit of the present invention and therefore it is to be understood that it is not necessary to limit the invention by the terms used in the foregoing description, excepting such as the state of the art may require.

What I claim is:—

1. A carrying handle or strap for a golf bag having a three point suspension therewith, one of the points of suspension of the strap with respect to the bag being adjacent the bag mouth and the remaining points of suspension being at different points on the bag girth intermediate of the bag length on the under carrying side of the bag and bag wall stiffening means to which the points of suspension of the carrying strap are secured.

2. A golf bag having a reinforcing layer extending from the mouth thereof to a distance intermediate of the bag length, said layer on its inner extending end being provided with a pair of branches which are disposed around the girth of the bag wall, and a carrying strap secured to the reinforcing layer adjacent the bag mouth and to the branches of the layer.

3. A golf bag having a longitudinally disposed reinforcing layer secured to the bag wall extending from the mouth thereof to a distance intermediate of the bag length, said layer comprising a body portion having a pair of branches which extend partially around the girth of the bag wall, and a carrying handle for the bag secured at one end to respective branches of said reinforcing layer and at its opposite end to the body portion of said layer.

4. A golf bag having a longitudinally disposed reinforcing layer secured to the bag wall extending from the mouth thereof to a distance intermediate of the bag length, said layer comprising a body portion having a pair of branches which extend around the girth of the bag wall, a carrying handle for the bag secured at one end to respective branches of said reinforcing layer and at its opposite end to the body portion of said layer, and a shoulder strap secured at one end to the bag adjacent the mouth thereof and at its opposite end to said handle.

5. A golf bag having a reinforcing layer of an approximate Y-shape secured to the wall of the bag, and a carrying member for the bag secured to respective ends of said reinforcing member.

6. A golf bag having a reinforcing layer of an approximate Y-shape secured to the wall of the bag having the branches of the Y-shape member disposed intermediate of the length of the bag, and a carrying member for the bag secured to respective ends of said reinforcing member.

7. A golf bag having a reinforcing layer secured to the bag wall extending from the mouth of the bag and having a pair of branching portions extending around the girth of the bag wall, and carrying means secured to said branching portions.

8. A golf bag having a reinforcing layer secured to the bag wall extending from the mouth of the bag and having a pair of branches extending around and secured to the bag wall on the under carrying side of the bag, and carrying means secured to said branches.

9. A golf bag having a shoulder strap and a carrying handle, each having one end secured to the bag and the opposite end of the handle being free of the bag wall and the shoulder strap being secured at its opposite end to the free end of the handle, the handle having its free end remotely secured to the bag wall at different points of the bag wall girth.

10. A golf bag having a shoulder strap and a carrying handle, each having one end secured to the bag and the opposite end of the handle being free of the bag wall, the shoulder strap being secured at its opposite end to the free end of the handle, and a pair of branch straps secured to the free end of the handle having their opposite ends secured to the bag wall at different points of the bag wall girth.

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