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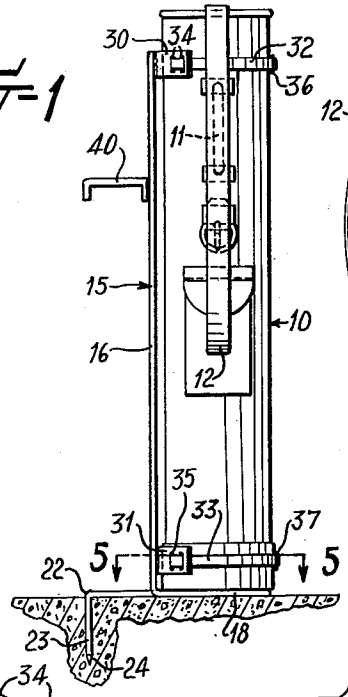


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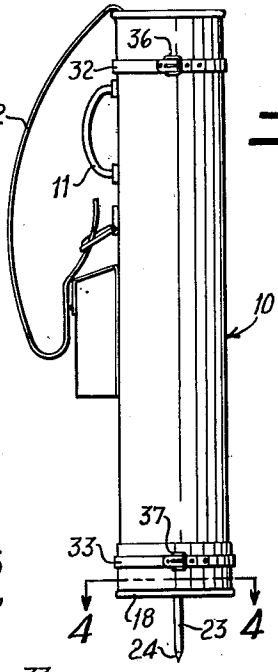


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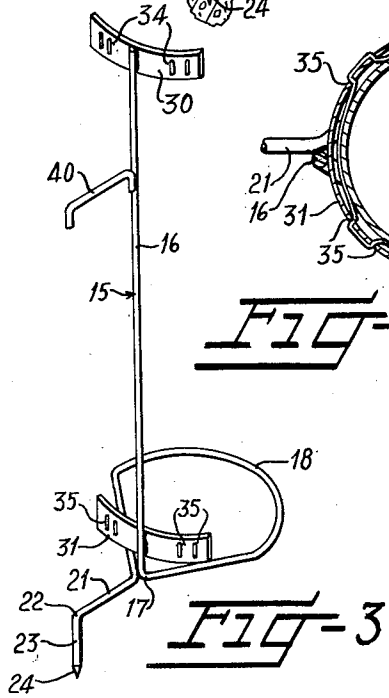


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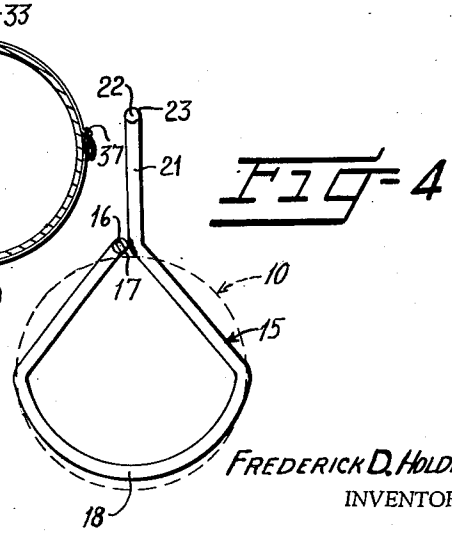


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This invention relates to a golf bag holding stand and more especially to a stand which may be easily attached to a conventional golf bag to enable a golfer to stand his golf bag any place on the golf course in an upright position with assurance that it will not tip over.

Heretofore, when a golfer wished to hit a golf ball with a golf club, particularly when he played without the aid of a caddie, it has been necessary for him to lay aside his golf bag in order to have both hands free to swing the golf club. Over a period of time, this process of laying the golf bag down every time a shot is made will damage and wear out the golf bag as well as damage the heads of the golf clubs therein.

It is, therefore, an object of this invention to provide a golf bag holding stand which may be easily attached to any conventionally shaped golf bag and which is provided with suitable anchoring means which will allow the golf bag to be placed in an upright position anywhere on the golf course that there is earth in which the anchoring means on the golf bag holding stand may be embedded.

It is another object of this invention to provide a golf bag holding stand comprising a frame, preferably made from relatively heavy metal wire or a rod, and including an upright portion having a pair of spaced rigid members thereon to which straps are secured for strapping a golf bag to the upright portion. The wire is shaped at the bottom of the upright portion to form a platform on which the bag rests and also has an anchoring means thereon in the form of a pointed pin which projects downwardly from the platform and which may be driven into the ground to anchor the golf back holding stand in an upright position with the golf bag mounted thereon.

It is still another object of this invention to provide a golf bag holding stand of the type described with an outwardly extending handle projecting from the upright portion thereof to facilitate carrying the holder and the bag from one place to another.

Some of the objects having been stated, other objects will appear as the description proceeds when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the golf bag holding stand showing the anchor portion thereof embedded in the earth to hold the golf bag and the stand in a vertical position;

Figure 2 is a front elevation looking at the right-hand side of Figure 1 but omitting the earth;

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Figure 3 is an isometric view of the golf bag holding stand showing the golf bag removed therefrom;

Figure 4 is an enlarged sectional plan view taken substantially along the line 4—4 in Figure 2 but showing the golf bag in phantom lines;

Figure 5 is an enlarged sectional plan view taken substantially along the line 5—5 in Figure 1 and showing the manner in which the golf bag is secured to the stand.

Referring more specifically to the drawings, the numeral 10 broadly designates a conventional golf bag having a hand carrying handle 11 and a shoulder carrying strap 12 fixedly mounted thereon. As is well known, the golf bag is of tubular construction, open at its upper end and closed at its lower end. Although the golf bag 10 shown in the drawings is of circular construction, it should be understood that an oval-shaped golf bag or one of any desired cross-section could be easily supported by this golf bag holding stand.

The golf bag holding stand comprises a frame, broadly designated at 15, having an upstanding support column or vertically extending rod 16. Although this rod 16 is shown as being circular in cross-section, it is to be understood that this rod 16 may be of any desired shape or cross-section. The rod 16 extends downwardly in Figures 1, 2 and 3 and is bent at right angles, as at 17, and extends straight and is then bent into an arc of approximately 180 degrees and is again bent to extend back closely adjacent the lower portion of the vertically extending rod 16 to form a platform or loop portion 18. The rod is then bent to extend rearwardly or substantially radially of the center of the loop portion 18, as is clearly shown in Figure 4, thereby forming a horizontal portion or stem 21. An anchor is provided on the lower end of the golf bag holding stand 15 by bending the stem 21 downwardly, as at 22, to form a vertically extending relatively slender pin portion 23, the lower end of which is pointed as at 24.

The rod 16 has thereon, adjacent its upper and lower ends, a pair of arcuate strap holding brackets or rigid members 30 and 31 having respective pairs of slots 34 and 35 adjacent each end thereof through which respective straps 32 and 33 extend. The rigid members 30 and 31 are suitably secured to the upright portion 16 as by welding. These straps 32 and 33 may be made from any pliable or resilient material such as leather, spring steel and the like. In order to secure the golf bag to the golf bag holding stand 15, the bottom of the golf bag 10 is placed on the platform or

loop portion 18 of the golf bag holding stand 15, and opposed ends of the straps 32 and 33 encircle the golf bag 10 and are fastened together as by buckles 36 and 37 (Figures 1, 2 and 5).

It is thus seen that, as the straps 32 and 33 are tightened around the golf bag 10, the golf bag 10 and the golf bag holding stand 15 are secured together with the bottom of the golf bag 10 resting upon the loop portion 18 of the golf bag stand 15.

Suitably secured to the rod 16 of the golf bag stand 15, as by welding, is an outwardly extending handle portion 40 which may be used for carrying the golf bag but is primarily for applying one's weight thereto in forcing the anchor 23 into the earth.

It is thus seen that as a golfer walks from one place to another, he may carry the golf bag 10 by the shoulder strap 12, the handle 11 or the handle 40. Upon approaching a desired point, such as a green, the golfer places the point 24 of the golf bag holding stand on the ground and, holding the golf bag in an upright position by the handle 40 on the golf bag holding stand 15, he places his foot on the rearwardly extending horizontal portion or stem 21 and applies his weight thereto. Thus, the downwardly extending anchor portion 23 may be easily driven into the ground to thus support the golf bag 10 and the golf bag holding stand 15. The proper club for the shot may then be selected and the bag held in an upright position by the golf bag stand 15 as the golf ball is hit by the golfer. It is thus seen that injury to the golf bag 10 by dropping the same or leaning it against some object is eliminated and any desired club may be easily selected and removed from the bag. After the ball has been hit, the golf bag holding stand 15, along with the golf bag 10, may be easily removed from the earth by upward pressure on the handle portion 40 and the bag may be carried to the next desired position.

In the drawings and specification there has been set forth a preferred embodiment of the invention and although specific terms are employed they are used in a generic and descriptive sense only and not for purposes of limitation, the scope of the invention being defined in the claim.

I claim:

A golf bag holder stand comprising a frame formed from a rigid rod having an upright portion, said upright portion being bent at a right angle at its lower end and then being bent in the form of a loop to form a platform on which a bag may rest, a pair of vertically spaced arcuate members secured to the upright portion one adjacent the platform and one adjacent the top of the upright portion, a pair of closely spaced slots in opposed ends of each of said arcuate members, a strap threaded through said slots in each of the arcuate members, means for removably securing opposed ends of the straps together, a handle secured intermediate the ends of the upright portion and extending substantially at right angles therefrom relative to the vertical plane of the axis of said loop portion, said rod being bent laterally at its lower end to form a stem portion extending substantially radially of the axis of the loop portion, and a downwardly bent portion on the free end of said stem whereby said handle may be grasped by an operator for supporting the frame as the operator's foot is placed upon the stem portion of the frame and his weight subsequently applied thereto to drive the anchor portion into the ground to thereby rigidly support the frame and whereby a golf bag may be placed upon the platform and against the arcuate members and said straps may encircle said golf bag and be secured at their opposed ends to secure the golf bag against the arcuate members.

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