

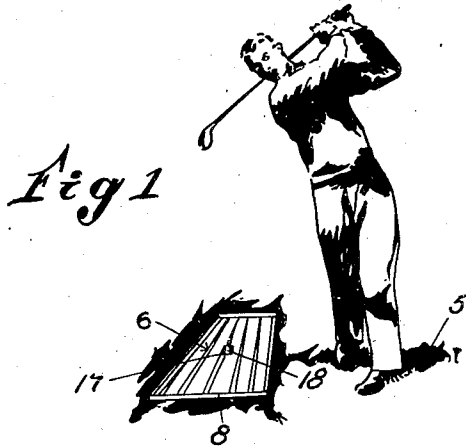
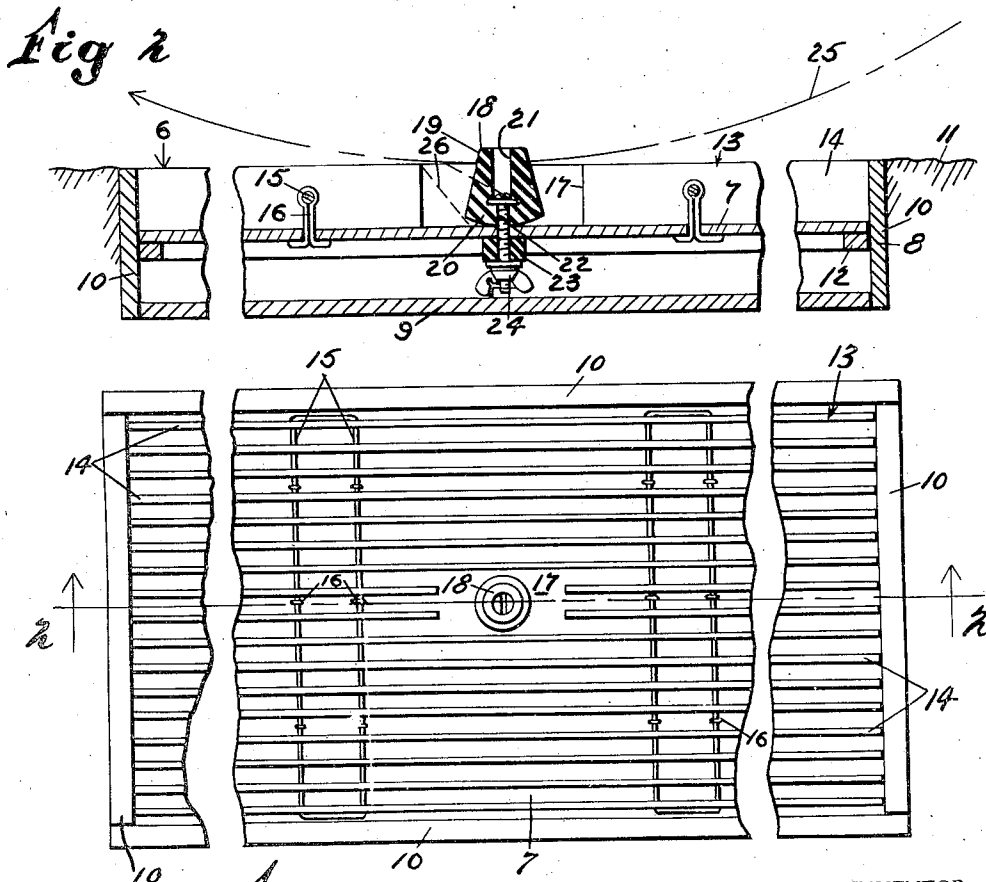
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The present invention relates to improvements in devices for teeing balls used in the game of golf.

It is an object of this invention to provide a teeing device for golf balls which is fixedly located within and a permanent part of the teeing ground of a golf course or similar playing areas.

Another object of the invention is to provide a teeing device unit which may be used either for indoor or outdoor golf courses or practice ranges and the like.

Another object of the invention is to provide a teeing device for golf balls which has a simplified construction, is reliable and efficient in its operation and which is inexpensive to install and maintain.

A further object of the invention is to provide a golf teeing device having structural elements disposed and cooperating with each other as to provide new and improved features and functions for devices of this character.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described in detail and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the golf ball teeing device in use.

Fig. 2 is a fragmental, cross-sectional view taken through the longitudinal center of the device, as indicated in Fig. 3.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the teeing device illustrated in Fig. 2.

The embodiment of my invention is illustrated in Figure 1 as being a fixed part of the teeing-ground 5 on a golf course or other similar playing areas. My teeing device 6 is rectangular in plan and consists of a rectangular base 7 (Fig. 2) which may be positioned within an open-topped rectangular box 8 having a bottom 9 and side walls 10. The box is positioned in the tee with its top edges flush with the surface of the ground 11. The edges of the base 7 may rest upon a shoulder 12 formed on the interior wall of the sides 10 so that a fabricated rubber mat 13 positioned upon the base will also be flush with the ground 11.

The mat 13 consists of a number of spaced, longitudinally extending rubber strips 14 which are fastened together by wires 15, said wires being fastened to the base by cotter pins 16. The mat has a rectangular hole 17 which is formed therein by cutting away the material of one or more of the rubber strips as shown most clearly in Fig. 3.

A truncated rubber tee 18 is mounted upon the

base 7 and is disposed centrally within the hole 17 with its upper reduced portion 19 extending above the top surface of the mat. The tee has a hemispherical, solid bottom 20 which normally engages the base only at its central portion and is also provided with a cylindrical hole 21 which is formed through the top of the tee and extends downwardly to a position adjacent the bottom 20. The tee is flexibly mounted to the base by bolt 22 which passes through the bottom and through a block of rubber 23 with the bolt being fastened by a nut 24 threaded to the bottom of said bolt.

The tee is preferably made of rubber or other flexible material so that when a club head is swung along the path indicated by broken line 25 to hit a golf ball resting upon the top of the tee, said tee will be distorted to a position indicated by dotted lines 26 (Fig. 2) with its body portion wholly within the confines of the hole 17 thus permitting the free, forward motion of the club head and preventing the breaking of the club shaft or the jarring of the player's wrists or body.

What is claimed is:

1. As an article of manufacture a flat base sheet, a plurality of elongated strips disposed in edgewise position upon the base in spaced relationship, and a flexible tee disposed between the strips and extending upwardly therefrom, said tee having a semispherical solid bottom and a top portion in the form of a truncated cone, a cylindrical hole formed centrally in the top portion to thereby provide a circular wall for the tee which progressively thickens as it approaches the bottom, a bolt depending from the bottom of the tee and passing through a hole formed in the base, a flexible block on the bolt in contact with the underside of the base sheet, and a nut threaded on the end of the bolt in contact with the block.

2. As an article of manufacture a flat base sheet, upstanding cushioning members mounted upon the base, an opening in the members, and a flexible tee disposed upon the base sheet, centrally within the opening, the upper portion of said tee extending above the cushioning members, and having a centrally disposed, open topped hole formed therein, a solid, rounded bottom portion for the tee, a vertically disposed mounting pin depending from the bottom of the tee and passing through a hole formed in the base, a flexible block surrounding the pin in contact with the underside of the base sheet,

and means for locking the bottom end of the pin against the underside of the block.

3. As an article of manufacture, a shallow open topped box, a flat base sheet supported in an intermediate plane within the box, a plurality of elongated cushioning strips disposed in edgewise positions upon the base in spaced relationship, and a flexible tee disposed between the strips and extending upwardly therefrom, said tee having a semispherical solid bottom and a top portion in the form of a truncated cone, a cylin-

drical hole formed centrally in the top portion to thereby provide a circular wall for the tee which progressively thickens as it approaches the bottom, a bolt depending from the bottom of the tee and passing through a hole formed in the base, a flexible block on the bolt in contact with the underside of the base sheet, and a nut threaded on the end of the bolt in contact with the block.

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