

[54] **GOLF CLUB SWING TRAINING DEVICE**

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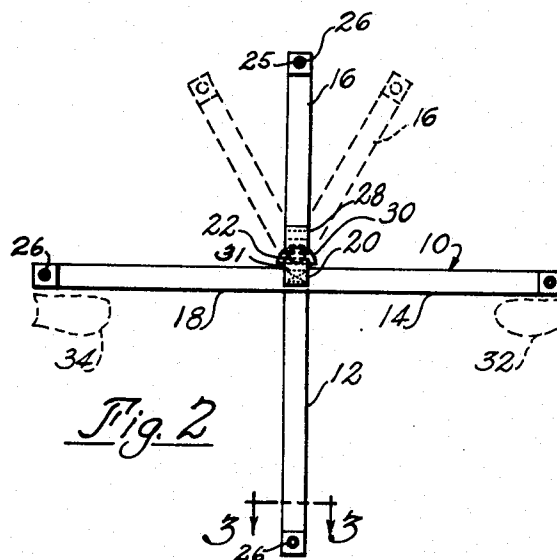
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ABSTRACT

A device is provided for a golfer to practice the golf club swing. Crossed flexible tapes approximately 2 inches in width are stitched in the middle to form a central pad on which a golf ball is located. One of the tapes is stitched to form a loop in which is located a large metal D-ring on which is looped an adjustable tape which may be moved along the curvature of the D-ring. The tapes are spread out straight and evenly and fastened on the ground by means of golf tees or other pins located in grommets on the ends of each tape thereby forming four legs along the ground, one of which is adjustable. A golfer stands on one side or the other, depending upon whether the swing is right hand or left hand, and swings to follow the line of the tape to hook or slice or correct the swing by adjusting the tape.

7 Claims, 3 Drawing Figures



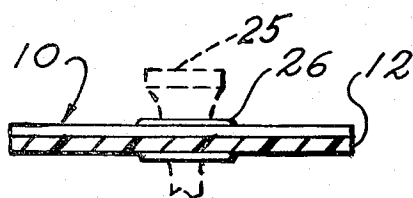


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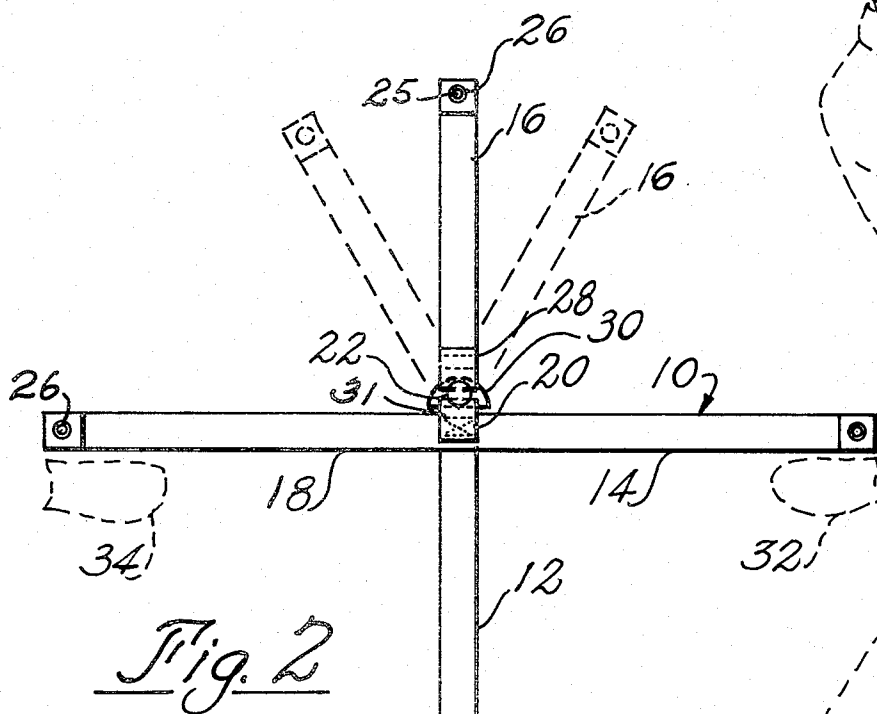


Fig. 2

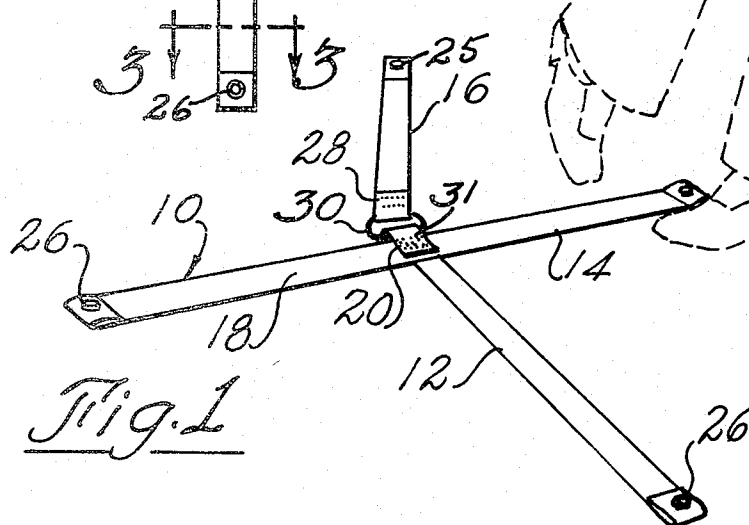
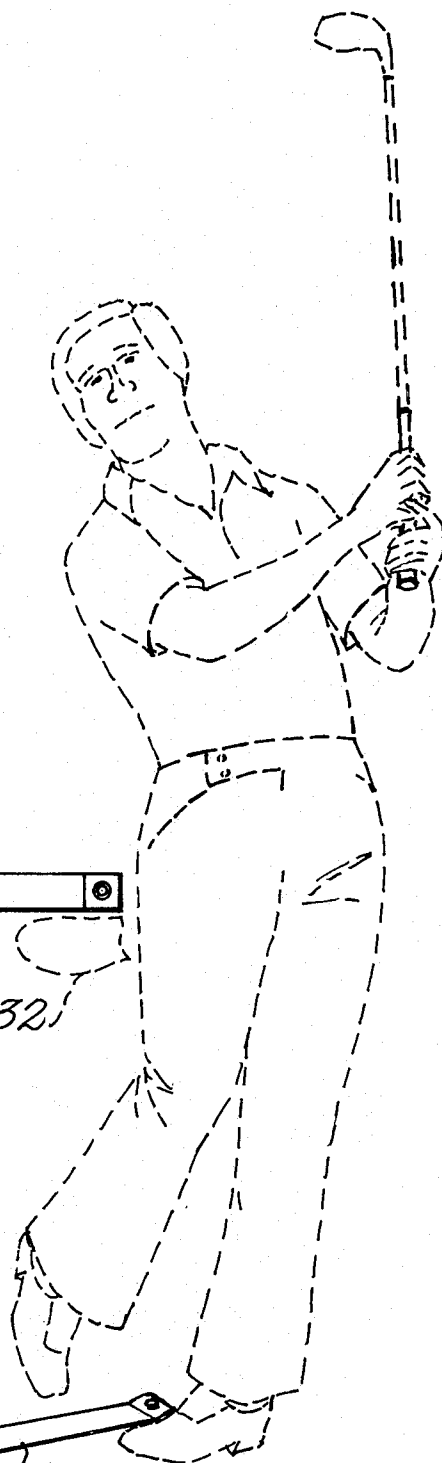


Fig. 1



GOLF CLUB SWING TRAINING DEVICE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Classification

Training, teaching and practice devices especially golf training and teaching devices. Also possibly games and entertainment devices. (Consider Class 273, Subclasses 183, 186, 187 and 191).

2. Background of the Prior Art

There are many golf training and teaching devices in the prior art. Some of these are elaborate mechanical devices which attach to the player and attempt to control the swing and the other alignment and operation of the body. Other devices are stands on which the golfer is positioned and with various devices to indicate proper swing and to show what errors are being committed. Some of these devices are rather expensive and difficult to set up and operate. Others take up a good bit of space and are too large and heavy to be carried by a golfer in his bag or his briefcase and the like. Therefore, these prior art devices can be characterized as either too complicated and annoying to use, expensive, or too heavy and bulky for the average golfer to have available. The present device is simple, lightweight and effective.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

An object of this invention is to provide a golf training and teaching device which may be constructed from lightweight, flexible tapes or straps, such as nylon fabric, with a simple arrangement to show the alignment of the feet, the desired path of the ball and the direction of the swing toward the golf ball and follow thru thereafter.

Another advantage of this invention resides in the inexpensive construction whereby the device may be constructed from strips of fabric stitched together.

A further object of this invention resides in the simplicity of setting the device up on any location such as a golf tee, a flat portion of lawn or any other location in a quick and expedient manner.

Another advantage of this invention resides in the simple way the direction of the swing is indicated.

Another and primary object of this invention is found in the lightweight construction of the device and the arrangement in the flexible strap whereby the device may be rolled up into a small bundle and carried in the golf bag or briefcase and later to be set-up with ordinary golf tees.

Other and further objects and advantages of this invention will become apparent upon reading the following specification taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the present device with a typical golfer shown in dotted lines swinging a golf club.

FIG. 2 is a plan view of the device shown in FIG. 1 showing the adjustment of one of the tapes in dotted lines.

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view through one of the strips of fabric taken along lines 3—3 in FIG. 2.

DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

The device is referred to generally by reference numeral 10 and comprises four radiating members 12, 14,

16 and 18 which are located approximately 90 degrees apart and each in a straight line about a center 20 on which is located the golf ball 22. Each member 12, 14, 16, 18 is fastened in place on the ground by means of an ordinary golf tee 25 inserted through a grommet 26 in each of the members 12 et al.

The members 12, 14, 16 and 18 in a preferred form are constructed from nylon strip fabric tape material and may also be made of other material such as plastic of various makes and manufacture as well as woven natural fabric material such as cotton and the like. Each member 12, 14, 16 and 18 is turned back on itself and stitched to form a double thickness thru which the grommet 26 is inserted.

The strip including members 14 and 18 thereon may be made as a continuous strip of material with the member 12 looped and stitched thereabout at the center. There is also another loop of material designated by reference number 28 on the end of the member 16 in which is positioned the long curved side of the D-ring 30 which is also held in place by a loop of fabric 31 on the center on the other side of the D-ring 30, which loop 31 is actually a stitched continuation of member 12.

In the operation of the device, depending upon whether the golfer is a right hand or left hand player, as shown by the diagrammatic footprints 32, 34 in FIG. 2, the golfer stands on one side or the other near the end of member 14 or 18 and addresses the ball 22 in the usual manner, swinging the club along the path of the member 16 on the down stroke to strike the ball and follow thru in the direction of the path of the member 12 leading therefrom. In order to hook or slice the member 16 is moved by removing the golf tee 25 in the grommet 26 and shifting it to the right or left and then reinserting the golf tee 25 in order to practice hooks or slices. The ends of members 14 and 18 indicate the approximate distance from the center 20.

While the device could be manufactured from a stiffer or more rigid material, such as thin aluminum tape, the use of a flexible material such as woven nylon fabric makes it possible to roll the entire device about the center in one small bundle and then to carry same in the golf bag or briefcase and then to set the device up at any time even on an indoor rug or carpet without using any tees 25, simply by laying the members along the surface.

While I have shown and described a particular embodiment of this invention together with suggested use and mode of operation thereof, this is by way of illustration since various alterations, changes, deviations, eliminations, revisions and departures may be made in the embodiments shown without departing from the scope of the appended claims and a proper interpretation thereof.

What is claimed:

1. In a golf training and/or practice device:

a plurality of elongated golf practice members extending in different directions from the junction of said members, a golf ball positioned at said junction, said golf practice members being positioned substantially flat against a practice surface to extend from said junction, one of said golf practice members being adjustable in direction from one side to the other over said surface with respect to the junction whereby adjustments may be made in the direction of the swing of a golf club swung by a user to indicate a hook or slice, another of said golf

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practice members indicating the location of the user's foot and approximate distance from the center, and another of said members indicating the follow through from the direction of swing along the adjustable member.

2. The device in claim 1 wherein said golf practice members are flat, flexible tapes which may be folded into a compact bundle.

3. The device in claim 1 including a fourth member extending from said junction, said one of said members being connected to said junction by means of an adjustable connection whereby said member may be moved to one side or the other to indicate hook or slice.

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4. The device in claim 3 wherein each member has an opening near the end thereof in which a retaining means such as a golf tee may be inserted in the ground.

5. The device in claim 3 wherein two of said members extend coextensively in opposite directions from one continuous strip of material and a third of said members is attached approximately to the center thereof.

6. The device in claim 5 wherein the fourth member is the adjustable member, a closed ring member attaching said fourth member to said junction and said fourth member being adjustable on said ring.

7. The device in claim 6, wherein said third member is turned back upon itself at the center and fastened to said continuous strip at the center to capture and hold said ring.

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