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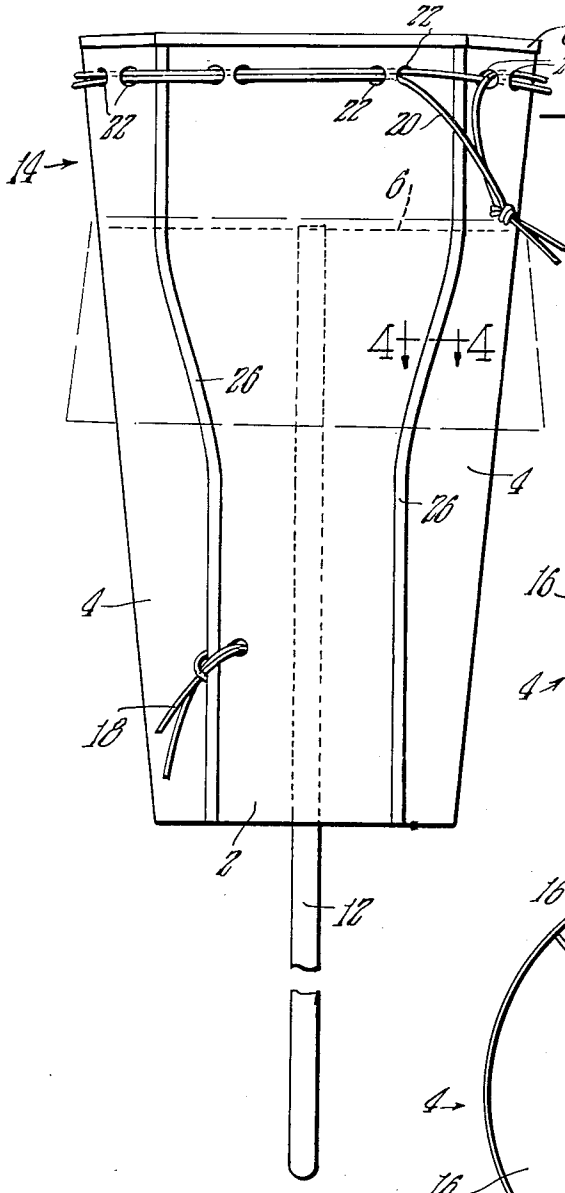


Fig. 1.

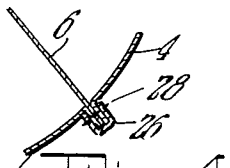


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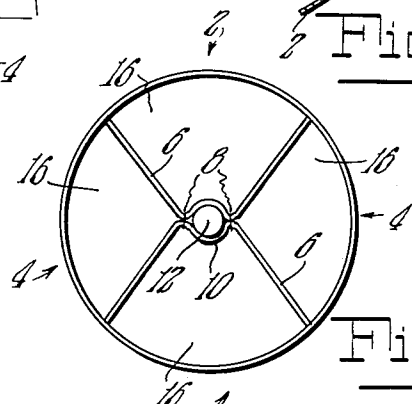


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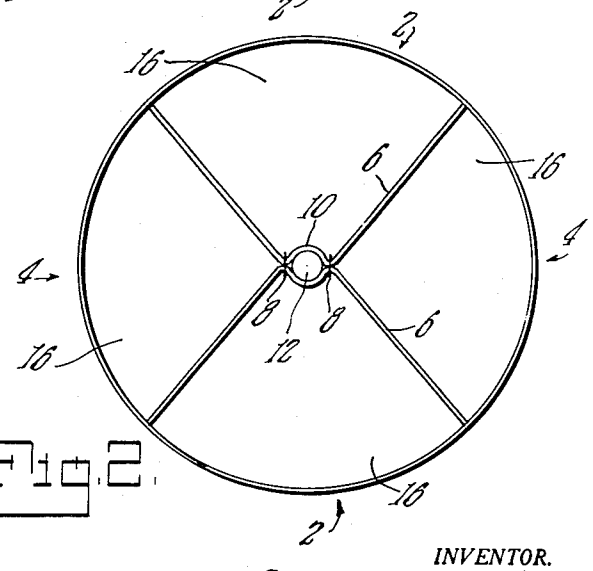


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to improvements in boot for golf clubs.

The principal objects of the invention are directed to the provision of a boot device for golf clubs and particularly to boots for holding and protecting the metallic and wood heads of golf clubs.

According to novel features of the device of the invention an elongated boot formed from pliable material is provided which has a plurality of elongated pockets disposed about a central rigid support. A plurality of golf club staffs may be insertable through an open upper mouth of the device into the pockets so that the heads of the clubs may be disposed in upper portions of the pockets.

The device is so formed and made from such material that the heads of the golf clubs are prevented from scratching and otherwise marring one another and an upper peripheral portion of the device is adapted to be drawn together to further enclose and protect the club heads.

The lower end of the device is insertable in the upper open end of a golf bag and the central rigid support of the device is such as to rest on the bottom of the golf bag so that the clubs will be disposed in the bag in the normal manner.

As a special feature of the invention the upper peripheral portion of the device is in the form of a continuous circumferential shirt which may be readily and easily closed or opened and in open position thereof the skirt may be brought down around the bag to encircle the upper portions of the walls thereof and expose the upper ends of the pockets and the heads of the clubs therein for the easy withdrawal of the clubs.

All of the above objects I accomplish by means of such structure and relative arrangements of parts thereof, as will fully appear by a perusal of the description below and by various specific features which will be hereinafter set forth.

To the above cited and other ends and with the foregoing and various other novel features and advantages and other objects of my invention as will become more readily apparent as the description proceeds, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more particularly pointed out in the claims hereunto annexed and more fully described and referred to in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein:

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of a boot device for golf clubs embodying the novel features of the invention;

Figs. 2 and 3 are plan and inverted plan views of the device shown in Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Referring now to the drawings in detail the novel boot construction of the invention will be described.

It will be understood that the boot device of the invention is adapted for use with golf clubs having wood and metal heads of forms and sizes which are common and

well known to golfers. And the device while separate from a golf bag may be used with such a bag.

The boot device of the invention includes similar elongated front and rear side walls such as 2 and opposite end walls 4. Adjacent longitudinal edges of the said walls are secured together in a manner to be later described.

The front and rear side walls generally narrow in width downwardly from the upper side of the device and the end walls narrow in width so that the device has a less transverse dimension at the bottom than at the top.

Elongated partition walls 6 extend across the device and have longitudinal edges secured to the walls 2 and 4 as will be described.

The partitions at their central portions are brought together and are stitched at 8 to form an elongated central tube portion 10. An elongated rigid support 12 has its upper end in the tube 10 which is arranged to tightly grip and hold the support against unwanted displacement.

The partitions 6 and likewise the tube 10 terminate downwardly from the upper ends of the side and end walls providing a peripheral skirt portion 14 at the upper portion of the device.

The walls and partition walls of the device will be formed from pliable material such as leather, imitation leather, fabric or some suitable material which is light in weight and durable. The inner sides of the walls and partitions will be surfaced with some soft non-abrasive material.

Figs. 2 and 3 show the device as being round in cross section but being made from pliable material it is not necessarily round but may take any shape.

The staffs of golf clubs may be inserted downwardly through the elongated pockets 16 formed by the walls of the device and partitions so that the heads of the clubs are disposed in the upper portions of said pockets.

The lower end of the device may be inserted in the upper portion of a golf bag and may be attached to some portion of the bag by a tie cord 18, shown in Fig. 1.

The upper skirt portion of the device may be closed or drawn together to provide a closure for the upper side of the device by a draw string or strings 20 threaded through openings 22 of the walls and as the skirt is drawn together the walls and partitions forming the pockets more or less firmly embrace the heads of the clubs.

Thus the heads of the clubs are separately held by the pockets and prevented from contacting with one another thereby obviating scratches, dents and marring.

The support 12 of the device is of such a length that the device is supported from the bottom of the golf bag and positions the heads of the golf clubs the normal distance from the bag bottom with the staffs of the clubs on the bottom of the bag.

The walls and partitions are joined as follows: The adjacent longitudinal edges of adjacent walls of the devices are disposed at opposite sides of longitudinal edge portions of the partitions. A longitudinal tape 26 overlies said edges and the edges and tape are stitched together as at 28, all as shown in Fig. 4 to provide strong durable seaming. Upper edges of the walls 2 and 4 may be bound by a tape 30 stitched or otherwise secured thereto.

The upper skirt portion of the device in the open position thereof may be brought downwardly and around the device below the plane of the upper ends of the partition walls, as shown by dash lines in Fig. 1. This makes the heads of the golf clubs readily accessible for grasping to withdraw the golf clubs upwardly from the pockets.

Thus it will be seen that the device provides a plurality of elongated pockets in which the staffs of golf clubs

may be inserted. The rigid central support resting on the bottom of a golf bag positions the device so that the heads of clubs, with the staffs resting on the bottom of the bag, are disposed in upper portions of the pockets. Upper ends of the pockets open into the space formed by the skirt, which is readily opened or closed, to facilitate ready and easy withdrawal or insertion of clubs. When desired the skirt may be positioned downwardly around the upper portion of the device.

The invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the essential characteristics thereof. Hence, the present embodiments are therefore to be considered in all respects merely as being illustrative and not as being restrictive, the scope of the invention being indicated by the appended claims rather than by the foregoing description and all modifications and variations as fall within the meaning and purview and range of equivalency of the appended claims are therefore intended to be embraced therein.

What is is desired to claim and secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A club supporting insert for golf bags comprising, an elongated tubular open ended boot, an assembly of longitudinal transverse partitions within said boot having longitudinal portions secured to one another and to the wall of said boot providing separate elongated club pockets, said partitions terminating at distances downwardly away from the upper end of said boot, the lower portion of said boot being insertable in the open upper end of a golf bag, the upper portion of said boot above the upper ends of said partitions being foldable between an operating position encircling the outside of the upper portion of the golf bag and a non-operating position extending upwardly and outwardly from said partitions wherein to act as a closure for the upper end of said boot and the golf bag, and means adjacent the upper edge of said boot for drawing the upper portion of said boot together.

2. A golf bag insert comprising, an elongate tubular open ended boot, an assembly of longitudinal partitioned units within said boot and below the plane of the upper open end thereof and providing a plurality of elongate pockets for receiving the shafts of a plurality of golf clubs whereby the upper extremities of the clubs may

be disposed above the uppermost plane of the partitioned units and the lower extremities of the clubs may be disposed downwardly below the lowermost plane of the partitioned units, the upper end portion of said boot above the plane of the upper open end of the partitioned units of said assembly thereof forming a continuous circumferential skirt, and means for drawing the skirt together to form a closure over the heads of the golf clubs within the golf bag.

3. A golf bag insert comprising, an elongated tubular open ended boot, an assembly of longitudinal partitioned pocket units within said boot and terminating below the plane of the upper open end thereof and providing a plurality of elongated pockets for receiving the shafts of a plurality of golf clubs whereby the upper extremities of the clubs may be disposed above the uppermost plane of the partitioned units and the lower extremities of the clubs may be disposed downwardly below the lowermost plane of the partitioned units, an elongated rigid support member, means for receiving the upper end of said rigid support member in said assembly with the lower end thereof depending from said boot for resting on the bottom wall of a golf bag whereby to position said boot so that with staffs of the golf clubs extending through said pockets and resting on the bottom of the golf bag, the heads of the golf clubs will be disposed above the upper plane of said pockets, the upper end portion of said boot above the upper termination of the upper open end of the pocket units of said assembly thereof forming a continuous peripheral skirt within which in open position thereof upper ends of the pockets open, and means for drawing the skirt together to form a closure over the heads of the golf clubs within the golf bag.

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