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FIG. 2.

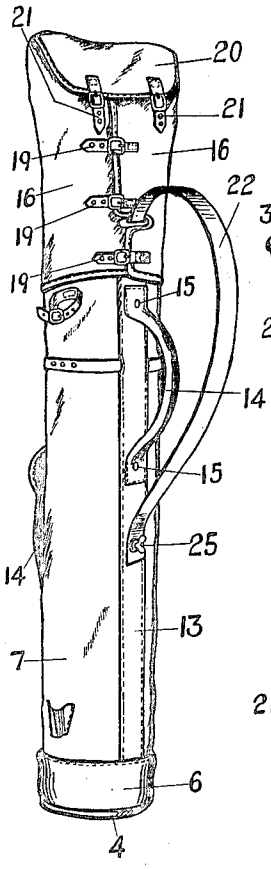


FIG. 1.

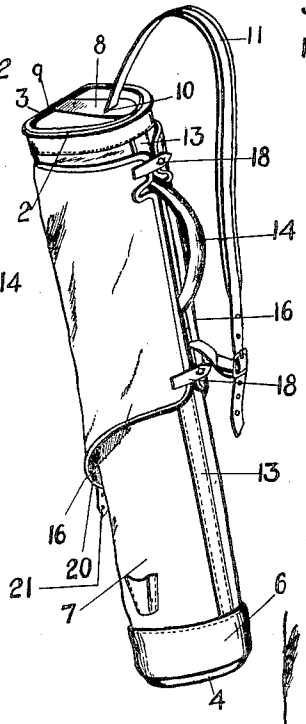


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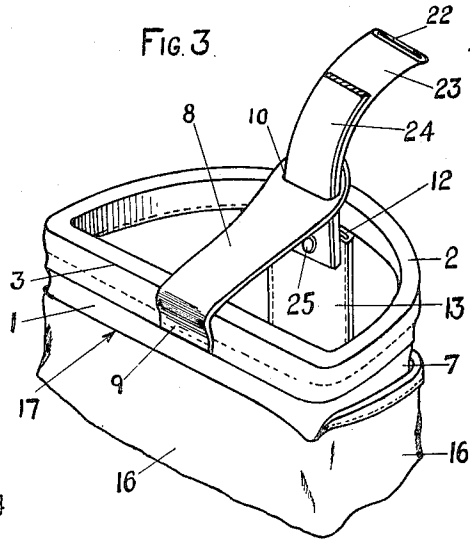
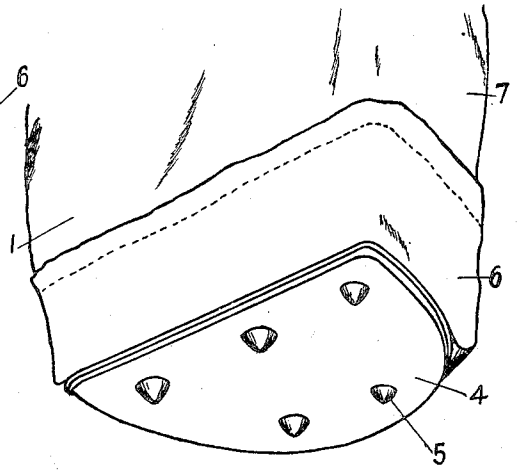


FIG. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID STOCKS, a subject of the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and a resident of Edinburgh, Scotland, have invented certain new and useful Improved Golf Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to the construction of golf bags for the purpose of facilitating handling and transportation of the bag and its contents.

My invention comprises certain novel features of construction which will be hereinafter more particularly described with reference to the accompanying explanatory drawings illustrating certain preferred forms of construction of my improved golf bag, by way of example:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing a golf bag having the usual limp shoulder strap and showing the club-head protector folded around the bag.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing a similar golf bag having, however, a spring shoulder strap according to the present invention and showing the club-head protector folded around the club heads.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary perspective view showing the upper end of the golf bag.

Fig. 4 is a similar perspective view showing the bottom of the bag.

One feature of the present invention consists in making the bag of D-shaped cross section as shown, the flat side 1 of the bag forming the underside when the bag is laid upon the ground. The D-shaped construction also enables the golf clubs to rest against the flat side 1 and to spread out singly, instead of collecting together as in the present type of circular-section golf bag.

Although I prefer to make the bag D-shaped cross section throughout, as clearly seen from Figs. 3 and 4, the golf clubs may be similarly caused to spread out by forming only the mouth 2 of the bag of D-shape, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, the clubs being adapted to rest against the flat side 3 of the D-shaped mouth 2. It will be understood that the D-shaped mouth 2, 3 may be made by means of a suitable internal D-shaped stiffener covered with leather or like material. Similarly the lower portion of the bag may have a D-shaped bottom 4 (Fig. 4) with or without the usual studs 5 and a D-shaped bottom socket 6 of leather or other suitable material. The body portion of the bag is preferably made of the usual pliable material such as canvas or other textile fabric forming a flat back portion 1 and a rounded front portion 7 which extends from the mouth of the bag to the lower socket portion 6.

In order to further separate the clubs, as for example in order to separate iron-headed clubs from wood clubs, a flexible partitioning member extends diametrically across the mouth of the bag. This partitioning member preferably consists of a flexible strap 8 of leather or other suitable material attached at 9 to the flat side 3 of the bag mouth, substantially midway thereof, the strap 8 being drawn across the mouth of the bag preferably by looping the shoulder belt or carrying strap through a slot 10 in the free or loose end of the strap 8. In Fig. 1 I have shown an ordinary limp shoulder strap 11 threaded through the slot 10 of the flexible strap 8.

A further feature of the present invention comprises the provision of a longitudinal stiffener 12 (Fig. 3) which extends the whole length of the bag for the purpose of keeping the bag erect. The longitudinal stiffener 12 may consist of a bar or strip of metal, wood or like stiff material which may be enclosed in a fabric covering 13. The shoulder belt 11 is preferably fixed to the longitudinal stiffener 12 and similarly the ordinary grip 14 may be secured at its ends at 15 (as shown in Fig. 2) to the longitudinal stiffener 12.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a club-head protector which can be folded around the bag when not in use, thus affording a protection for the bag, whilst the arrangement of the protector around the outside of the bag also renders it more convenient and accessible than the internally-stowed club-head protector at present used.

The club-head protector is preferably in the form of a jacket 16 secured at its back upper portion at 17 (Fig. 3) to the back or flat side 1 of the bag, the front edges of the jacket being adapted to be secured together by means of suitable strap and stud or like fastenings 18 (Fig. 1).

When the club-head protector is required for use, the front fastenings 18 are released and the jacket is turned upwardly and inside out, whereupon it may be folded around the club heads as shown in Fig. 2 and se-

cured by additional strap or like fastenings 19. Preferably the jacket 16 is formed with a flap 20 which can be folded over the ends of the golf clubs and secured by straps or the like 21. When the jacket is folded around the bag as in Fig. 1 the flap 20 may lie close to the flat side 1 of the bag.

A further feature of the present invention is the provision of a spring shoulder belt or strap which will retain its curved shape and thus enable the bag to be readily handled especially when the bag is resting on the ground. For this purpose the shoulder belt may consist of spring steel or other suitable metal 22 (Figs. 2 and 3). For the sake of convenience the spring shoulder belt 22 is shown uncovered in Fig. 2, but it is preferably made up of a spring steel band 22, enclosed in a covering 23 of fabric, leather or other suitable pliable material, see Fig. 3. In the preferred construction shown in Fig. 3, the spring steel band 22 enclosed in a covering of canvas 23 is surmounted by a leather cover 24 stitched to the canvas cover 23.

The shoulder belt is preferably attached to the bag by means of bolts and nuts or like securing means 25 (Figs. 2 and 3) secured through the longitudinal stiffener 12 so that the belt can be detached from the bag if it is desired to remove the shoulder belt.

Claims:

1. A golf bag having a shoulder support and a partitioning member extending diametrically across the mouth of the bag, said partitioning member being attached at one end to the bag and slidably connected at its other end to the shoulder support.

2. A golf bag having a shoulder strap and a partitioning strap attached to the mouth of the bag and extending diametrically across the same, said partitioning strap having a slot at its free end through which said shoulder strap is threaded.

3. A golf bag having a D-shaped mouth, a shoulder support attached to the bag, and a partitioning member attached at one end to the flat side of the mouth of the bag substantially midway thereof and slidably attached at its other end to said shoulder support.

4. A golf bag having a club-head protector adapted to be fastened around the club heads, the lower edge of said protector being attached to the bag in such a manner that the protector can be turned inside out and folded around the bag when not in use.

5. A golf bag having a club-head protector comprising a pliable jacket, means for securing said jacket at the front in a position around the club heads, said jacket being attached at its lower back portion to the bag in such manner that it may be turned inside out and folded around the bag when not in use, and means for fastening the front of the jacket when folded around the bag.

6. A golf bag having a club-head protector comprising a jacket adapted to be folded around the club heads, an upper flap extension on said jacket adapted to be folded over the ends of the golf clubs and means for securing said jacket and extension, said jacket being attached at its lower edge to the bag in such manner that it may be folded around the bag when not in use.

7. A golf bag comprising the combination of a D-shaped mouth, a partitioning member extending diametrically across the mouth from substantially midway of the flat side thereof, a longitudinal stiffener extending throughout the length of the bag and a spring shoulder support secured at its ends to said longitudinal stiffener and looped to said partitioning member.

The foregoing specification signed at Edinburgh, Scotland, this nineteenth day of April, 1922.

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