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FIG. 1.

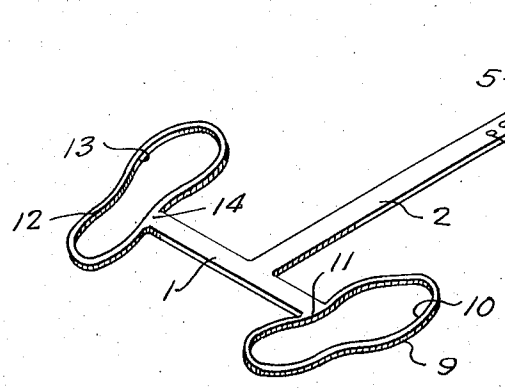


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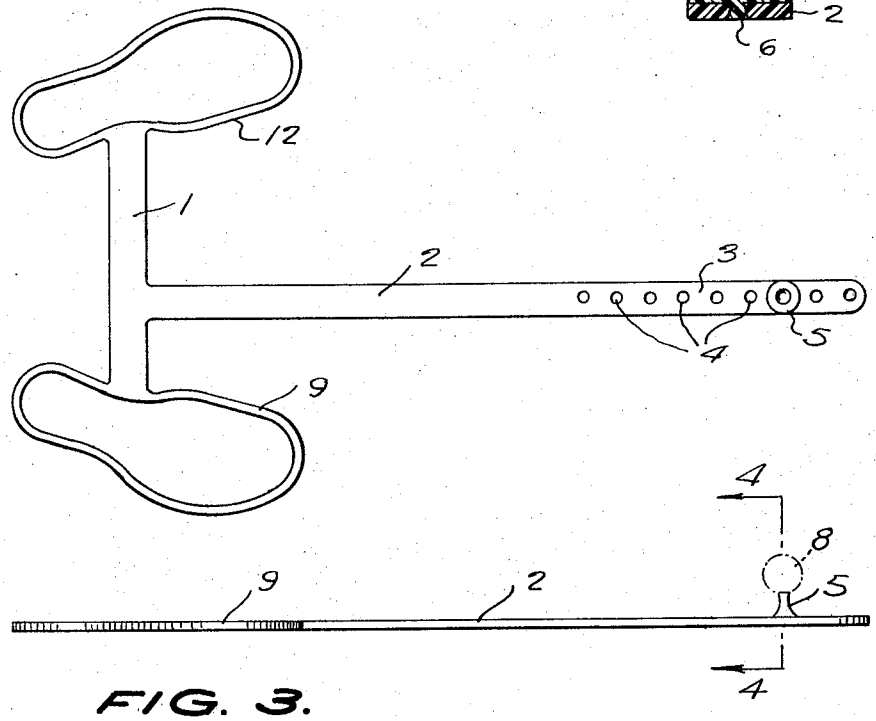
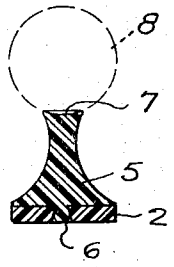


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The present invention is concerned with a gauge for assisting a golfer in determining his correct stance and the distance of the golf ball from the golfer during the driving of the golf ball.

The principal object of the present invention is to provide a golfer's gauge for his use in play or practice in correctly placing his feet and the proper distance of the golf ball from the golfer so that he may always place the ball at the position which is best for him during his swing with a golf club when driving the golf ball.

A further important object of the invention is to provide a gauge for adjustably positioning a tee with golf ball thereon relative to a golfers feet at a distance therefrom best suited for the golfer whereby he can obtain the maximum distance and true flight of the golf ball when driving the same and which gauge permits the tee to be removeably retained at different distances from the golfer's feet and which gauge can be rolled up to fit in a small storage space such as the pocket of golfer's jacket or the like.

A still further important object of the invention is to provide a gauge to be used by a golfer wearing shoes with spiked soles, such as conventional golf shoes, without the spikes damaging the gauge.

Further objects will be in part obvious and in part pointed out in the following detailed description of the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a gauge according to the present invention.

FIG. 2 is an enlarged top view of the present gauge.

FIG. 3 is a side elevation of said gauge.

And FIG. 4 is a further enlarged cross-sectional view taken on line 4—4 of FIG. 3.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawing wherein like and corresponding parts are indicated by similar reference characters numeral **1** refers to the straight base of the T-shaped gauge while **2** indicates the elongated straight leg of said gauge and which has a free end portion **3** in which are provided a straight series of equally spaced apart openings **4** which extend longitudinally of said leg end portion.

A tee **5** has a bottom stem **6** capable of insertion in any one of said openings **4** for retaining the tee on leg **2** at the particular opening **4** in which said stem is inserted. Said tee has a concave top surface **7** for receiving and supporting a golf ball **8**.

A shoe guide **9** having the outline of the sole of a right foot shoe has an interior wall **10** of that configuration between which a golfer can place his right foot shoe. Said shoe guide **9** is joined at the instep portion thereof to base **1** at **11** and extends on an outward slant relative to leg **2**.

A second shoe guide **12** having the outline of the sole of a left foot shoe has an interior wall **13** of that configuration between which a golfer can place his left foot shoe.

Said shoe guide **12** is joined at the instep portion thereof to base **1** at **14** and extends on an outward slant relative to leg **2** thus diverging from shoe guide **9** so that said shoe guides are positioned in the manner corresponding to the normal position of a golfer's feet when driving a golf ball.

Base **1**, leg **2**, and shoe guides **9** and **12** can be made from one piece of material, preferably a flexible material such as rubber or a plastic such as polyethelene or a vinyl for example.

Tee **5** can be made of rubber, plastic, wood or metal as desired, but rubber is preferred as it will not injure a golf club head inadvertently striking the same.

In the use of the present guage, a user places the base **1**, leg **2** and shoe guides **9** and **12** on a flat surface such as the driving tee of a golf course, the fairway or any other suitable surface. The golfer then inserts his left shoe between wall **13** of shoe guide **12** and his right shoe between wall **10** of shoe guide **9**. This permits the spikes, if any, on the shoes to bite into the ground without injury to the gauge.

Thereafter tee stem **6** is placed in different ones of openings **4** while the golfer assumes his driving stance and takes practice swings with a golf club towards ball **8**. The golfer will then find which position of tee **5** on leg **2** is best for him in order to hit ball **8** the maximum distance down the fairway. After finding the best position on leg **2** for tee **5** the golfer can leave tee **5** in the corresponding opening **4**, and use the gauge each time he is driving a golf ball.

Between uses of the gauge, the same can be rolled up into a small roll and placed in the golfer's pocket or golf bag and be available by unrolling for use as desired.

The present invention is capable of modification and such changes thereto as come within the scope of the appended claims are deemed a part thereof.

I claim:

1. A training device for golfers comprising a straight base, an elongated straight leg joined to and extending normal from said base and having a longitudinal series of spaced apart openings therein, a golf ball tee having a stem insertable in any one of said leg openings for positioning said tee on said leg, and a pair of shoe guides each joined to an opposite end of said base and diverging from one another, each of said shoe guides having an interior opening defined by a wall of said guide having the configuration of the sole of a shoe.

2. A training device for golfers as claimed in claim **1** wherein said base, leg and shoe guides are flat, flexible, and capable of being rolled into a roll at times for storage.

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