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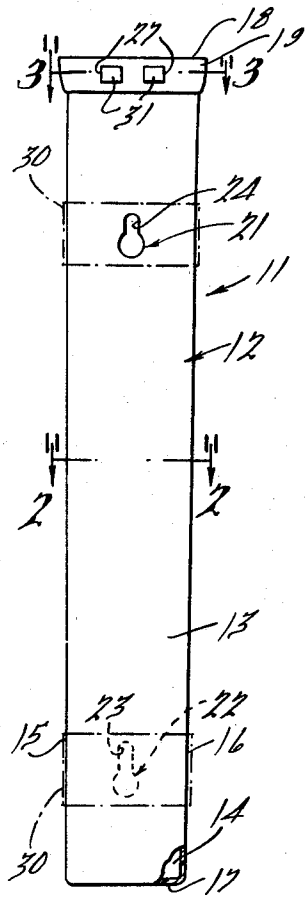
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ABSTRACT: The golf bag for a plurality of clubs is of elongated rectangular form having a closed bottom and an open top which is reinforced to provide added strength thereat. A keyhole slot is provided in one side of the bag spaced a short distance from the top open end and a keyhold slot is provided in the opposite side of the bag spaced from the lower closed end thereof. With this arrangement the bag can be supported from either side of a cart to avoid having right and left-hand bags when two bags are carried.



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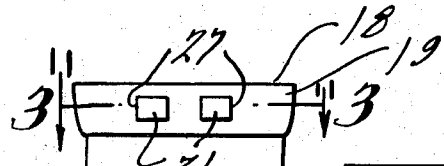


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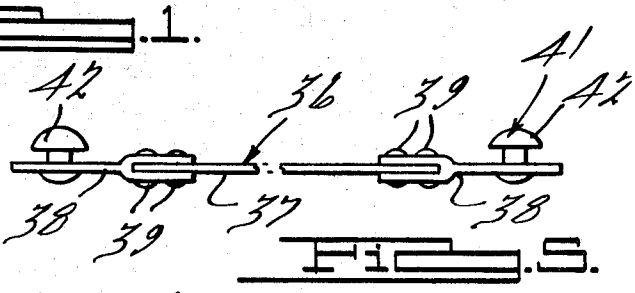


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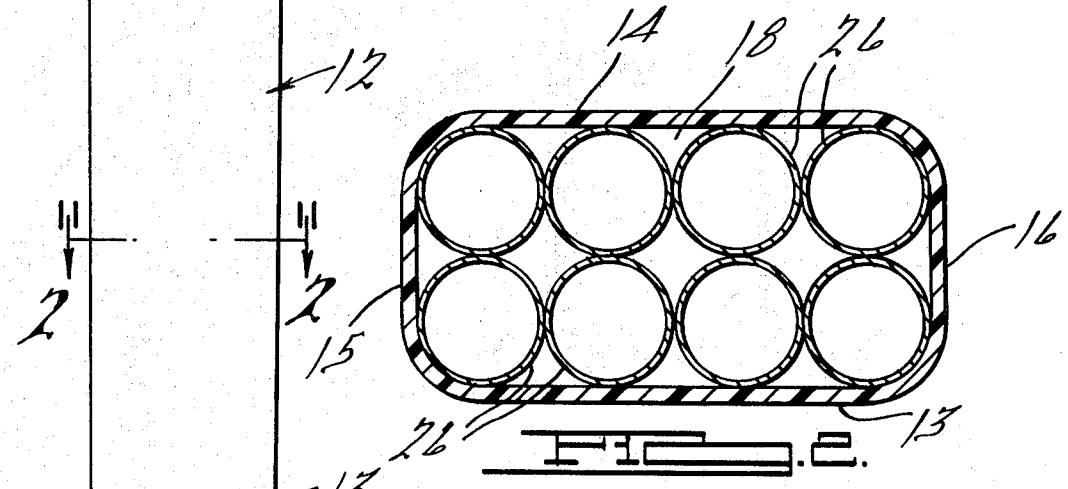


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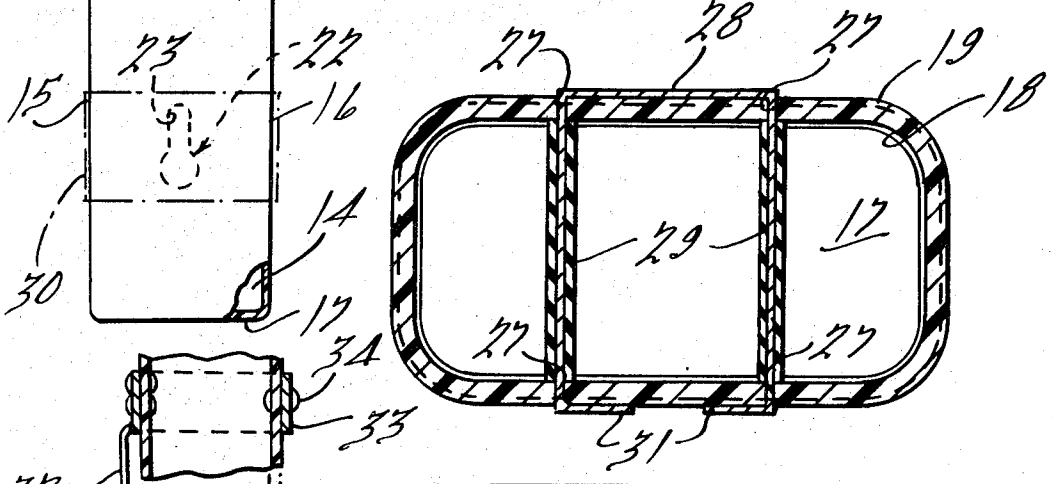


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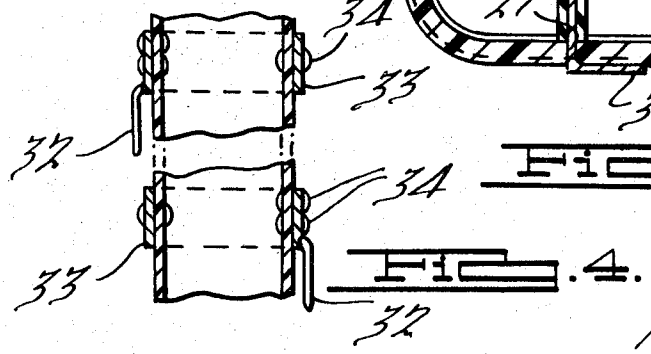


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GOLF BAG

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

There is no known golf bag constructed in the manner of the bag of the present invention.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The bag is made in a mold which may be of an open or closed type by slush or injection molding. The bag herein illustrated is slightly tapered so that it can be withdrawn from a slush type mold with a tapered heavier section provided around the open end. A keyhole slot is then cut, punched or otherwise provided in one side of the bag below the open end and a similar keyhole slot is provided in the opposite side above the closed bottom. One of the keyhole slots is longer than the other so that one may be inserted over a supporting headed stud and retained in engagement therewith while the eye of the other keyhole slot is placed over the other supporting stud to secure the bag to the cart when slid downwardly on the studs. The bag is made primarily for a cart supporting two bags, one on each side of a seat as illustrated, described and claimed in the copending application of Dawson et al., Ser. No. 10,488, filed Feb. 11, 1970, for "Golf Cart." The sides of the bags having the keyhole slot at the upper end face each other when supported near the front top portion of the cart while the sides having the keyhole slot at the lower end face away from each other when supported near the rear bottom portion of the cart with the bags in parallel relationship and sloping upwardly. With this arrangement, either bag may be applied to either side of the cart thereby eliminating the necessity of having right and left-hand bags.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

FIG. **1** is a view in elevation of a golf bag embodying features of the present invention;

FIG. **2** is an enlarged sectional view of the structure illustrated in FIG. **1**, taken on the line **2–2** thereof;

FIG. **3** is an enlarged sectional view of the structure illustrated in FIG. **2**, taken on the line **3–3** thereof;

FIG. **4** is a broken view of structure, similar to that illustrated in FIG. **1**, showing another form of supporting structure for the bag, and

FIG. **5** is a broken view in side elevation of a support for the bag by which it may be carried.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

The golf bag of the present invention is molded from a hard durable plastic material in a single operation within a mold. A vinyl plastisol is poured into a slush mold and rotated in the usual manner and thereafter fused to produce hardness. The bag can be formed by injection molding of suitable material but preferably by injection molding Acylonitrile-Butadine-Syrene (ABS) to provide durability and hardness to the bag material. When slush type of molding is employed the body **12** of the bag **11** has tapered sidewalls **13** and **14** and tapered edge walls **15** and **16** which are joined by a bottom wall **17**. The top open end **18** of the bag has a reinforcing collar **19** molded during the molding operation to provide strength and a more pleasing appearance to the top open end. The sidewall **13** has a keyhole slot **21** provided therein below the open end **18** and a keyhole slot **22** is provided in the sidewall **14** above the bottom **17**, as also illustrated in FIG. **1**. It will be noted that the narrow portion **23** of the keyhole slot **22** is of greater length than the narrower portion **24** of the keyhole slot **21** which permits the bottom portion of the bag to be partially secured in position before the keyhole slot **21** engages its support after which the bag will slide downwardly and lock itself upon the supports. The support of a pair of bags in this manner on opposite sides of a cart is illustrated, described and claimed in the above-mentioned copending application Ser. No. 10,488, filed Feb. 11, 1970 for Golf Cart.

The cross section of the bag is of rectangular form as is apparent from FIG. **2**, and in this relationship is of a size to support eight receiving tubes **26** commonly supplied in the trade for isolating the shafts of golf clubs. Preferably, such tubes **26** are heated sealed or otherwise secured at the bottom to a plate to form a unit which will be retained on the bottom **17** of the bag to prevent the tubes from being pulled from the bag when a club is removed therefrom.

In FIG. **3**, another form of separating means is illustrated that wherein aligned apertures **27** are provided through the reinforcing collar **19** at the open end **18** in which a U-shaped metal strap **28** is insertable. The ends of the strap are passed through rectangular apertures in elastomeric sleeves **29** disposed between the sidewalls at the open end. The ends **31** of the strap are bent sharply at right angles to rest against the face of the collar. The sleeve **29** protects the ends of the golf handles when inserted and removed from the bag and divides the bag at the open end into three sections for separating the club shafts.

In FIG. **4**, in place of the keyhole slots **21** and **22**, which are supported by heads on studs on the cart, securing fingers **32** are illustrated in the same area as the keyhole slots. The fingers **32** are supported on bands **33** which are secured by rivets **34** or other securing means to the walls of the bag. The fingers pass through eyes supported on the cart in the location of the studs. A similar type of band **30** can be applied to the bag at the keyhole slots **21** and **22** having mating slots cut therein to reinforce the bag wall.

When the golf bag is to be used separate from the cart, a carrying strap **36** may be provided having a web portion **37** to the ends of which clips **38** are secured by rivets **39**. Studs **41** are secured to the clips **38**, the heads **42** of which pass through the eyes of the keyhole slots **21** and **22** and secure the strap to the bag. In this manner, a group of clubs can be carried on the shoulder when the cart is not being used.

Besides employing bands **30** on he bag when a weak material is used, a U-shaped element may be placed inside of the bag extending from the bottom to a point near the top where it is secured by rivets or other means with keyhole slots provided therein which mate with the keyhole slots **21** and **22**. It is also within the purview of the invention to construct the bag from a metal tube of thin material and apply plastic material thereto by dipping, spraying or the like. With this arrangement, the areas containing the keyhole slots can be drawn outwardly to provide internal pockets to receive the supporting head and retain a smooth interior. As illustrated in FIG. **5**, the heads are rounded to eliminate sharp protrusions which could damage the handles of the clubs.

I claim:

1. A golf club carrying bag made from plastic material having thin walls, an open and a closed end and a thicker reinforcing section at the top molded as a unit, and supporting means at the top and bottom of the bag attachable to wheels and pull means.

2. A golf club carrying bag as recited in claim **1**, wherein said supporting means is a keyhole slot on one side of the bag near the open end thereof, and a keyhole slot on the opposite side of the bag near the closed end thereof.

3. A golf club carrying bag as recited in claim **2**, wherein the keyhole slots have the large end located toward the closed end of the bag.

4. A golf bag as recited in claim **3**, wherein the open end of the bag has bracing elements supported between opposite walls to divide the open end into sections.

5. A golf bag as recited in claim **3**, wherein the open end of the bag supports a plurality of sleeves which extend from the bottom thereof outwardly to the open end.

6. A golf bag as recited in claim **1**, wherein the supporting means are fingers secured to the wall of the bag.

7. A golf bag as recited in claim **6**, wherein the fingers extended from bands which are secured to the walls of the bag for strengthening the walls of the bag thereat.