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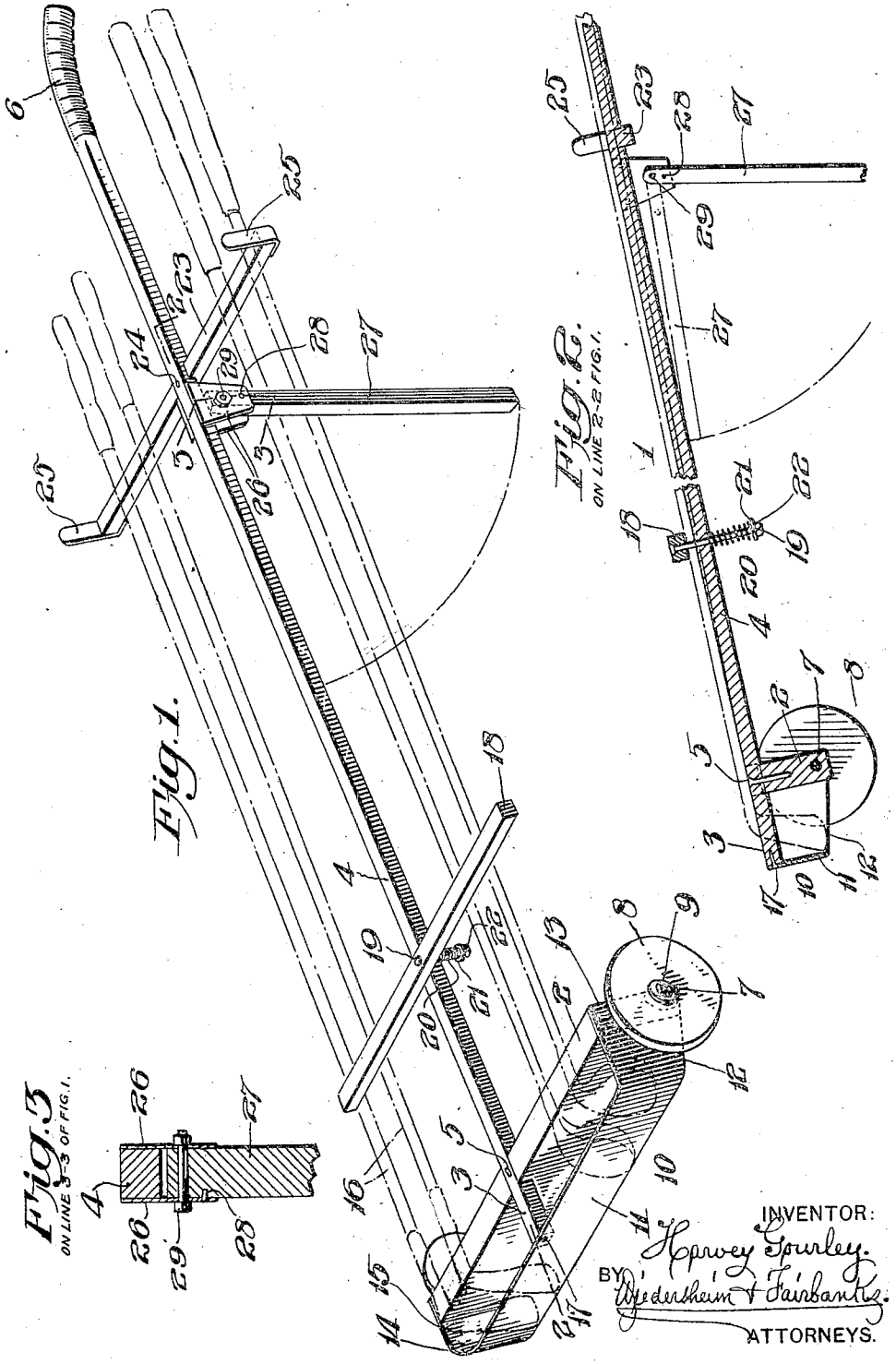


Fig. 1.



Fig. 2. ON LINE 2-2 FIG. 1.



Fig. 3 ON LINE 3-3 OF FIG. 1.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARVEY GOURLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cheltenham Township, in the county of Montgomery, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Golf-Club Carrier, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a novel construction of a golf club carrier which is designed to furnish an efficient and convenient portable support for a complete set of golf clubs during a round of golf whereby the golfer is enabled to dispense with a caddie and the encumbrance of a golf bag and readily to transport his clubs over the links without fatigue while playing the game, my novel device comprising a light and durable frame mounted on wheels and adapted to support the golf clubs and retain the same thereon while they are convenient of access for use as required.

My invention constitutes a great improvement over the conventional method of carrying golf clubs in a golf bag, since it relieves the golfer of the weight of the bag and its contents, and enables the player during his progress over the golf links to transport his clubs to the desired points instead of carrying them.

In addition, I avoid the scraping, scratching and abrading of the clubs during the progress of the game which occurs when they are carried by hand, or in a golf bag on the shoulder.

My invention further places the clubs in the most convenient position for the player when he reaches for one for the purpose of making a shot or golf stroke, and the player is further enabled readily to restore any club to its desired position upon the carrier after making the play or shot.

In addition my novel device saves time and effort of the player in reaching for and replacing the desired club during the progress of the game.

My invention further possesses advantages over the conventional golf bag, since it saves wear and the soiling of a player's clothing, due to carrying the golf bag on the shoulder.

To the above ends my invention consists of a novel carrier for golf sticks embodying a wheeled frame, means thereon for supporting the golf shafts, means thereon for receiving the club heads, means for locking the golf sticks and preventing displacement thereof, and a support or post whereby the frame may be raised and placed at a desired angle, so as to render the golf clubs easy and convenient of access.

It further consists of novel features of construction, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

For the purpose of illustrating my invention, I have shown in the accompanying drawings a form thereof which is at present preferred by me, since it will give in practice satisfactory and reliable results, although it is to be understood that the various instrumentalities of which my invention consists can be variously arranged and organized and that my invention is not limited to the precise arrangement and organization of these instrumentalities as herein described and shown.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a golf club carrier embodying my invention.

Figure 2 represents a longitudinal section of a portion thereof on line 2—2 Figure 1.

Figure 3 represents on an enlarged scale a section on line 3—3 Figure 1.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings—

1 designates my novel construction of a golf club carrier, the same comprising a light frame, composed of the front bolster or cross piece 2, which has the forward end 3 of the reach or bar 4 secured thereto by a suitable fastening device 5, the rear end of said reach being provided with a handle or portion 6, whereby the carrier may be propelled or pushed or pulled over the golf links. On the sides of the bolster are the axles 7 for the wheels 8 which are held thereon in position by washers and nuts 9 or other suitable means.

10 designates a U-shaped bracket or bar preferably of metal comprising the front portion 11 and the ends 12, which latter are secured to the ends of the bolster 2 by screws or other fastening devices 13, said bracket being set out from the bolster, whereby a pocket 14 is formed between the said bracket and bolster for the reception of the heads 15 of the golf clubs 16.

The reach is extended forwardly of the

bolster so as to abut the bracket to which it is secured as at 17, so that the bracket is effectively sustained at its central portion.

18 designates a cross bar or locking device pivotally supported on the forward portion of the reach 4 by the bolt 19 which passes through said bar and reach and carries the spring 20 below the reach whose lower end contacts with the washer 21 carried by the bolt head 22, the upper end of said spring contacting with the underside of said reach 4, so that a proper tension is exerted at all times upon the cross bar, whereby the shafts of the golf clubs 16 are gently but firmly frictionally held in parallelism in the desired position.

23 designates a rear cross bar which is fixedly secured to the handle bar 4 by means of a suitable fastening device 24, the outer ends of said cross bar having the upwardly extending stops 25 thereon forming guards, whereby the shafts of the golf clubs are prevented from sliding off laterally from said cross bar.

26 designates ears one of which is resilient, said ears depending from the reach 4 within which is pivotally mounted the upper end of the leg or prop 27, the latter having on its side an outwardly projecting stud 28 which is adapted to snap into an opening or recess in the adjacent portion of the resilient ear whereby the prop is retained in its upright position as is evident, the bolt 29 on the ears forming the pivotal support for said leg 27.

The operation of my device is as follows:—

The golfer before the start for the first tee turns the locking bar 18 parallel with the reach 4 and places his clubs on the carrier with the heads downward in the position seen in Figures 1 and 2, said heads being positioned in the pocket 14 between the front bolster and the bracket fastened thereto. The shafts of the clubs rest on the bolster and cross bar respectively and the clubs are then locked in position by turning the device 10 into the position seen in Figure 1.

When the player desires to select a particular club for the desired shot, he turns the leg or prop 27 from the position seen in dotted lines Figure 2 to the position seen in full lines in Figures 1 and 2, thereby upwardly inclining the frame and supporting the clubs at the proper height or angle from the ground, so that they are convenient of access.

The locking bar 18 is then pulled slightly upwardly and rotated to a sufficient extent so that the clubs are uncontrolled by said bar when the proper club may be selected and removed and the desired shot made, after which the club is replaced.

The player then pushes or pulls the carrier with the clubs thereon towards the next position for playing.

This is repeated until the game is ended when the bar 18 is replaced over the golf clubs and so retaining them in position. The prop is then released and folded on the reach when the entire device may be wheeled to the club house or elsewhere and stowed away say in the golfer's locker where the club shafts will remain straight and will not be liable to become warped, as is evident.

It is well known to golfers that the iron clubs commonly used such as the cleek, driving iron, midiron, mashie, jigger, putter and the niblick, and the like are somewhat shorter than the wooden clubs commonly employed, as the driver, brassie and baffy and the heads of the iron clubs tend to abrade the shafts of the wooden clubs—at points nearest their junction with their heads, thereby impairing the life of the wooden clubs.

By my novel device this condition cannot arise as all the clubs are retained at all times in parallelism and out of contact with each other.

It will be apparent that my novel carrier enables the player during the progress over the golf links to transport his club with a minimum of fatigue and that the scraping, scratching and abrading of the clubs during the progress of the game, which occurs when the clubs are carried in the hand or in a bag over the shoulder of the player is entirely eliminated.

It will further be apparent that my novel device positions the clubs at all times in the most convenient position for the player, when he selects and reaches for a club for the purpose of making a shot and any club can be immediately and readily restored in position in my novel carrier after making the desired shot.

My novel invention further saves the time and effort of the player, when he is caddying for himself, in stooping down and picking up the clubs or the golf bag after every shot, since a minimum of stooping is required in my novel device, which in addition possesses marked advantages over the employment of a golf bag since it saves wear and soiling of the player's clothing due to the carrying of the golf bag on the shoulder.

It will further be apparent that my novel device serves as an efficient and durable rack for the clubs when not in use, since the dimensions and proportions of the same are such that the carrier can stand upright in the player's locker, and the clubs can be retained in parallelism thereupon.

It will now be apparent that I have devised a novel and useful golf club carrier which

embodies the features of advantage enumerated as desirable in the statement of the invention and the above description, and while I have, in the present instance, shown and described a preferred embodiment thereof which will give in practice satisfactory and reliable results, it is to be understood that such embodiment is susceptible of modification in various particulars without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A golf club carrier, consisting of a wheeled frame having at front a transversely extending support for the club shafts near their heads, a transverse pocket in front of said support for the reception of the club heads, a rear transverse support for the club shafts near their handles, and a movable locking device carried by said frame for frictionally engaging the club shafts to secure them in fixed position on said frame.

2. A carrier for golf clubs consisting of a wheeled frame having on the opposite end portion a bolster and cross bar adapted to support the shafts of the clubs thereon, a pocket on the front of the bolster adapted to receive the heads of the clubs therein, said cross bar having on the terminals thereof upwardly projecting guards, and a rotatable, spring pressed locking device on the frame engageable with said shafts adapted to retain the clubs throughout their lengths in position on the frame.

3. A carrier for golf clubs consisting of a wheeled frame adapted to support and carry the clubs thereon, a movable locking device on the frame frictionally engageable with the club shafts to retain the latter in position on the frame, and a prop pendant from the frame adapted to support the frame opposite to the wheels and place said frame in upwardly inclined position.

4. A carrier for golf clubs consisting of a wheeled frame adapted to support and carry the clubs, a resilient ear pendant from said frame, and a prop pivotally mounted on said ear adapted to support said frame and to incline it in upward direction, said prop having thereon a projection adapted to be seated in said ear to lock the prop in its operative position.

5. A golf club carrier, comprising a wheeled frame, consisting of a bolster for supporting the head ends of the clubs, a pocket in front of the bolster for the reception of the golf club heads, and a reach extending from and supporting said bolster and a rotatable locking device mounted on said reach for frictionally engaging the tops of said shafts to retain the clubs in position.

6. A golf club carrier consisting of a wheeled frame having a bolster adapted to support the club shafts, a pocket on the frame in front of the bolster for the reception of the golf club heads, a reach extending rearwardly from said bolster, a cross bar opposite to said bolster carried by said reach for supporting the club shafts, and a locking device on said reach adapted to frictionally engage the club shafts to retain the clubs in position.

7. A golf club carrier consisting of a wheeled frame having a bolster adapted to support the head ends of the clubs, a pocket in front of said bolster for the reception of the golf club heads, a reach extending rearwardly from said bolster, a cross bar carried by said reach for supporting the handle ends of the club shafts, a locking device mounted on said reach for engaging the club shafts to retain them in position, and a post on said reach adapted to support the frame opposite to the wheel and to place said frame in upwardly inclined position.

8. A golf club carrier consisting of a frame having a bolster, a pocket in front of the latter for the reception of the golf club heads, wheels on said bolster, a reach extending rearwardly from said bolster, a cross bar carried by said reach for supporting the club shafts, and a frictional locking device pivotally mounted on said reach for engaging the club shafts to retain them in position, and a supporting prop pivotally mounted on said reach adapted to support the frame opposite to the wheels and to place said frame in an upwardly inclined position, and means for locking said prop in operative position.

9. A golf club carrier consisting of a wheeled frame having a front transverse pocket for the reception of golf club heads, a reach, a rear cross bar fixed upon said reach for supporting the club shafts, and a rotatable locking device resiliently mounted on the front of said reach for frictionally engaging said club shafts.

10. A golf club carrier consisting of a wheeled frame having a bolster, a reach mounted on the latter, a transverse pocket for the reception of golf club heads in front of said bolster, a rear cross bar fixed upon said reach for supporting the club shafts thereon, a rotatable locking device resiliently mounted on said reach for frictionally engaging said club shafts and a prop pivotally mounted on said reach for sustaining said carrier in inclined position.

11. A golf club carrier consisting of a wheeled frame, a reach on said frame a front transverse pocket for the reception of golf club heads, and a rear handle, a rear cross bar fixed on said reach for supporting the club shafts, upright terminal stops on said cross bar, a front locking bar resiliently mounted on said reach for frictionally en-

gaging said shafts, and a prop pivotally supported on said reach adapted to retain the carrier in inclined position from its handle end.

12. A golf club carrier consisting of a reach mounted on wheels and having a front transverse pocket for the reception of golf club heads, and a handled end, a rear cross bar fixed on said reach for supporting the club shafts thereon, upright terminal stops on the ends of said cross bar, a front locking bar resiliently mounted on said reach for frictionally engaging said shafts, a prop pivotally supported upon said reach for retaining the carrier in elevated position and means for locking said prop in its operative position.

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