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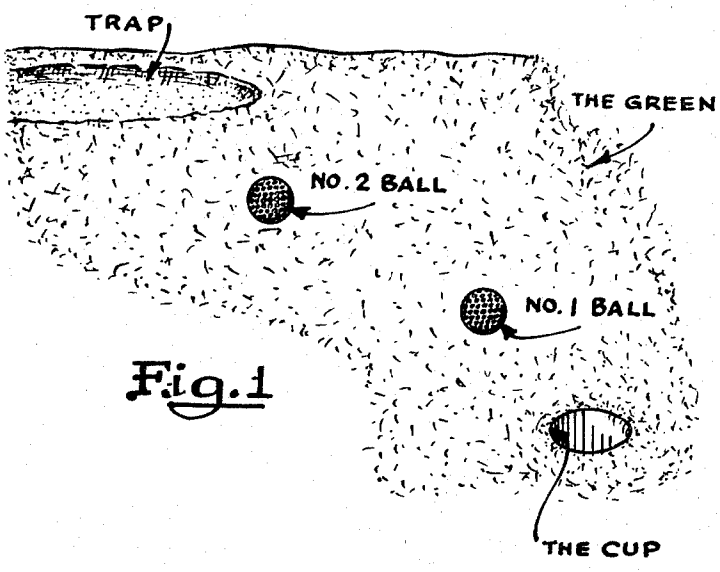
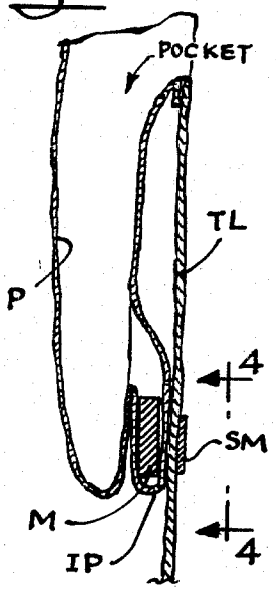


Fig. 1

Fig. 3



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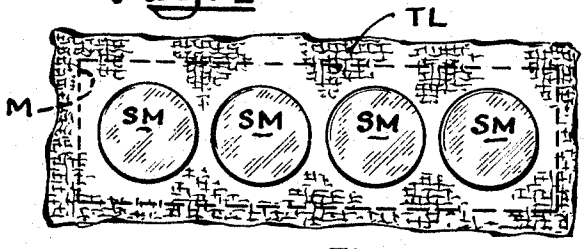

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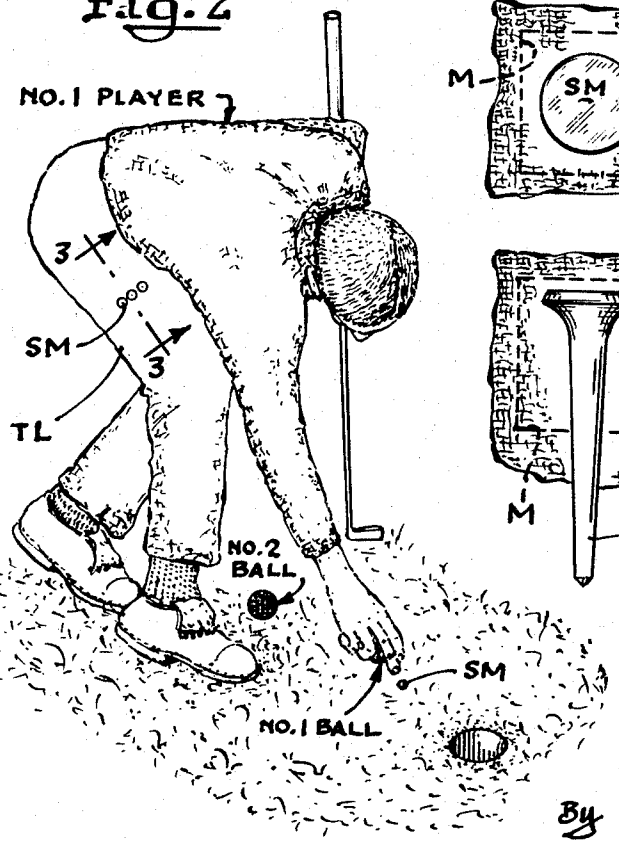

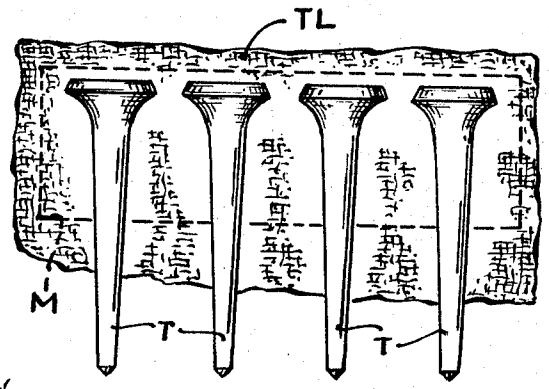

Fig. 5

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This invention is manifest in a golfing garment having a pocket containing a magnet to hold to the exterior of the garment a golf marker such as a stymie disc having ferromagnetic properties.

It is well known that the game of golf has its frustrating and exasperating moments, not the least of which is the golfer in the embarrassing situation at tee-off position bereft of a tee. A like encounter with an equally disquieting effect on composure occurs in the instance of the chagrined player on the green who is confronted with a stymie position to be marked, but lacking a stymie marker other than the usual dime which may or may not be fortuitously available when he is standing at the pin. I do not presume to suggest that these vicissitudes in the game of golf are not without attempts by others to obviate the circumstances, but I do believe that the principles of the invention here presented can be better practiced in comparison to what has been formerly offered, and in fact will quite likely produce for the player a psychological one-up situation where formerly he was one-down at the tee or pin.

FIG. 1 of the drawing of my invention shows a typical stymie situation which may be encountered at the putting green in the game of golf; and FIG. 2 shows a player, equipped with my invention, in the position he may assume a few moments later when marking his stymie ball for the competitor. FIG. 3 is a cross-section at the line 3—3 of FIG. 2, showing the interior of the right-hand trouser pocket of the player who appears in FIG. 2, and FIG. 4 is a view substantially on the line 4—4 of FIG. 3 showing the principles of my invention with utilitarian regard to stymie markers for golf. FIG. 5 is similar to FIG. 4 in depicting utilitarian aspects of my invention, but with regard to the extent that the invention would embrace golf tees.

The scene in FIG. 1 is a panorama of a golf green showing two golf balls as they have rolled to a stop near the cup for which two contestants are striving to be first in. No. 1 player, crouching in FIG. 2, has accomplished a superior position in that his ball (No. 1, FIG. 1) is closer to the cup than is ball No. 2 of the other player. In accordance with custom, the player of No. 2 ball will putt first, being farther from the cup, giving No. 1 player the advantage of observing the lay of the green. However, the scene in FIG. 1 involves a typical stymie situation in that the ball of player No. 1 interdicts the intended path of the ball of No. 2 player toward the cup. It is incumbent upon No. 1 player to move his ball, enabling No. 2 player to have a clear shot at the cup, but in so doing, No. 1 player is charged with the responsibility of marking his putting position so that there will be no question as to his integrity when re-locating his ball for the putting stroke following that of No. 2 player.

A thin, tiny disc or stymie marker should ordinarily be used by No. 1 player to identify the stymie position of his ball appearing in FIG. 1. However, the need for such a marker is frequently neglected, and more often than not the player is hard put to find such a tiny item

among numerous tees, coins, keys and such sundries in the trouser pocket, or indeed in a pocket of the golf bag, off the green, to which No. 1 player may be compelled to retreat if he is a fastidious, though forgetful, devotee of the game.

Such a vicissitude is obviated by my invention in that a pocket-sized magnet, preferably of bar form, is disposed in the trouser or indeed skirt pocket of the player; and at the same time I make available a set of stymie markers have ferromagnetic properties, whereby the magnetically attractable stymie markers will be held to the exterior of the garment, at pocket level, by the flux of the magnet in the pocket.

Thus, I have shown in FIGS. 3 and 4 how my invention takes into account a bar magnet M, of the permanent kind (e.g. an Alnico magnet or one of barium ferrite) and an array of stymie markers SM attracted to the magnet due to ferromagnetic properties being imparted thereto. Such property may be imparted to the stymie marker by fabricating the stymie markers entirely of ferromagnetic material in the first instance (stainless steel, for example); or the marker can be of plastic or other basically non-ferromagnetic material having a ferromagnetic content such as embedded or coated iron filings or ferrite particles such as barium ferrite, $BaO \cdot 6Fe_2O_3$.

The magnet M is of superior strength such as when disposed in a trouser pocket P, FIG. 3, its magnetic field permeates the trouser leg TL of the garment thereby to hold on the exterior of the trouser leg an array of stymie markers SM readily available to the golfer. In fact, in FIG. 2, No. 1 player is in a crouched attitude, retrieving his ball after having placed thereunder one of the several stymie markers SM accessible at finger tip level on his right-hand trouser leg TL as shown in FIG. 2. Preferably, as shown in FIG. 3, the trouser pocket P is provided with an inner pocket IP, sized to neatly receive the magnet.

My invention is not limited to stymie position markers, for it can be applied equally well to golf tees which I also designate as a golf ball position marker in accordance with my invention. Thus, as shown in FIG. 5, the magnet M may be used equally well to present golf tees T at finger-tip level outside a garment pocket P. In this connection, the tees may be of ferromagnetic material per se, or of plastic form fabricated to contain a generous amount of iron filings of barium ferrite. Indeed by embedding iron filings or barium ferrite in a plastic tee, this will at the same time strengthen the tee against deformation, a common difficulty with plastic tees.

It will be seen from the foregoing that a principal advantage of my invention is that the ball position marker, be it a stymie disc or a tee, is presented in handy position to the golfer near his finger tips in the normal attitude of the golfer's arm. There need be no searching for the marker, available as it is on the outside of the garment pocket near thigh level.

I claim:

1. In a golfing garment including a pocket which will be adjacent the thigh of the player, a magnet disposed in said pocket, and a ball position marker possessing ferromagnetic properties located on the exterior of the garment at the level of the magnet in the pocket and which is held in place by the magnetic field of the magnet, the

level of the location for the marker being substantially at fingertip level in the normal attitude of the arm, whereby the marker is readily available on the outside of the pocket.

2. A garment according to claim 1 wherein the pocket thereof is near high thigh level presenting the marker near finger-tip level in the normal attitude of the arm of the golfer, the magnet being a bar magnet confined in an inner pocket and being of elongated form to hold an array of markers in a row available to the golfer.

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