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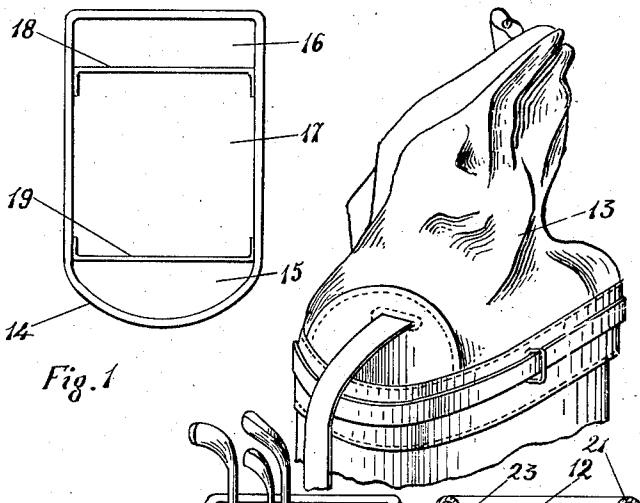


Fig. 1

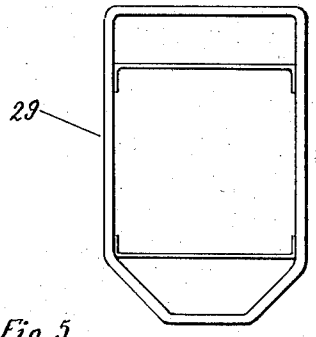


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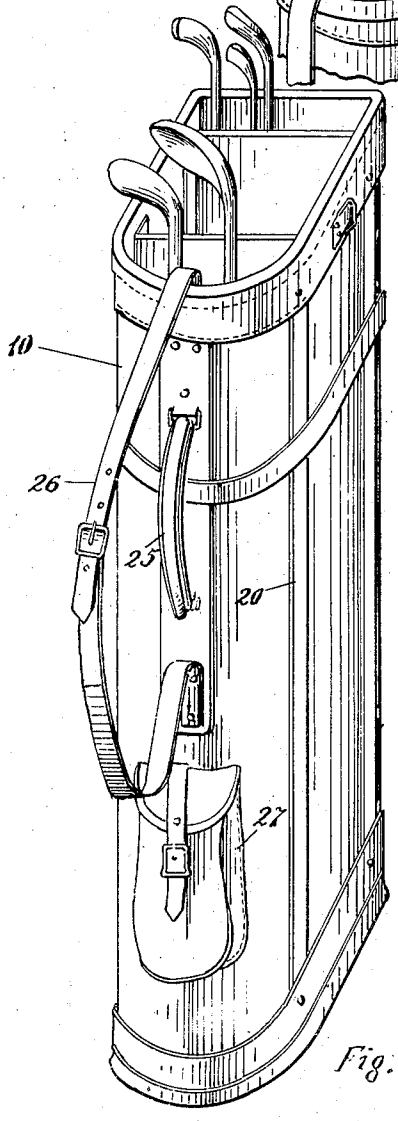


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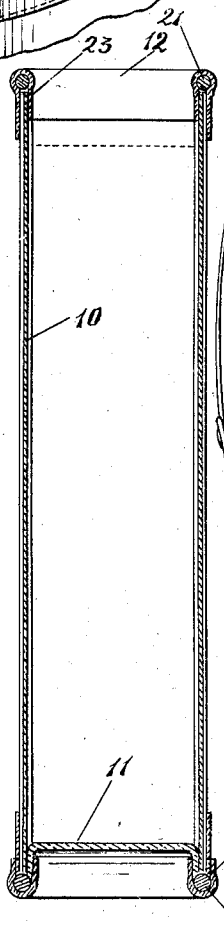


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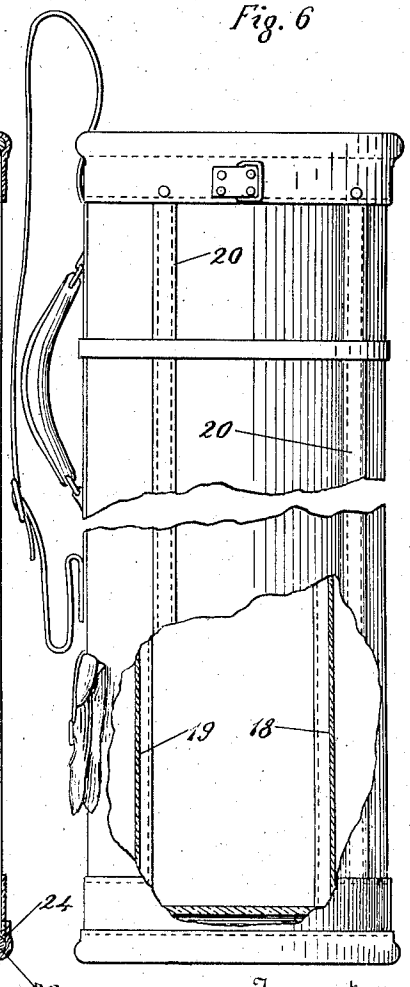


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. STEVENS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of New York, county of Kings, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a golf bag of a novel and improved design, and its main object is to provide a golf bag embodying several distinct and separate features, each aiming to correct shortcomings of golf bags at the present time in use, and the combination of which produces a bag in many respects more satisfactory and efficient.

Another object is to provide a golf bag, the form of which is such that the advantage and convenience in carrying afforded by the ordinary round section are retained, while at the same time certain advantages which may be derived by making the bag of a square or rectangular section, are also realized.

A further object is to provide a golf bag, the design of which is such as to conveniently provide for separation of the metal from the wood clubs, at the same time providing ample and separate room for clothes.

With these and other objects in view, as will more fully appear as the description proceeds, this invention furthermore consists in certain novel constructions and arrangements of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and claimed in the appended claims.

It is well known that the ordinary golf bag has a round, elongated shape, and consists of a single pocket into which the handles of the various clubs are inserted, provided, on the outside, with a handle and a shoulder strap for carrying purposes, and with a small auxiliary pocket for carrying the balls. This type of bag is generally produced by attaching a canvas body to a bottom plate made of leather or other suitable material, reinforcing the top with a leather ring, and by providing other leather trimmings at different points. Sometimes, a metal top and bottom reinforcing rings are also used.

However, bags of ordinary design are not sufficiently rigid to stand, and even if made sufficiently rigid their shape is such as to prevent any possibility of standing up, especially when clubs are inserted in the bag, rendering the bag top heavy. The result is, that the bag must either be continuously carried, or else it must rest against some point of support if laid down in a standing position, convenient for removing the clubs.

The carrying capacity of the ordinary golf bag is furthermore rather limited, owing to its round shape.

The handles of the clubs all being in one compartment, have a tendency to become mixed together, making it difficult to draw out the desired club; and another result of this arrangement, which is seriously objectionable, is that the handles are apt to rub against one another and also may be damaged by coming in contact with the metal heads of other clubs. This causes the handles, or binding or covering of the handles to become rubbed, loose or cut, causing inconvenience to the player.

In addition, clothes, golf shoes, etc., must generally be packed inside of the bag at random, becoming entangled with the clubs, and difficult to remove when needed.

The golf bag forming the object of the present invention, overcomes all the defects mentioned, and still retains the comparative light weight and ease of carrying of the ordinary golf bag; in fact, when being carried around, it rests against the body with a flat surface which divides the pressure on a more extended area, and which is far more comfortable to the bearer than the round surface of an ordinary bag filled with clubs.

The invention will be more fully explained by referring to the accompanying drawings, in which an embodiment of the invention is illustrated, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of my golf bag in the preferred form;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view in elevation of the same;

Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view in elevation of the same;

Fig. 4 is a side view in elevation of the same, partly broken off to show the inside partitions extending all the way to the bottom;

Fig. 5 is a view in perspective of the top part of the bag, protected by a hood or cover; and,

Fig. 6 is a plan view of a modified form of bag still remaining within the scope of the present invention.

My improved golf bag consists, essentially, of a tubular body 10, made of canvas or other suitable material, provided with a

bottom plate 11, preferably made of stiff leather, and the open top of which, 12, is preferably provided with a removable hood or cover 13. Instead of its section being round, as is the case with the usual bag, my bag is made with a rectangular section rounded or slanted at the rear, to fit comfortably under the arm, as shown at 14.

The rectangular section with rounded or slanted end thus obtained, practically as wide as the ordinary type of bag, but elongated from front to rear, is much roomier than that of the ordinary bag, and will accommodate iron and wood clubs, clothing, golf boots, etc., with much greater ease; and furthermore the bottom, on account of its straight sides and of its larger area, affords a much firmer base, and enables the bag to stand on fairly even ground of its own accord.

The shape of the bag, furthermore, permits of its being conveniently divided into several compartments, preferably a rear compartment 15 for the wooden clubs, a front compartment 16 for the irons, and a larger central compartment 17 for clothes, boots, etc. The irons are preferably carried in the front compartment on account of their greater weight, which will contribute towards holding the bag in its proper position in relation to the body when carried around.

The compartments mentioned are formed by means of crosswise partitions 18, 19, made of canvas or leather, and extending from the top all the way down to the bottom of the bag, the same being secured by stitching or riveting or in any other suitable manner to the sides. Besides dividing the bag into compartments of convenient size, these partitions serve the purpose of reinforcing ribs, which are by themselves sufficient to give to the bag sufficient stiffness to enable the same to stand without sagging, whether loaded or unloaded.

However, in practice I prefer to further reinforce the bag with longitudinal leather strips 20, which, besides adding to its strength, serve to improve its appearance; and it is obvious, that if still greater rigidity of construction should be desired, metal or wood stays may be added, running from top to bottom.

The shape of the bag is determined and maintained by metal top and bottom rings or frames 21, 22, which are concealed by leather trimmings 23, 24, and to which the canvas forming the body of the bag is attached.

The bag is provided at the rear with a handle 25, and with the usual shoulder strap 26 for carrying purposes, and a small outside pocket 27 for carrying balls is also provided.

A hood or cover 13 such as shown in Fig. 5 may be permanently attached to the bag, or the same may be made detachable and carried either in a pocket provided at the side, or in the compartment for clothes.

In Fig. 6 I show a bag 29, the rear end of which is tapering instead of rounded, the section being obtained simply by cutting off the rear corners of the rectangle.

This modified form is, to all intents and purposes, the equivalent of the form illustrated in the other drawings, and may be produced with equal ease; it has substantially the same advantages, and provides an alternative design which may appeal to a different taste.

The improved construction illustrated and described produces a bag of great stability and strength, extremely convenient for the player, on account of its ability to stand without support. The partitions extending all the way to the bottom positively prevent undue rubbing of the handles of the wood clubs with the iron clubs, and also prevent entanglement of the clubs with the clothes and other articles of apparel. These are conveniently held in a separate, roomy pocket, free of contact with the clubs, which might be wet or rusty, and might mar the clothes.

When the bag is carried under the arm, hanging from the shoulder strap, its rear rounded or slanted surface fits nicely under the arm, in fact, just as nicely as a bag of the present round type. The added room which is made available by the rectangular front portion can be used to great advantage, and does not noticeably increase the bulk of the bag.

It is obvious that, if desired, the front corners also may be rounded off to a certain extent, without detracting from the usefulness of the bag. Various other details may also be different from those shown, without departing from the spirit of this invention; and therefore I reserve myself the right to embody the invention in other forms suited to the convenience of the manufacturer, or to the desires of the user, and such as may enter, fairly, into the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A golf bag consisting of a hollow casing having an elongated substantially rectangular cross sectional outline, with a slanting rear end, provided with two longitudinal partitions running from side to side, reinforcing said casing, and dividing it into a front, a rear and an intermediate compartment.

2. A golf bag comprising a top and a bottom frame, each having an elongated substantially rectangular outline with a slanting rear end, a tubular body attached to said frames, a bottom plate attached to said body and to the bottom frame, and longitudinal partitions running from side to

side, reinforcing said body, and dividing it into a plurality of longitudinal compartments.

3. A golf bag consisting of a hollow casing having an elongated substantially rectangular cross sectional outline, with a slanting rear end, provided with side to side partitions dividing said casing into a plurality of longitudinal compartments, and a handle and a shoulder strap attached at the said rear end.

4. A golf bag comprising a top and a bottom frame, each having an elongated substantially rectangular outline with a slanting rear end, a tubular body attached to said frames, a bottom plate attached to said body and to the bottom frame, two longitudinal partitions running from side to side, reinforcing said body and dividing it into a front, a rear and an intermediate compartment, and a handle and a shoulder strap attached at the said rear end.

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