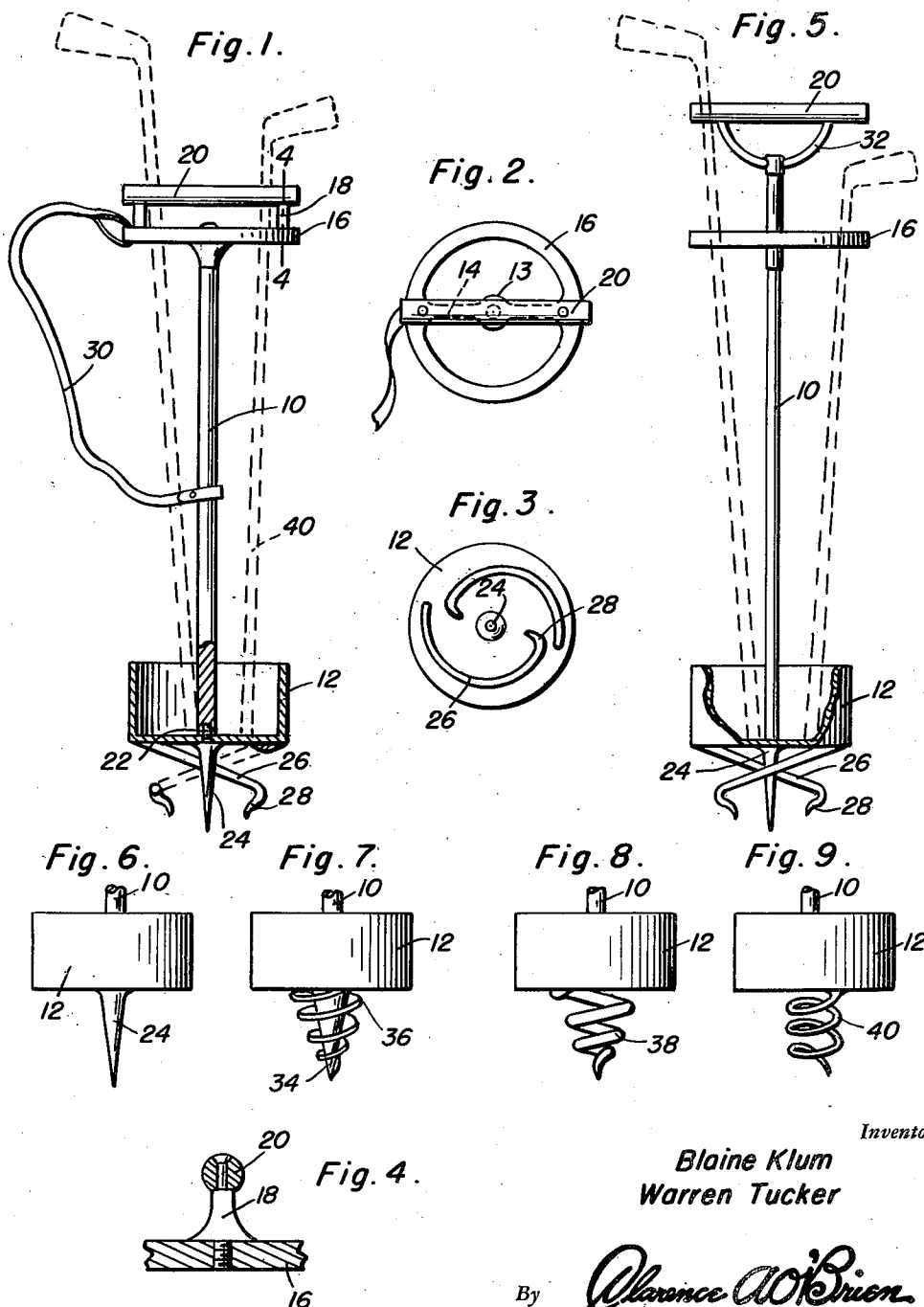


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in golf club carriers and the primary object of the present invention is to provide a carrier including terrain engaging means which will permit the same to be placed upright on the terrain to stand by itself at any desired location easily accessible to the golfer.

Another important object of the present invention is to provide a golf club carrier of simple and light construction that will enable both sexes of all ages to conveniently carry the same.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a carrier embodying novel and improved means whereby the same will securely engage the terrain to hold the carrier in an upright position.

A still further aim of the present invention is to provide a golf club carrier that is strong and practical in construction, efficient and reliable in use, relatively inexpensive to manufacture and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of the golf club carrier with parts broken away and shown in section, and with dotted lines showing clubs in position therein;

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the golf club retaining ring and hand grip with parts of the carrying strap broken away and shown in section;

Figure 3 is a bottom plan view of the golf club supporting member;

Figure 4 is an enlarged vertical sectional view taken substantially on the plane 4—4 of Figure 1;

Figure 5 is a front elevational view of the carrier in slightly modified form with parts thereof broken away and shown in section, and with dotted lines showing clubs in position in the carrier;

Figure 6 is a fragmentary elevational view of the lower portion of the carrier with the spiral blades removed therefrom;

Figure 7 is a fragmentary elevational view of the lower portion of the carrier in modified form;

Figure 8 is a fragmentary elevational view of the lower portion of the carrier in further modified form; and,

Figure 9 is a fragmentary elevational view of

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the lower portion of the carrier in still further modified form.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, and more particularly to Figures 1—4 inclusive, wherein for the purpose of illustration, there is disclosed a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the numeral 10 represents a preferably circular shaft having a dish-like member 12 rigidly secured to its lower end. Fixedly secured to the upper end of the shaft is the central hub-portion 13 of a diametrical element 14 integrally formed with a retaining ring 16, the axis of which is at right angles to the axis of the shaft.

Removably secured to diametrically opposite sides of the ring 16 are upwardly projecting arms or brackets 18 supporting a removable handle 20 of preferably leather or some suitable non-abrasive material and of a width greater than the width of the brackets or element 14. Also, it is preferred that the portion of the ring 16 between the element 14 be covered by a leather or non-abrasive material so that the shaft of the clubs carried by the device will be protected and will not engage the element 14.

Fixedly engaging aligned apertures in the central portion of the dish-like member 12 and the lower end of shaft 10 is the reduced portion 22 of a pointed member or shank 24 that engages the terrain at a selected point. Also fixedly secured to the lower face of the member 12 is a pair of oppositely disposed spiral arms 26 of resilient metal provided with ground engaging hooks 28 at their lower free ends.

A carrying strap 30 is provided for handling the carrier and the respective ends of the strap engage ring 16 and the lower portion of the shaft.

Reference is now directed to Figure 5, wherein there is disclosed the carrier in modified form. In this form, the upper end of the shaft 10 projects above the ring 16 and the handle 20 is supported above the end of the shaft by a pair of supporting arcuate arms 32, all other parts being similar to the previous description.

Figure 6 shows the lower portion of the carrier, the arms 26 removed therefrom.

Figure 7 is a modified form of the lower portion of the carrier showing the pointed element 34 of increased size and a spiral outwardly reduced blade 36 fixedly secured to the member 12 and surrounding element 34.

Figure 8 shows the lower portion of the carrier in further modified form showing the pointed element removed therefrom and showing a spiral

element 38 fixedly secured to the lower face of the member 12.

Figure 9 shows the lower portion of the carrier in still further modified form, the pointed element removed therefrom and a coiled element 40 fixedly secured to the lower face of the member 12.

In practical use of the device, by pressing downwardly on the handle 20 and turning the same slightly, the pointed element will become embedded in the terrain at any selected point with the shaft 10 and when any of the elements 26, 36, 38, 40 are applied to the member 12 the same will engage the ground surface to retain the shaft 10 in an upright position, with the handles of the golf clubs 40 disposed in member 12 and the lower head portions of the clubs bearing against the retaining ring 16.

It should be noted, that the axial disposition of the shaft 10 relative to the dish-like member 12 and the retaining ring 16 permits the weight of the clubs supported by the dish-like member to be concentrated or directed toward the pointed element 26. This construction assures the engagement of the pointed element into a ground surface with a reduction of the pressure needed for such a procedure. Also, unit weight of the entire device is relatively small in comparison to other such carriers. Further, the elements or prongs 26, 36, 38 and 40 are constructed of spring metal or tempered steel so that the same will retain their normal form when disengaged from a ground surface whereby the same may function efficiently in use over long periods of time. The resilient qualities of these elements also facilitate the same to engage or disengage the ground surface with great ease and convenience to the user.

Having described the invention what is claimed as new is:

A golf club carrier comprising a support member having a bottom wall, a ground penetrating element having an enlarged upper end engaging the under side of said bottom wall, an externally threaded nipple rising from the upper end of said element and projecting upwardly through said bottom wall, a shaft having a threaded recess in one end receiving the nipple to hold the shaft and element stationary against said bottom wall, and ground anchoring means carried by and depending from said bottom wall.

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