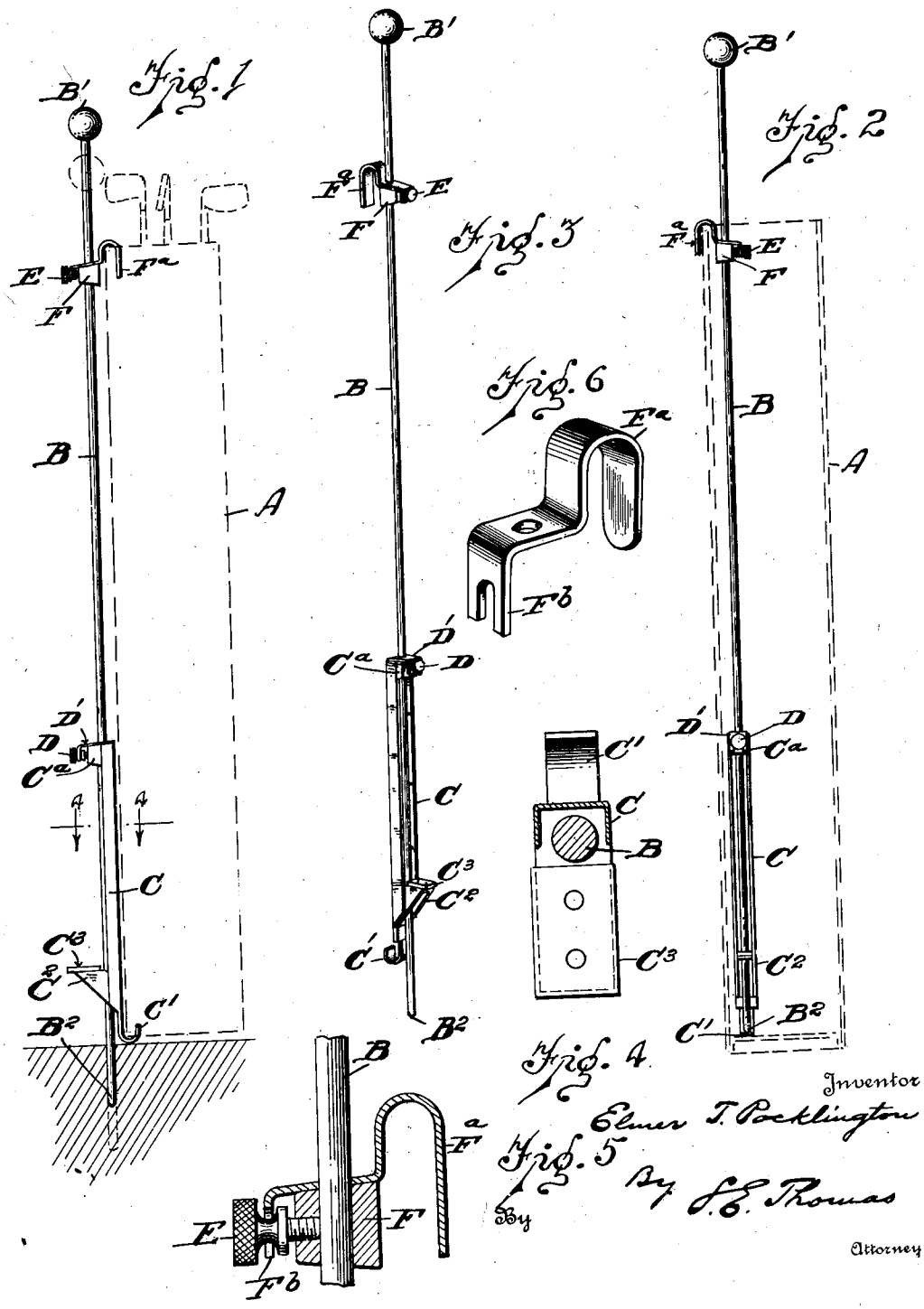
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELMER T. POCKLINGTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Devices for Supporting Golf Bags, and declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a device for supporting golf club bags in a vertical position, whereby the clubs may be readily available without stooping to lift the bag from the ground,—the golf bag is thus protected against damage due to moisture or from being soiled as a result of lying upon the ground when not employed in carrying clubs.

A further object of the invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device which may be adjusted for different lengths of bags and so that the end of the supporting rod may be forced into the earth to a greater or less extent contingent upon the condition of the ground necessary for it to penetrate,—for example if the ground is soft and contains considerable moisture it may be necessary to penetrate deeper therein in order to support the bag than if it is hard and dry.

A further object of the invention is to provide means whereby the device may be detached from the outside of the bag and adjusted that it may be carried within the bag when not employed to support the latter.

A further object of the invention is to provide means whereby the adjustable thumb screws employed to maintain the cooperating parts in their respective adjusted positions may not become accidentally detached therefrom and lost.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds the invention further resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed it being understood that changes may be made in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed without departing from the spirit of the same.

In the drawings accompanying this specification:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device attached to a golf bag showing the supporting rod inserted in the ground whereby the bag is maintained in a vertical position,—the supporting rod being also indicated in dotted lines as when forced into moist earth to a greater depth than necessary in hard and dry soil.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the device showing the supporting rod adjusted with reference to its cooperating parts in order that it may be housed within the bag without danger of puncturing the latter.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the device to more clearly disclose the channel-like construction of the adjustable fixture slidable upon the supporting rod.

Figure 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken on or about line 4—4 of Figure 1 looking toward the overlapping padded step of the adjustable fixture.

Figure 5 is an enlarged detail elevation and sectional view showing means for retaining the thumb screw—employed to secure the adjustable element to the supporting rod—against accidental detachment.

Figure 6 is a perspective view of a hook-shaped element and its depending bifurcated portion—adapted to straddle the shank of the thumb screw carried by the adjustable fixture and slidable upon the supporting rod,—to which the hook-shaped element is spot-welded.

Referring now to the letters of reference placed upon the drawings:

A denotes a golf bag of usual construction.

B indicates a supporting rod or tube of

suitable length fitted with a handle B^1 and pointed at its lower end B^2 that it may readily penetrate the soil.

Slidably mounted upon the supporting rod is a fixture C preferably of channel-like construction provided at its lower end with an upturned hook C^1 adapted to engage the lower hoop (not shown) at the end of a golf bag.

Projecting from the member C is a bracket C^2 forming a step, fitted with a leather or sheet rubber pad C^3 having projecting edges serving to protect the bag against wear when the device is lodged therein. The upper end of the fixture C is provided with a block C^a bored for the passage of the supporting rod and also tapped to receive a thumb screw D, adapted to bear upon the rod to secure the fixture in its adjusted position,—the rod may be provided, if desired, with a series of peripheral indentations to receive the end of the screw.

To provide against accidental dislodgment of the thumb screw D an overhanging hook-shaped plate D^1,—bifurcated to straddle the shank of the latter,—is spot-welded to the end of the block.

F indicates an adjustable block provided with a bore for the passage of the supporting rod B and fitted with a thumb screw E to impinge upon the latter to secure the block in its adjusted position. The block F is also provided with a hook-shaped member F^a designed to engage the upper ring of the golf bag and with a bifurcated portion F^b which straddles the shank of the set screw E to secure the latter against accidental dislodgment:—the hook-shaped member F being preferably spot-welded to the adjustable block.

Having now indicated the several parts by reference letters the construction and operation of the device will be readily understood:

The fixture C is first adjusted upon the supporting rod that the pointed end of the latter may enter the soil to a sufficient depth to support the bag in a vertical position;—the lower hook of the fixture being engaged with the ring at the bottom of the bag. The upper hook F is then adjusted that it may overlap and be secured to the upper ring of the bag. The player then grasps the handle B^1 on the end of the rod and with his foot upon the bracket C^2 forces the rod into the soil until the bottom of the bag is adjacent to or rests upon the surface of the ground,—thereby supporting the bag vertically in order that the clubs contained therein may be readily available.

When it is desired to move over the course the player withdraws the rod from the soil by means of the handle or knob B^1 at its upper end. At the end of the game the device may be readily detached from the bag and the supporting rod adjusted so that its relatively sharp penetrating end is protected by the lower hook C^1 before being housed in the bag that the latter may not be punctured by the point of the rod. It will be noted that the leather or rubber pad covering the foot bracket projects beyond the edge of the latter to protect the bag and clubs against injury through contact therewith.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:

1. In a device of the character described; a supporting rod; means carried by the rod adapted to engage the lower end of a bag; an adjustable member slidable upon the rod adapted to engage the upper end of said bag; means for securing said slidable member to the rod when adjusted, whereby the bag may be held parallel with the rod and in a substantially vertical position upon inserting the end of said rod in the ground.

2. In a device of the character described; a supporting rod; a pair of adjustable members slidable upon the rod adapted to engage a bag; means for securing said members to the rod when adjusted, whereby the bag may be held parallel with the rod and in a substantially vertical position upon inserting the end of the rod in the ground.

3. In a device of the character described; a supporting rod, a slidable fixture mounted upon said rod, provided with means for engaging the lower end of a bag: means for securing said fixture to the rod when adjusted; a block slidably mounted upon the rod provided with a hook adapted to engage the upper end of the bag; a set screw adapted to secure said block to the rod when adjusted, and means adapted to secure the set screw against dislodgement from the block while permitting its adjustment therein.

4. In a device of the character described; a supporting rod; a channel-like fixture sleeved upon the rod provided at its lower end with a hook-shaped element adapted to engage the lower end of a bag; means for securing said channel-like fixture to the rod when adjusted; an adjustable element slidable upon the rod, provided with a hook adapted to engage the upper end of said bag; a set screw adapted to secure said element to the rod when adjusted and means for securing said set screw against accidental dislodgment while permitting its adjustment in the slidable element.

5. In a device of the character described; a rod pointed at one end and fitted with a handle at its opposite end; an adjustable channel-like fixture slidable upon the rod fitted with means for engaging a bag at its lower end and with a projecting step, whereby foot pressure may be applied to force the rod into the ground; a set screw adapted to secure said channel-like fixture

to the rod when adjusted; a slidable block mounted upon the rod provided with a hook adapted to engage the upper end of the bag and means for securing the block to the rod when adjusted.

6. In a device of the character described; a supporting rod having a pointed end; an adjustable fixture slidable upon the rod provided with means for engaging a bag at its lower end with a projecting step to which foot pressure may be applied to force the rod into the ground; a set screw adapted to secure said adjustable fixture to the rod; a yieldable pad secured to the step with its marginal edges projecting beyond the edge of the step; a slidable block mounted upon the rod provided with a hook adapted to engage the upper end of the bag and means for securing the block to the rod when adjusted.

In testimony whereof, I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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