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GOLF BAG.

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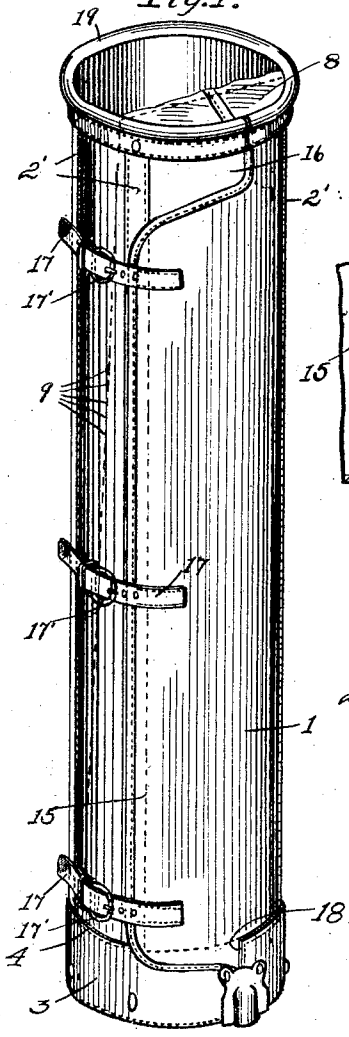

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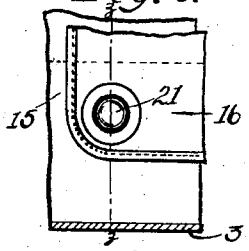

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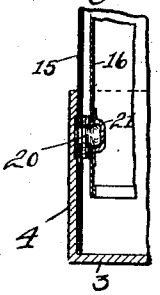

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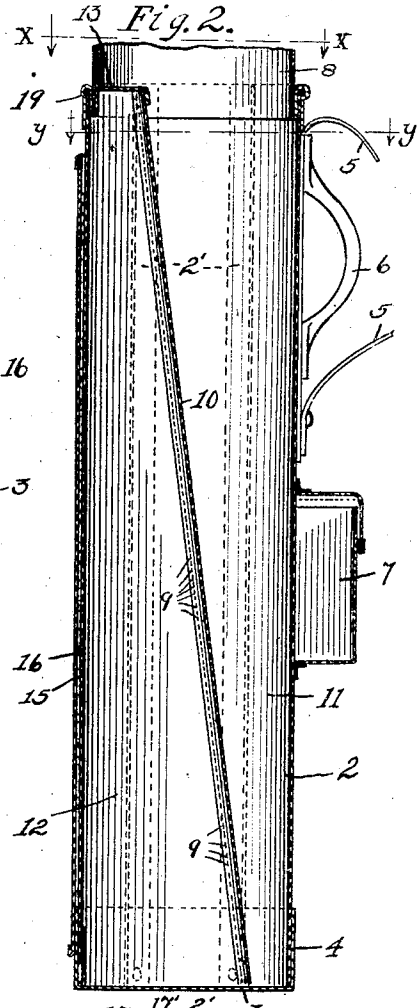

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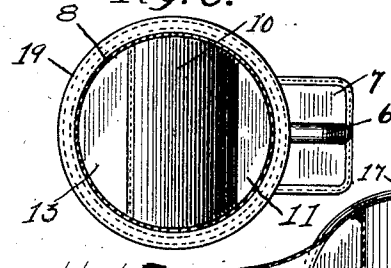

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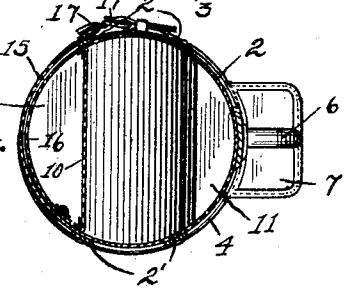

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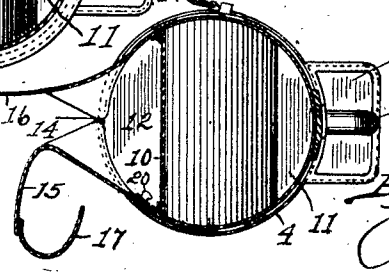

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. O'NEIL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to golf bags, that is, to bags designed for the reception and transportation of golf clubs.

The object of my invention is the provision of a bag of the character mentioned provided in addition to the usual compartment for the accommodation of golf clubs, with a second compartment designed to accommodate the wearing apparel or other appurtenances of the golf player.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

With these objects in view my invention consists in a golf bag characterized as above mentioned and in certain details of construction and arrangement of parts all as will be hereinafter fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

My invention will be more readily understood by reference to the acompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a golf bag in which is embodied my invention, Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section thereof, Figs. 3 and 4 are horizontally transverse sections taken respectively on lines *x x* and *y y* of Fig. 2, Fig. 5 is a section similar to that shown in Fig. 4, showing the flaps of the additional apparel compartment in opened position, Fig. 6 is an enlarged sectional detail showing a portion of the interior of the bag, and Fig. 7 is a detail longitudinal section taken on line *z z* of Fig. 6.

Referring now to the drawings, 1 indicates the cylindrical body of the bag comprised essentially of the lateral or vertical wall 2 formed preferably of a single piece of suitable flexible material, and a circular base 3 to the upwardly projecting peripheral flange 4 of which is secured, as by stitching, the lower edge of said lateral wall forming portion. The bag is shown equipped with the usual sling 5, the hand grip 6, the golf ball receptacle 7, and the flexible top closure 8 adapted, when the bag is employed during playing, to be folded to depending position inside of the latter, as shown in Fig. 1, so as to expose the extremities of the clubs carried; and at other times to be extending upwardly as shown in Fig. 2 to inclose and lock the latter therein. 2' indicates reinforcing ribs for the wall 2. Said details, however, have no bearing whatsoever upon my invention and may or may not be incorporated in the bag, as desired.

Longitudinally, preferably obliquely, extending in the body 1, the longitudinal edges thereof being secured, preferably by stitchings 9, to the inner surface of the wall 2, is a partition 10 coextensive in length with said body 1 and dividing the interior thereof into two independent compartments 11 and 12. The compartment 11 as seen, opens at the mouth of the bag and is designed for the reception of the golf clubs. The compartment 12 is closed at its upper extremity by a portion 13 secured, preferably by stitching, to the upper edges of the body and said partition. Access to the compartment 12 is gained through an opening 14 provided in the vertical wall 2 of the body, said opening extending preferably the entire length of the latter. To close said opening overlapping, flexible flaps 15 and 16 are provided, the same being formed preferably integrally with the vertical wall 2 of the body. Straps 17 spaced upon the flap 15 and projecting therefrom, and engaging buckles 17' are secured to the body adjacent to lock said flaps in closing position. As seen either of the extremities of the outer flap 15 is free, the lower end portion thereof preferably extending through a slit 18 provided in the base flange 4. The upper extremity of the inner flap 16 is preferably permanently secured to the reinforcing upper edging 19 of the body 1, the lower extremity thereof being detachably secured to the base 3, as by a ball and socket clasp the male and female parts 20 and 21 respectively of which, are suitably secured to the base flange 4 and said lower end portion of said flap.

It will be seen with such construction that a golf bag of durable design, of neat and finished appearance provided with a golf club compartment and an additional independent apparel compartment will be provided.

By placing the partition 10 obliquely in the bag, the club compartment is made large at the mouth for the accommodation of the heads of the clubs, while the lower portion

of the clothes compartment is made correspondingly large for the accommodation of heavier and bulkier articles of clothing. By forming the closing flaps of the clothes compartment integral with the walls of the bag and permanently securing the upper end of the inner flap and detachably securing the lower end of said flap, complete closure is effected, bulging prevented and ready access given.

While I have shown what I deem to be the preferable form of my device, I do not wish to be limited thereto as there might be many changes made in the details of construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of my invention comprehended within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. In a golf bag having side walls and a bottom, a substantially flat longitudinal partition secured to opposite sides of said bag and extending from the mouth thereof to the bottom, to divide said bag into a clothes and a stick compartment; a closure for the upper end of said clothes compartment, the arrangement being such that the bottom of the bag forms the bottom of each of said compartments; flaps at the side of said clothes compartment; and means for securing said flaps in closing position, substantially as described.

2. In a golf bag having side walls and a bottom, a substantially flat longitudinal obliquely disposed partition secured to opposite sides of said bag and extending from the mouth thereof to the bottom, to divide said bag into substantially equal clothes and stick compartments; flaps at the side of said clothes compartment; and means for securing said flaps in closing position, substantially as described.

3. In a golf bag having side walls and a bottom, a longitudinal obliquely disposed partition 10 stitched to said side walls; a closure 13 for the smaller end of one compartment formed by partition 10; flaps 15 and 16 composed of the ends of said side walls, the extremities of the outer flaps 15 being free and the upper extremity of the inner flap 16 being permanently secured and the lower extremity being secured by ball and socket clasp 20—21; and straps and buckles 17 and 17′ for securing said flaps, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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