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Fig. 1.

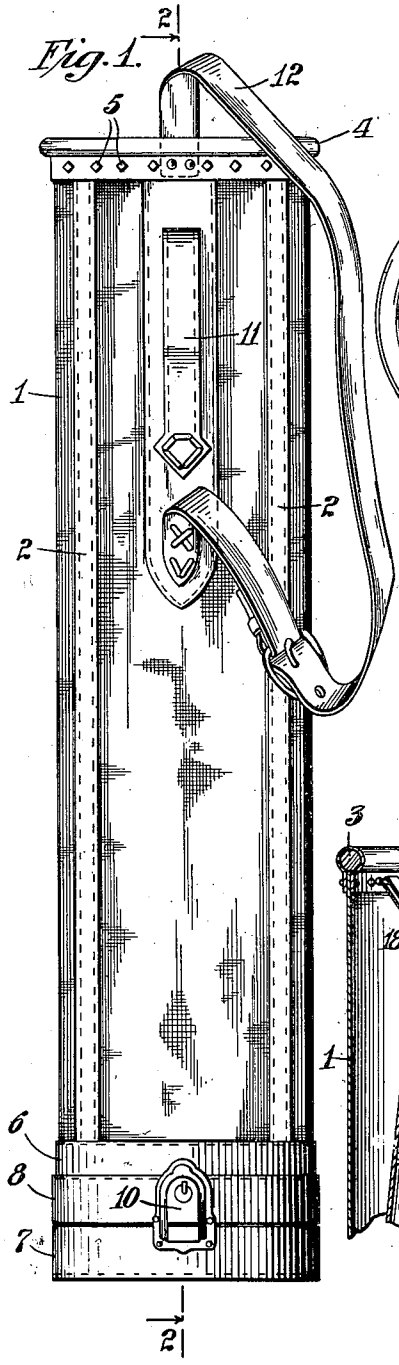


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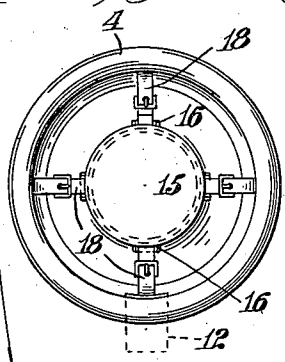


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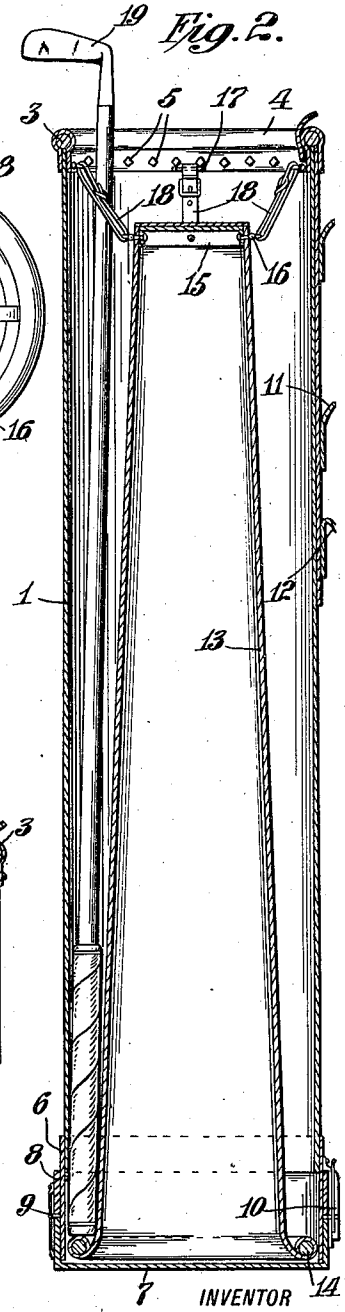
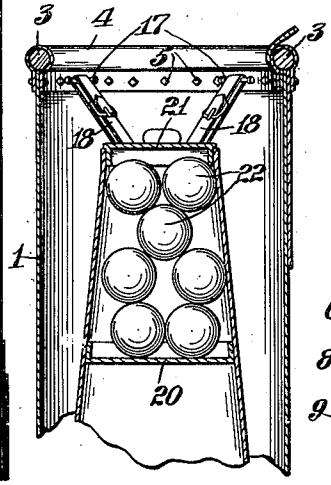


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW WELLS, a subject of Great Britain, residing at East Akron, in the county of Summit and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Golf Bags, of which the following is a description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to golf bags used to carry golf clubs and the objects of the invention are to provide a golf bag for carrying golf clubs, and also for carrying at the same time, golf shoes, clothes and the like so that the same can be easily packed and unpacked without removing the golf clubs or injuring the same in any manner.

To the accomplishment of the above objects and to such others as may hereinafter appear the invention comprises a golf bag having an open bottom communicating with an inner bag closed by means of a cover on the bottom of said golf bag. The invention further comprises means for securing said inner bag in said golf bag so as to make the same removable.

I will now proceed to describe my invention with reference to the accompanying drawings and will then point out the novel features in claims:

Figure 1 is a side view of a golf bag made in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a top view.

Figure 4 is a detail sectional view showing a ball pocket provided in the top of the inner bag.

In the drawings 1 designates the body of my improved golf bag made of canvas, leather or other suitable material, and provided in the present instance with suitable stiffening members 2. The top of the bag is, in the present instance, secured to a metal ring 3 by means of a strip of leather or other suitable material 4 held in position by means of suitable lacing 5.

The bottom of the body of the bag is, in the present instance, secured to a cylindrical band 6 made of leather or other suitable material. A suitable flanged cover 7 made of leather or other suitable material is provided for closing the bottom of the bag, the upper edge of the cover being arranged to engage the lower edge of a collar 8 secured to the cylindrical band 6 as clearly shown in the drawings.

In the present instance the cover 7 is hinged at one side to the bottom of the bag by means of a hinge 9 one end of which is secured to the collar 8 while the other end is secured to the flanged portion of the cover. On the side of the bottom of the bag opposite the hinge 9 is secured one portion of a lock 10, the other portion of the lock being secured to the flanged portion of the cover as clearly shown in the drawings.

The bag is also provided with a suitable handle 11 and shoulder strap 12 for carrying the bag.

In the present instance the interior of the bag is provided with a central pocket or inner bag 13 made of canvas or other suitable material.

The bottom of the inner bag 13 is preferably made substantially the width of the inner diameter of the outer bag and is provided with a metal ring 14.

The top of the inner bag 13 preferably does not extend to the top of the outer bag and is less in diameter than the outer bag, the inner bag being preferably tapered from the bottom upward as shown in Figure 2. The top of the inner bag, in the present instance, is provided with a flanged cover 15, suitable links 16, in the present instance four in number, being secured at suitable intervals to the flanged portion of the cover 15. Corresponding links 17 are also secured to the top of the inner edge of the outer bag and these links are connected by means of suitable straps 18 which hold the top of the inner bag in position as shown in Figure 2.

From the above description it will be seen that golf clubs, similar to the club 19, can be inserted in the outer golf bag around the inner sides thereof, the same being held in this position by means of the inner bag 13, the straps 18 acting to separate different clubs to prevent crowding.

From the above description it will also be seen that the bottom cover 7 can be unlocked and opened to permit of golf shoes, golf clothes, and the like being inserted, and the cover 7 closed and locked, without interfering with the golf clubs inserted in the top of the bag as before described.

The removal of the shoes, etc. from the inner bag by opening the bottom cover is a very simple operation compared with trying

to remove similar articles from an ordinary golf bag where the clubs, shoes, etc. are all inserted into the top of the bag.

The provision of the inner bag 13 for golf shoes, clothing and the like effectively separates these articles from the clubs, and prevents the sharp nails of the golf shoes from scratching the clubs. The inner bag 13 also prevents golf shoes and the like being crowded into one side of the bag so as to bend the shafts of the golf clubs all out of shape.

As the ends of the shafts of the golf clubs take up very little room around the inner edge of the bottom of the bag the bottom of the inner bag can be made comparatively wide so as to afford a large opening for the insertion of the golf shoes and the like.

The top of the inner bag is preferably made smaller than the bottom so as to afford ample room for inserting the golf clubs and the tapered construction insures the easy removal of shoes and the like from the inner bag when the bottom cover is opened.

The inner bag is very useful for carrying a rubber rain coat or the like as these coats are ordinarily very easily torn, but if the same is inserted in the inner bag it is out of the way and cannot be injured by inserting and removing the clubs from the bag in playing.

If desired the inner bag can easily be removed by unfastening the straps 18 and pulling the same out leaving the bag to be used as an ordinary golf bag.

If for any reason the player does not care to use the outer bag, which is often the case when the player has to carry his own clubs, the inner bag can be removed and used for this purpose, the inner bag being much lighter and more easily carried than the heavy outer bag.

By referring to Figure 4 it will be seen that the upper end of the inner bag has been provided with a partition 20 the top of the inner bag being provided with a removable cover 21 so as to provide a small pocket for golf balls 22.

While the invention has been described with particular reference to the details of construction the same is not to be considered as limited thereto as many changes can be made and still fall within the scope of the invention set forth in the following claims.

What I claim is:

1. A golf bag open at the top and bottom, a cover for closing the bottom of said bag, and a tapered cylindrical inner bag located in the central portion of said bag the large end of said inner bag being open and arranged to communicate with the bottom of said bag.

2. A golf bag open at the top and bottom, a cover for closing the bottom of said bag, a tapered inner bag located in the central portion of said bag, the large end of said inner bag being open and arranged to communicate with the bottom of said bag and means for securing the top of said inner bag to the top of said bag.

3. A golf bag open at the top and bottom, a cover for closing the bottom of said bag, an inner bag located in the central portion of said bag, the bottom of said inner bag being open and substantially the width of the internal diameter of the bag, the top of said inner bag being closed and of less width than the inner diameter of the bag.

4. A golf bag open at the top and bottom, a cover for closing the bottom of said bag, an inner bag open at the bottom centrally located in said bag and extending from the open bottom of said bag to the vicinity of the top and means for securing the top of said inner bag in a central position in said bag.

5. A golf bag open at the top and bottom, a cover for closing the bottom of said bag, an inner bag having an open end communicating with the bottom of said bag, and a pocket arranged in the other end of said inner bag.

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

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