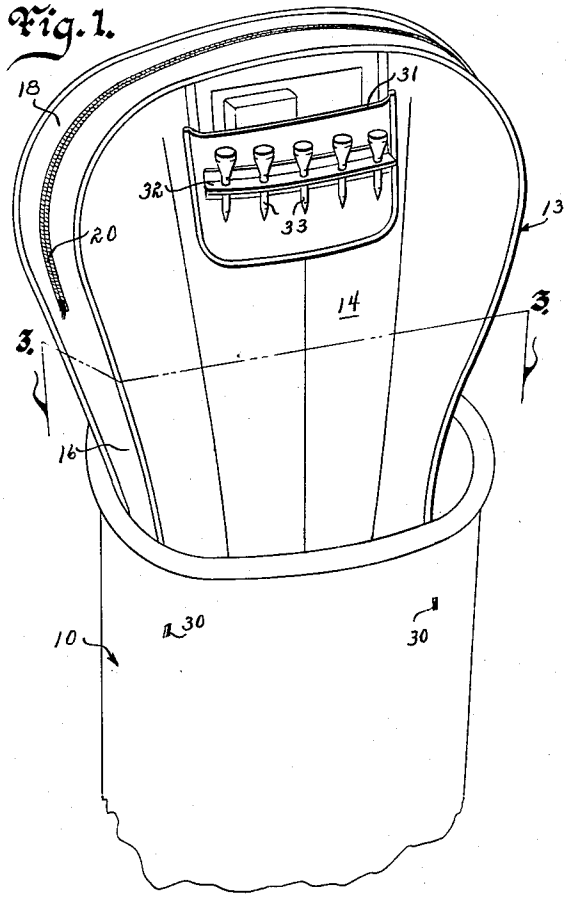
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Fig. 1.



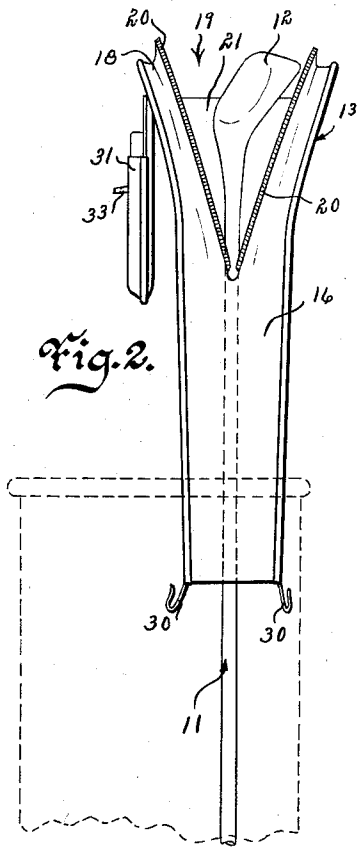
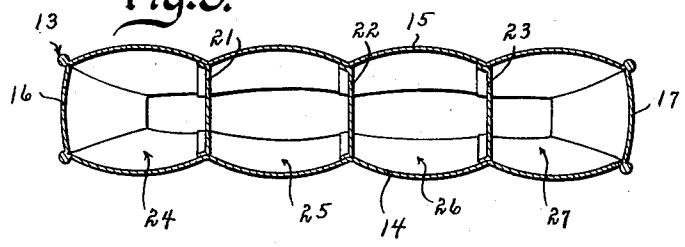


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to the game of golf and more particularly to a separate compartment hood for the protection of the heads of a plurality of golf clubs.

It is now common practice to protect the heads of golf clubs, and especially the wood heads of drivers, by encasing the head with a detachable wool or like hood glove. Such protective means is highly necessary and desirable. However, each club head is individually so sheathed, and to use the club, it is first necessary to remove the hood glove. After the stroke is made, the hood glove is replaced onto the club head. One problem is always the question as to what to do with the hood glove while it is removed and during the time the stroke is being made. This is particularly true of women golfers. Some stuff the hood glove down into the golf bag. Men golfers may place the hood glove in a pocket. The result is that the hood glove is often not returned to the golf head after making the stroke. In fact, the hood glove is frequently misplaced or lost entirely. In any event, the club head becomes damaged when it is not protected. Still another objection to the herebefore golf club head protectors is that, after the game, they must all be removed so that visual observation is possible to determine whether or not a club or clubs need cleaning. Also, a hood glove may be numbered and accidentally placed onto a club head of a different number. Thus, players will quite frequently remove a hood glove to definitely ascertain the club number, and if the hood gloves and clubs are mixed up, it may be necessary to remove several hood gloves before the correct club is found.

Therefore, one of the principal objects of my invention is to provide a golf club head protective means that may be directly associated with a golf bag, thereby eliminating the problem of caring for the same while the golf club is being used to make a stroke.

A further object of this invention is to provide a golf club head protective hood unit that will accommodate a plurality of heads of golf clubs.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a multiple golf club head protective hood means that has a single withdrawal and replacement opening whereby when it is opened the heads of all the golf clubs being protected will be observable.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a multiple golf club head hood container that may be secured to a golf bag or, if desired, used independently of a golf bag.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a golf club head protector that permits a wet or soiled club just used to dry out.

Still further objects of my invention are to provide a multiple golf club head protective hood that is economical in manufacture, durable in use, and refined in appearance.

These and other objects will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

My invention consists in the construction, arrangements, and combination, of the various parts of the

device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained as hereinafter more fully set forth, specifically pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my device in use on a golf bag;

Fig. 2 is a side view of my protective hood in open condition and illustrating the holding of a golf club therein; and

Fig. 3 is an enlarged horizontal cross sectional view of my device taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1, and more fully illustrates its construction.

In these drawings, I have used the numeral 10 to generally designate an ordinary golf bag open at its top. The numeral 11 generally designates a golf club having the golf club head portion 12. I have used the numeral 13 to generally designate my hood having an open bottom, a front 14, a back 15, a side 16, a side 17, and a top 18. The front 14 and back 15 increase in width as they extend upwardly, and the extreme top area of the device is rounded, as shown in Fig. 1. By this construction, there are no upper corners and the dimension of the inside top area of the hood is enlarged to accommodate the heads of the golf clubs to be protected. In the top portion 18 is an elongated opening 19 extending parallel to the side and back portion. This slit opening 19 is closable by being closed by an ordinary Zipper 20, as shown in Fig. 1. The sides 16 and 17 and the top 18 are narrow in width relative to the width of front 14 and back 15 so that the complete item has considerable spread but narrow width, as shown in Fig. 3. I have a plurality of compartments in the device and any suitable number may be created by vertical partition walls. In the drawings, I show three spaced apart vertical partition walls 21, 22 and 23. These three partitions are secured to (by sewing or like), and extend between the front 14 and back 15, as shown in Fig. 3, and create the four compartments 24, 25, 26 and 27. The partitions 21, 22 and 23 extend from near the bottom of the unit upwardly to near the top of the unit. Due to the shape of my golf club head hood, the compartments 24, 25, 26 and 27 will have their lower ends embracing the shaft portions of the golf clubs and their upper areas will embrace the heads of the golf clubs, as shown in Fig. 2. The lower end portion of the hood may be extended into the inside top area of a golf bag, as shown in Fig. 1. It may be permanently secured to the golf bag or may be detachably secured thereto by any suitable means. In the drawings, I have secured a plurality of hooks 30 on the bottom end of the hood which may be hooked into the golf bag wall. When my device is used with a golf bag, the major portion of the golf club shafts will extend downwardly into the golf bag. The upper or head end of the golf clubs will be in the compartments, respectively, of my hood and will be individually protected and separated from each other. To remove a club, the Zipper fastener is opened and the heads of all four clubs will be on display and the one desired will be selected and merely lifted upwardly, free of the bag and hood. The club is as easily replaced and the Zipper fastener closed. The hood compartments will rather loosely embrace the club heads, thereby permitting them to dry, provided they had become wet from usage. To inspect the clubs to ascertain if they need cleaning or repair after use, it is merely necessary to open the Zipper fastener, at which time the club heads are all observable. With all the clubs exposed by opening the Zipper fastener, the correct selection of the club desired is rapid and easy. By the use of my multiple club hood, there is no problem of removing, losing, or replacing individual hood gloves.

My hood may be made of any suitable material, such

as leather, plastic, or like. If the material selected is waterproof, the heads of the clubs will be protected from the weather. Usually, only the wooden headed clubs will be housed in my hood unit and the other clubs inserted into the golf bag at one side of the hood. However, if desired, more than one of my hood units may be secured into a single golf bag. If desired, ordinary shaft tubes may extend downwardly from my hood unit into the golf bag. On the face **14** of my unit, I provide a pocket **31** for holding various items. On the pocket I have a tee rack **32** for holding tees **33**.

Some changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of my multiple golf club head protector without departing from the real spirit and purpose of my invention, and it is my intention to cover by my claims, any modified forms of structure or use of mechanical equivalents which may be reasonably included within their scope.

I claim:

1. In a golf bag, a multiple golf club head hood, comprising, a fan-shaped container having two substantially flat sides and a single strip forming its two ends and top and having its bottom open and extending into said golf bag, said strip having a closable opening at the top of said container, and a plurality of vertical partitions in said container and extending substantially to the bottom of said container creating a plurality of compartments; each compartment having its open bottom communicating with the inside of said golf bag and its top communicating with the closable opening in the strip at the top of said container; said compartments extending laterally in a row.

2. In a golf bag, a multiple golf club head hood, comprising, a fan-shaped container having two substantially flat sides and a single strip forming its two ends and top and having its bottom open and extending into said golf bag, said strip having a closable opening at the top of said container, and a plurality of vertical partitions in said container and extending substantially to the bottom of said container creating a plurality of compartments; each compartment having its open bottom communicating with the inside of said golf bag and its top communicating with the closable opening in the strip at the top of said container; said compartments extending laterally in a row; said closable opening being operated by a Zipper fastener.

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