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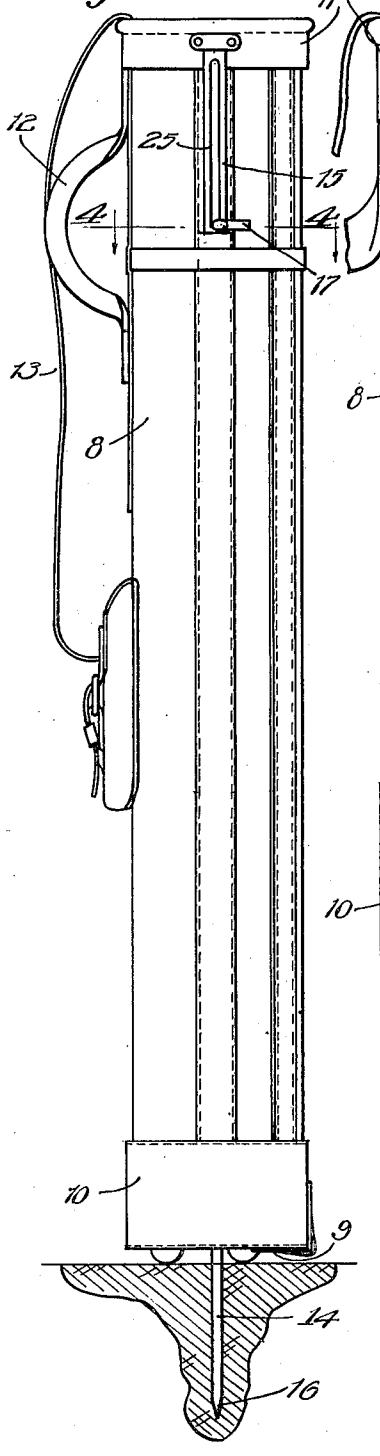

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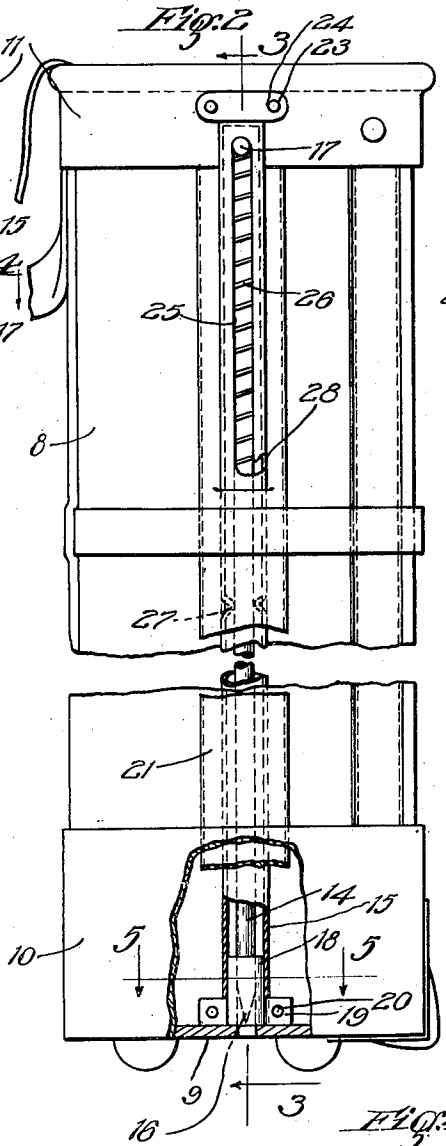

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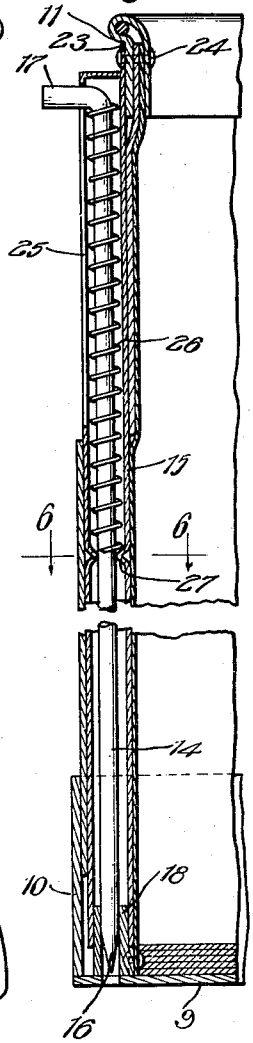

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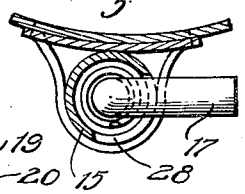

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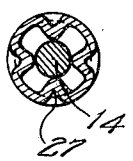

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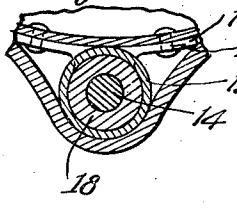

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER H. FAIRCHILD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf Bags, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to golf bags and its object is to provide a bag with means whereby it may be secured in erect position, so that the player may conveniently set the bag down at any point on the links in an erect position so the handles of the clubs will be within convenient reach without stooping to the ground for them.

The invention consists in the several novel features hereinafter set forth and more particularly defined by claims at the conclusion hereof.

In the drawings: Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a golf bag embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view upon a larger scale, parts being broken away, the stake being shown in its inoperative position. Fig. 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a section taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a section taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 2. Fig. 6 is a section on line 6—6 of Fig. 3.

The invention is exemplified in a golf bag which comprises a cylindrical body 8, a bottom 9, a lower reinforcing band 10 and an upper marginal reinforcing band 11 which are all suitably secured together as well understood in the art. In practice, the body of the bag is usually formed of flexible material, such as canvas and the bands of leather. While the invention is applicable to bags of this construction, it will be understood that it may be applied to other forms of golf bags. A handle 12 and a shoulder strap 13 are secured to the bag for convenience in carrying it.

A rod 14 is vertically slidable in a metallic tube 15 which extends longitudinally of the bag. The lower pointed end of this rod is adapted to extend below the bottom 9 and to penetrate the ground to serve as a stake whereby the bag will be held in an upright or vertical position. The rod is also extended to the upper end of the bag and is there provided with a handle 17 by which the stake may be raised or lowered without stooping on the part of the player. A socket 18 fits into the lower end of tube 15 and is provided with lugs 19 which are secured to the body of the bag by rivets 20. The lower portion of the rod 14 fits in the socket 18 and is guided and held laterally thereby. This socket serves to secure the lower portion of the tube to the bag. If desired, a stay strip 21, which is usually formed of leather and stitched to the body 8, may be extended around a portion of the tube to cover it and the band 10 may also be extended around the lower portion of the tube. The upper end of the tube 15 may be provided with integral lugs 23 which are secured to the bag by rivets 24 which extend through the band 11 and the upper margin of body 8. The upper portion of the tube is provided with a vertically extending slot 25 which guides the handle 17 and permits it to be raised and lowered. A spring 26, coiled around the upper portion of rod 14, engages indentations 27 in tube 15, which act as a lower stop, and engages the handle 17 to urge the rod upwardly against the upper end of slot 25 so that the rod will be normally held in its raised position. The lower end of slot 25 is provided with a notch 28 into which the handle 17 is adapted to be turned to lock it against upward movement by the spring, so that the pointed end 16 of the rod may be secured in its projected and operative position.

In the use of the bag, the stake will be normally held in raised position by spring 26, so that while the bag is being carried around, its pointed end or stake 16 will be protected and concealed. When the user desires to set the bag down, he will depress handle 17 against the force of spring 26 and turn it laterally into notch 28 so that it will be locked against upward movement by the spring and so that the pointed end 16 of the rod will extend below the bottom 19 of the bag and into the ground. In this position, the rod will be rigid with the bag and secure it in a vertical or upright position. When the bag is to be carried, the user will release the handle 17 from notch 28 and spring 26 will return the rod to its normal position.

The invention exemplifies a cloth bag provided with conveniently operable means for securing it in a vertical position so that the handles projecting from the top will be within convenient reach of the player. The tube 15, besides guiding the rod, stiffens

the bag vertically, so that it will not collapse. The device may be applied to a bag at a slight cost and is of great advantage when the player is without a caddy.

The invention is not to be understood as restricted to the details set forth, since these may be modified within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

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

1. The combination with a golf bag, of a stake movably mounted thereon and adapted to extend beyond the bottom of the bag and into the ground to hold the bag in an upright position, and means for positively locking the stake in its extended and operative position, both when it is in and out of the ground.

2. The combination with a golf bag, of a stake movably mounted thereon and adapted to extend beyond the bottom of the bag and into the ground to hold the bag in an upright position, means for positively locking the stake in its extended and operative position both when it is in and out of the ground, and a spring for holding the stake in its inoperative position when the locking means is inoperative.

3. The combination with a golf bag, of a stake movably mounted thereon and adapted to extend beyond the bottom of the bag and into the ground to hold the bag in an upright position, an angularly extending handle integrally formed on the upper end of said stake, and means for positively locking the handle to hold the stake in its extended and operative position both when the stake is in and out of the ground.

4. The combination with a golf bag, of a tubular guide secured to said bag and provided with a slot, a rod provided with a stake at its lower end slidably mounted in said guide and adapted to extend beyond the bottom of the bag and into the ground to hold the bag in an upright position, and at its upper end with an integrally formed handle extending at right angles thereto, said handle extending through the slot in the guide, and a notch at the lower end of said slot to positively lock the handle so that the stake may be held in operative position both when it is in and out of the ground.

Signed at Chicago, Illinois, this 5th day of July, 1922.

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