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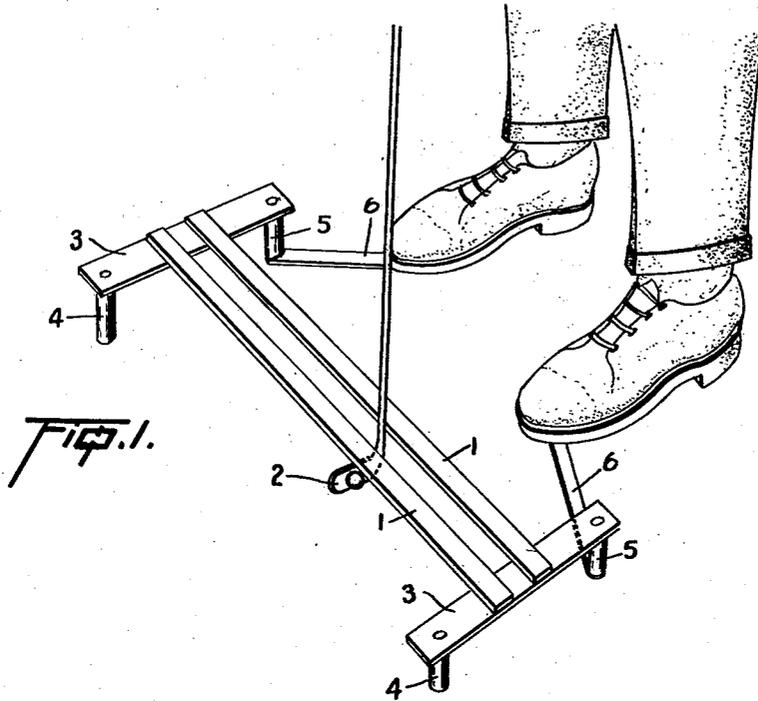


FIG. 1.

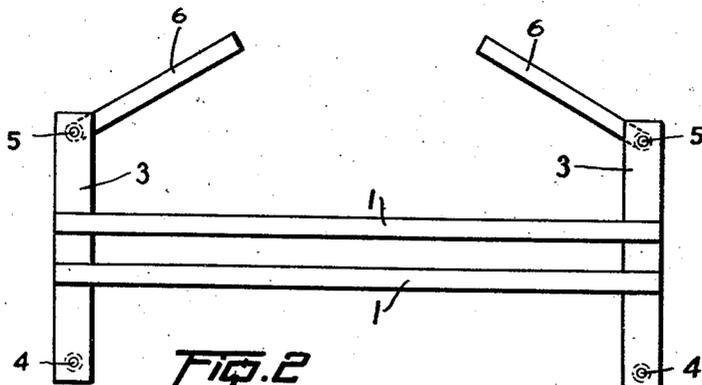


FIG. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED C. FLETCHER, residing at the village of Estevan, Province of Saskatchewan, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Putter Guides for Golfers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in putter guides for golfers and the object of the invention is to devise a guide which will enable one learning golf to practice putting with precision and thereby learn to putt accurately.

My invention consists of two parallel bars through which the shaft of the putter is designed to be inserted so as to carry the head underneath the bars, two end bars supported by end feet, the inner placed end feet, having straps or braces extending diagonally inwardly so that the putter guide may be held by the feet in a definite position when the putter is played, as hereinafter more particularly explained.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my improved putter guide.

Fig. 2 is a plan view.

1—1 are two parallel bars suitably spaced in order to allow the shaft and head of the putter 2, to be readily inserted and allow of a free movement longitudinally of the shaft of the putter between the bars.

The bars 1—1 are secured at the ends on the cross bars 3, which are each provided with feet 4 and 5, to support the bars 1—1 at a sufficient distance from the green, to allow of a free movement of the head of the putter on the green.

The bars 1—1 are of a determined length such length being sufficient to allow of the maximum length of stroke in putting.

6 are braces or straps which are suitably fastened to the inner feet 5 and extend diagonally as indicated. The golfer places his feet on the ends of the braces or straps, and thereby holds the frame consisting of the parallel bars 1—1, and end bars 3—3, forming a frame in a definite position ready for use. In Figure 1 the golfer is shown with his feet on the ends of the braces or straps and the golf club is shown with the shaft through between the bars and the head un-

derneath the front bar 1 and the ball and head in position at the finish of a stroke. It is not necessary here to describe the movement of the club, but it may be said that the starting position would be about one third of the way from the finishing position, and the limit of the back swing at the opposite end of the bars to that at which the head of the club is shown in Figure 1.

It will now be seen that a device such as I have described and shown not only limits the movement of the club, but serves to cause the movement thereof in a straight line and necessarily as the head of the club cannot rise, the movement of the club will be on a level and therefore not only will the ball be insured of going straight as to direction, but also as there is no lift to the head, the ball should also run close to the ground and not rise as is frequently the case where a guide is not used.

It will be understood that my guide is used only in practice and after considerable practice with it the golfer should be able mechanically to use his club, giving it not only a straight but a level swing which is an important desideratum to those who desire to play golf.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A putting guide for golf comprising two parallel bars, suitably spaced apart and a support for each end of the same, and means for retaining the support in position during play.

2. A putting guide for golf comprising two parallel bars, suitably spaced apart, cross end bars suitably secured to the ends of the parallel bars and means for supporting the end bars from the ground and holding them in a definite position.

3. A putting guide for golf comprising two parallel bars, suitably spaced apart, cross end bars suitably secured to the ends of the parallel bars, end feet for the bars and straps attached to the end feet, and extending out from the same.

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