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Fig. 1

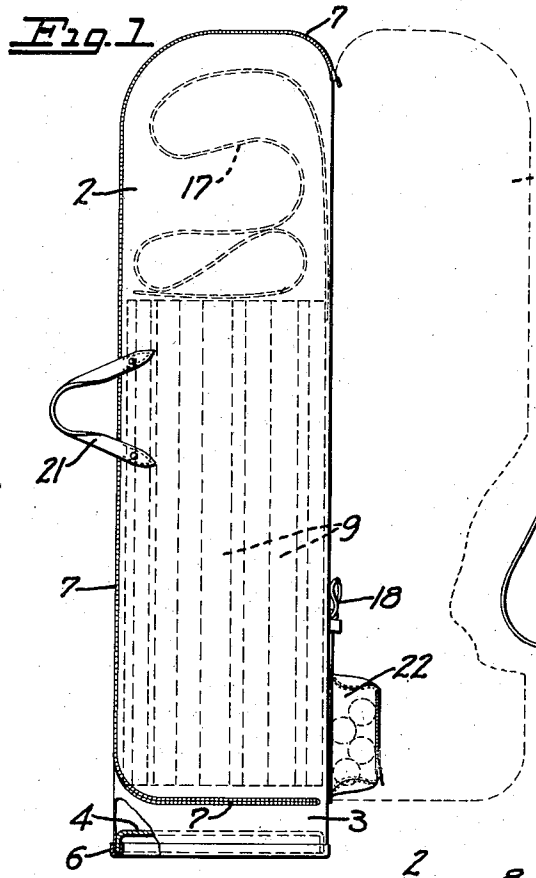
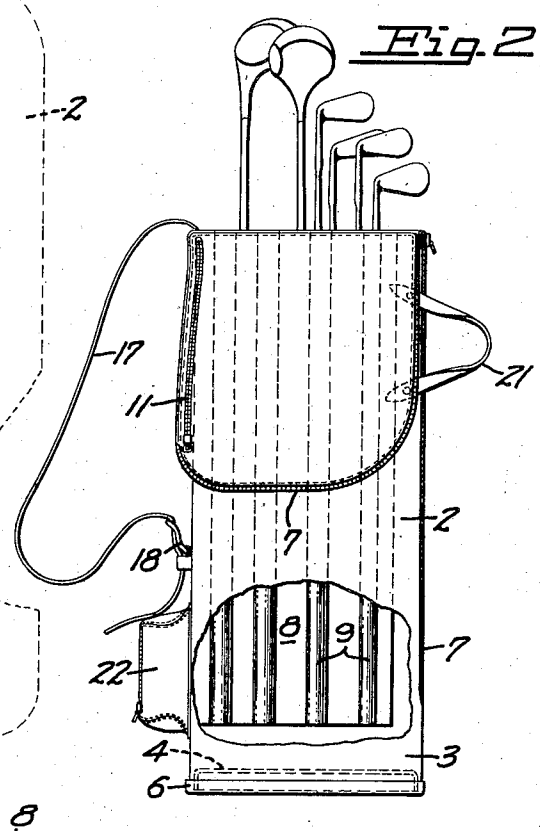


Fig. 2



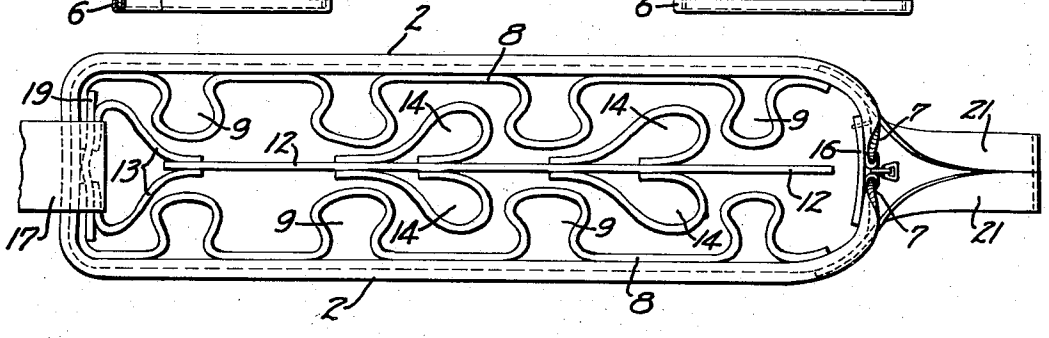


Fig. 3

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My invention relates to a golf bag, and it is among the objects of my invention to provide a bag which is more convenient for traveling when the golf clubs are not actually in use.

Another object of my invention is to provide a golf bag which may be opened like a suit-case for enclosing wearing apparel and other excess golfing paraphernalia.

Another object of my invention is to provide a golf bag having suitable pockets for carrying excess equipment under playing conditions.

Still another object of my invention is to provide a golf bag which gives added protection to and maintains an orderly arrangement of the golf clubs.

The invention possesses other objects and features of advantage, some of which, with the foregoing, will be set forth in the following description of my invention. It is to be understood that I do not limit myself to this disclosure of species of my invention as I may adopt variant embodiments thereof within the scope of the claims.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of the golf bag embodying my invention; portions of the bag being broken away to show the construction more clearly, and the dotted lines indicating the position of the side flap when opened.

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the bag under playing conditions.

Figure 3 is a top view looking down at the bag in its playing condition.

In terms of broad inclusion, the golf bag embodying my invention comprises a body portion and a ground engaging or base portion. A side of the body portion is formed as a flap adapted to be opened to give access to the interior of the bag for packing articles when traveling, and means are provided for fastening the flap in its closed position. The body is preferably of a flexible material, and the lower portions thereof which form a club compartment are preferably reenforced, while the upper flexible portions provide the hood. Pockets are provided in the club compartment, and a panel or leaf is also preferably provided to divide the compartment. A carrying strap is connected at one end in the club compartment and is adapted to be connected at the other end to the outer portions of the body. Hand grips are also provided on the outer portions of the body.

In greater detail, the golf bag embodying my invention comprises a body formed by a similarly shaped pair of side flaps 2 foldably connected along one of their edges. These side flaps are preferably rounded at the tops, as best shown in Figure 1, to give the desired shape to the upper or hood portions of the bag. The connected side flaps making up the body of the bag are preferably formed from a single sheet of flexible material, such as soft leather or fabric.

A ground engaging or base portion 3 is provided and is joined to the body portion of the bag by being connected to the lower edge of one of the side flaps 2. Preferably the base portion 3 is formed as a part of the sheet employed in making up the body portion. A bottom wall 4 is mounted in the base and a protecting shoe or ring 6 is provided. Note Figure 1.

A slide fastener is preferably provided for connecting the free lower edge of the forward side flap to the base 3 and for detachably connecting the other free edges of the flaps together. This arrangement is best shown in Figure 1. It will be noted that the slide fastener extends along the top of the bag and then down along an end wall and finally around and across a side wall at a point above the bottom wall.

When the slide fastener is open for its entire length the forward side flap 2 is freed along its top, bottom and one side edge, so that this flap may be opened as shown by the dotted lines in Figure 1. This opening of the flap gives access to the entire interior portion of the bag for the packing of wearing apparel and other excess golfing paraphernalia when traveling. As shown in Figure 3, the bag is generally rectangular in cross-section, and when the slide fastener 7 is open the side flap 2 which is uppermost when the bag is lying on its side may be raised in much the same manner as the lid of a suit-case.

The lower portions of the side flaps 2 which make up the club compartment of the bag are lined with sheets 8 of a relatively stiff material, such as rawhide. This lining serves to reenforce the walls of the club compartment, and also provides pockets 9 for the clubs. The pockets are conveniently formed by loops or folds provided in the lining, as shown in Figure 3. The upper portions of the flaps 2, which are left in their flexible condition, provide the hood of the bag, and in the playing condition of the latter are adapted to fold down over the club compartment, as shown in Figure 2. The hood is preferably lined with a soft flexible material to provide a pocket when the hood is folded down. This pocket is preferably opened by a slide fastener 11 arranged as shown in Figure 2.

As best shown in Figure 3, the inner portion of the club compartment is divided by a panel 12

pivotally connected along one edge to the side flaps 2 by suitable hinge strips 13. This panel or leaf is convenient for separating such articles as dirty shoes from other elements of wearing apparel which are packed in the case or bag. Preferably loops of strip material are mounted on the sides of the panel 12 to provide additional golf club pockets 14.

As also shown in Figure 3, a tongue 16 is provided in the club compartment of the bag. This tongue comprises a strip of flexible material secured along one edge to one of the side flaps 2 and arranged to extend over the slide fastener 7. In the playing condition of the bag, as illustrated in Figure 2, this tongue prevents the slide fastener from injuring the clubs when the latter are placed loosely in the bag.

A carrying strap 17 is provided and is permanently connected at one end within the club compartment and is adapted to be detachably connected at the other end to the outer side of the bag. This arrangement permits the strap to be stored within the bag when the latter is closed for traveling, as shown in Figure 1. In the playing condition of the bag, when the hood is folded down as illustrated in Figure 2, the strap 17 may be connected to a suitable buckle 18.

A reenforcing strip 19 is preferably provided across the end wall where the side flaps are permanently connected together, and the manner in which the carrying strap 17, lining sheets 8, hinge strips 13 and reenforcing strip 19 are connected together and to the side flaps is clearly shown in Figure 3. Suitable hand grips 21 are provided and are mounted on the outside of the bag. These hand grips are useful in handling the bag on the golf course and also serve as the means for carrying the bag when the latter is closed for traveling. A golf ball pocket 22 is also preferably provided, as shown in Figures 1 and 2.

An important feature of the invention is that the slide fastener 7 which permits a side of the bag to be opened is prevented from contacting with the ground by reason of the ground engaging base 3. This feature protects the slide fastener from injury when the bag is resting on its base.

I claim:

1. A golf bag comprising a pair of side flaps connected along one of their side edges so that the flaps may be folded together to form the body of the bag, a ground engaging base permanently connected to the lower edge of one of said flaps, a panel adapted to lie within the bag and hinged along the connecting line of said flaps, and means for detachably connecting the lower edge of the other flap to the base and for detachably connecting the other free edges of the flaps together.

2. A golf bag comprising a pair of side flaps connected along one of their side edges so that the flaps may be folded together to form the body of the bag, a ground engaging base permanently connected to the lower edge of one of said flaps, a panel adapted to lie within the bag and hinged along the connecting line of said flaps, pockets mounted on said panel, and means for detachably connecting the lower edge of the other flap to the base and for detachably connecting the other free edges of the flaps together.

3. A golf bag comprising a body having a hingeably connected side wall, the upper portions of said bag providing a hood, a panel adapted to lie within the lower portions of the bag and hingeably connected along one edge to said body adjacent the hinge connection of said side wall, and open ended pockets for receiving golf clubs mounted on said panel and extending longitudinally of the bag with the open ends covered by said hood.

4. A golf bag comprising a body having a hingeably connected side wall, the lower portions of said body providing a club compartment and the upper portions providing a flexible hood, and a panel adapted to lie within the bag to provide a partition across the club compartment and hingeably connected along one edge to said body adjacent the hinge connection, the upper edge of the panel terminating adjacent the upper end of the club compartment portion of the bag so that the panel lies wholly within the club compartment when the hood is folded down to expose the clubs in the playing condition of the bag.

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