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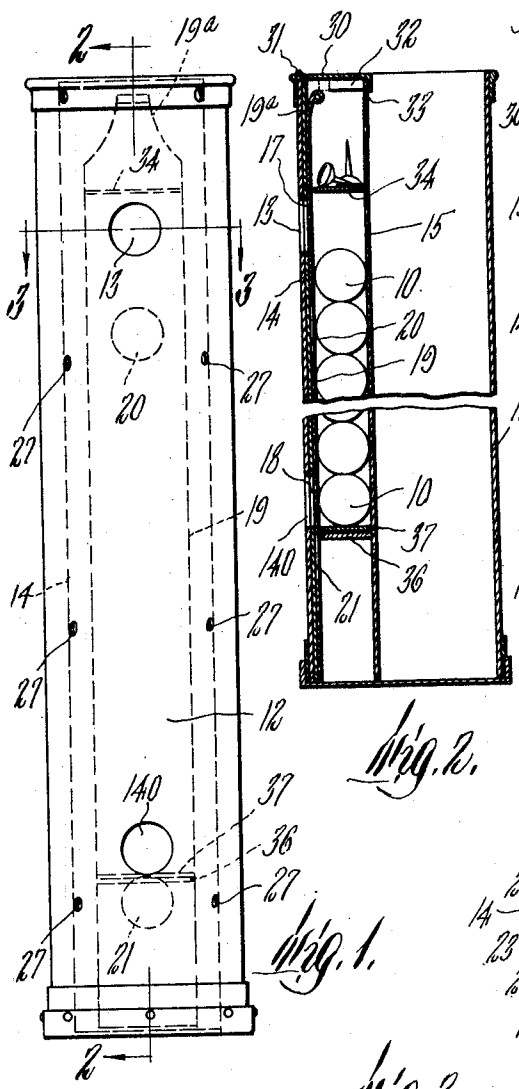


Fig. 1.

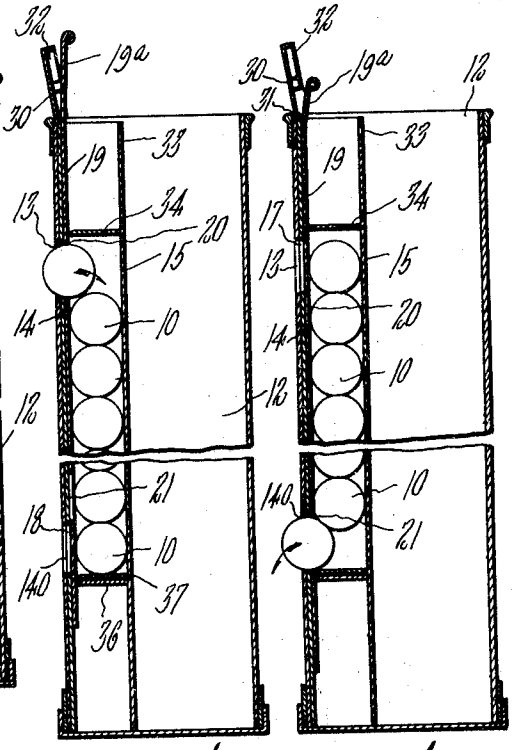


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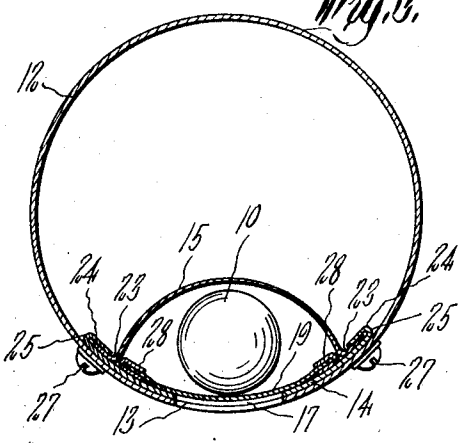


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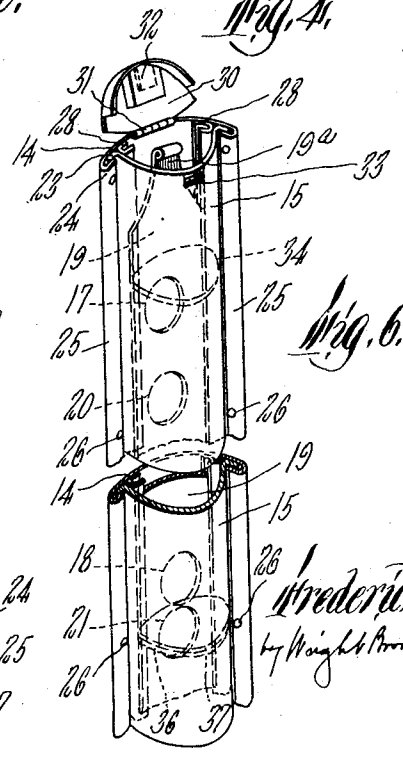


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This invention has for its chief object to provide an attachment attachable as a unit to an ordinary golf bag, whereby the bag may be conditioned to hold in its storage space a column of golf balls, and to permit the balls to be conveniently dispensed, and securely confined until required for use, the only change or modification of the bag being the formation therein of a ball inlet and a ball outlet.

Of the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification,—

Figure 1 is a side view of a golf bag embodying the invention.

Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Figure 1, portions being broken away, the attachment being conditioned to confine golf balls.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a sectional view, similar to Figure 2, showing the attachment conditioned to permit the insertion of golf balls.

Figure 5 is a view similar to Figure 4, showing the attachment conditioned to permit the removal of golf balls.

Figure 6 shows the attachment in perspective without the bag.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all of the figures.

12 designates the tubular wall of a golf bag, which may be of any suitable construction adapting it to hold a set of golf clubs, the wall 12 being usually of canvas, or other flexible material.

My invention resides chiefly in the attachment hereinafter described, constituting an elongated pocket adapted to hold a column of golf balls within the bag and beside the club storage space, the attachment being adapted to be installed in the bag without change or adaptation of the latter, other than the formation of a ball inlet 13 in the upper portion of one side of the bag, and a ball outlet 140 in the lower portion of the same side.

The attachment includes an outer wall 14, formed to bear on one side of the internal surface of the bag, and an inner wall 15. Said walls enclose a space adapted to hold a column of golf balls 10, besides the club storage space of the bag.

The outer wall has a ball inlet 17, adjacent its upper end, and a ball outlet 18, adjacent its lower end.

19 designates a slide valve movable between said walls, and in sliding contact with the outer wall. Said valve has an upper ball port 20, arranged to register with the inlet 17, and permit the insertion of balls in the pocket, as shown by Figure 4, and a lower ball port 21, arranged to register with the outlet 18, and permit removal of balls from the pocket, as shown by Figure 5.

The arrangement is such that the valve closes the outlet when the balls are being inserted, as shown by Figure 4, and is adapted to close both the inlet and outlet as shown by Figure 2, to confine the inserted balls in the pocket.

The outer wall 14 is preferably curved in cross section to conform to the internal surface of the tubular bag wall 12. The inner wall 15 has a channelled body portion forming the major part of the ball pocket, and preferably includes ears 23, projecting laterally from the channelled portion, and fixed to the outer wall 14 by ears 24 on the latter, folded over and fixed to the ears 23, as shown by Figure 3. The ears 23 and 24 constitute flanges, each designated as a whole by 25 (Figures 3 and 6). Said flanges project in opposite directions from the ball pocket and are perforated at 26 (Figure 6) to receive screws or rivets 27, screwing the attachment to the bag. The slide valve 19 is movable in guides 38 attached preferably to the outer wall 14.

A portion of the pocket projects above the ball inlet 17, and the slide valve 19 has a handle portion 19a, contained in said projecting portion, when the valve is positioned to confine the inserted balls.

The attachment comprises also a closure 30 for the upper end of the pocket, the closure being preferably hinged at 31, and locking means adapted to lock said closure to the pocket to prevent access to the handle portion and the removal of balls from the pocket. Said locking means may include a

lock 32 attached to the closure, the lock bolt being adapted to engage a keeper 33, shown by Figure 6 as a slot in the upper end of the inner wall 15.

The projecting upper portion of the pocket is preferably provided with a partition 34, forming the bottom of a compartment for accessories, such as golf tees, cigarettes, or other articles. Access to said compartment is preventable by said closure and locking means.

The length of the attachment is preferably such that its lower end rests on the bottom of the bag, the bottom serving as a gauge which causes the ball orifices of the outer wall to register with those of the bag. The bottom of the pocket is formed by a partition 36 and a cushion 37 thereon.

The slide valve is wholly at the inner side of the outer wall 14, and does not contact with the body 12 of the bag, so that said body is not worn by movements of the valve, the attachment being operative to receive, store, and deliver balls, whether attached to the bag or not.

The attachment is preferably made of sheet aluminum. The inner side of the attachment may be provided with a facing of cloth (not shown) with which clubs in the bags may contact without liability of defacement of their surfaces.

I claim:

1. A golf-bag attachment comprising an outer and an inner wall forming a pocket adapted to extend lengthwise of a golf bag and hold a column of balls, said attachment having flanges projecting oppositely from the pocket and attachable to a bag, the outer wall having a ball inlet at one end and a ball outlet at the opposite end, and a slide valve movable on the inner side of the outer wall and having an upper ball port arranged to register with said inlet and permit the insertion of balls in the pocket, and a lower ball port arranged to register with said outlet and permit removal of balls from the pocket, the arrangement being such that the valve closes the pocket when balls are being inserted, and is adapted to close both the inlet and the outlet to confine the balls in the pocket.

2. A golf bag attachment as specified by claim 1, comprising also means for locking the slide valve in its ball-confining position.

3. A golf-bag attachment as specified by claim 1, the said pocket having an end portion projecting above the ball inlet, the slide valve having a handle contained in said projecting portion when the valve is positioned to confine inserted balls, the attachment comprising also a closure for the upper end of the pocket, and means for locking said closure to prevent access to the handle portion, and the removal of balls from the pocket.

4. A golf-bag attachment as specified by claim 1, the said pocket having an end portion projecting above the ball inlet, the slide valve having a handle contained in said projecting portion when the valve is positioned to confine inserted balls, the attachment comprising also a closure for the upper end of the pocket, and means for locking said closure to prevent access to the handle portion, and the removal of balls from the pocket, the projecting portion of the pocket having a partition forming the bottom of a compartment for accessories, access to said compartment being preventable by said closure and locking means.

5. A golf-bag attachment as specified by claim 1, the said outer wall being curved to conform to the curvature of a cylindrical golf-bag body, the inner wall being channeled to form, with the outer wall, a pocket adapted to hold a column of golf balls, the attachment comprising also guides maintaining the slide valve in contact with the inner surface of the outer wall.

6. A golf bag having a ball inlet in its upper portion, and a ball outlet in its lower portion, and a ball-holding attachment attachable as a unit to one side of the bag, and formed to extend lengthwise thereof, said attachment comprising an outer and an inner wall forming a pocket extending lengthwise of the bag and adapted to hold a column of balls, flanges projecting oppositely from the pocket, means attaching said flanges to the bag, said outer wall having a ball inlet at one end, and a ball outlet at the opposite end registering respectively with the ball inlet and the ball outlet of the bag, and a slide valve movable on the inner side of the outer wall, and having a ball port arranged to register with the outer wall inlet and permit the insertion of balls in the pocket, and a lower ball port arranged to register with the outer wall outlet and permit removal of balls from the pocket.

7. A golf bag as specified by claim 6, the said attachment being formed to bear on the bottom of the bag when in its operative position relative thereto.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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