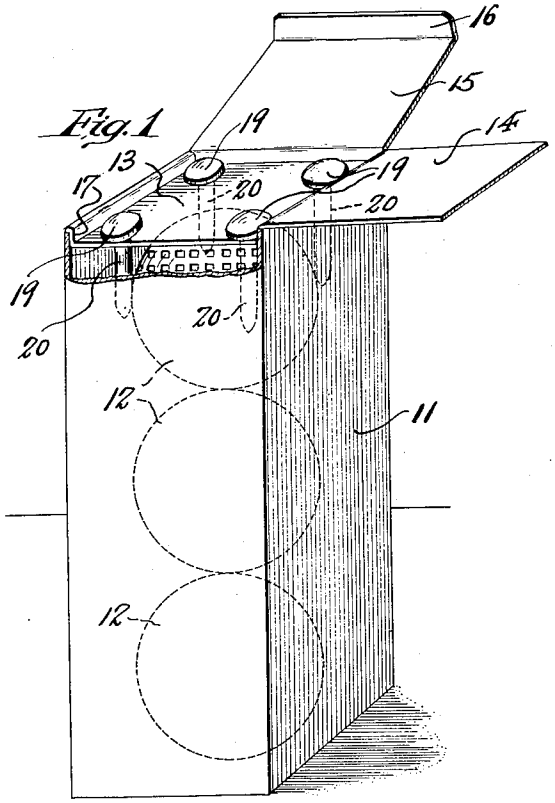
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Fig. 1



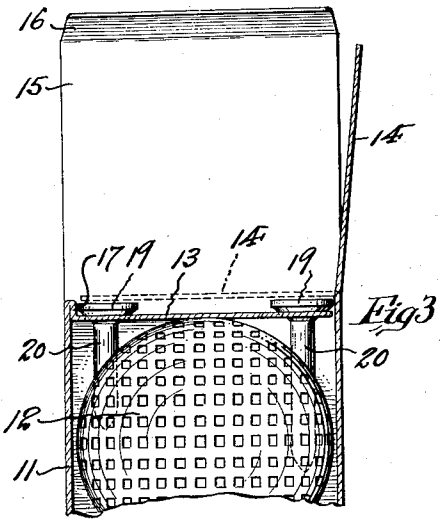


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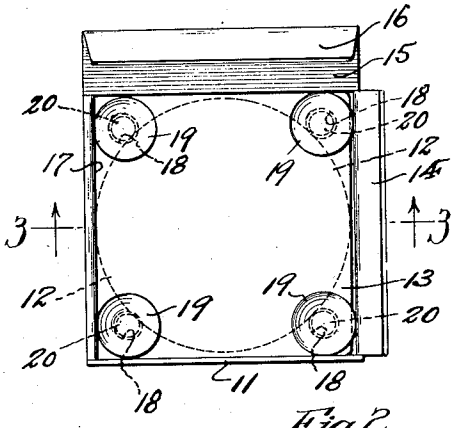


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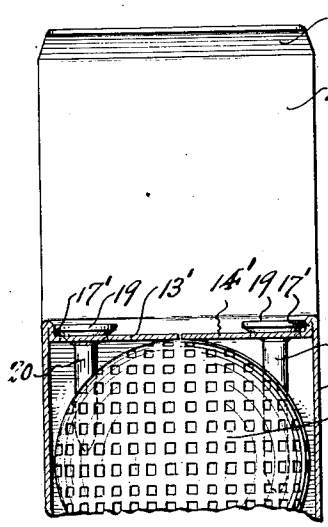
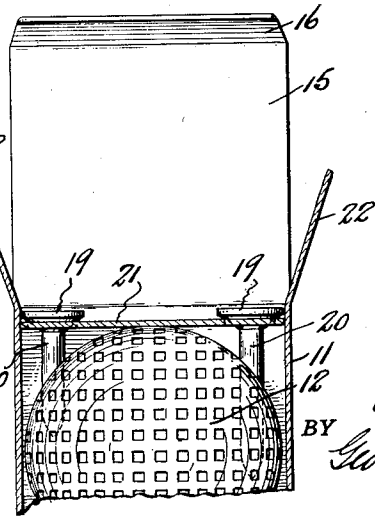


Fig. 5



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Fig.6

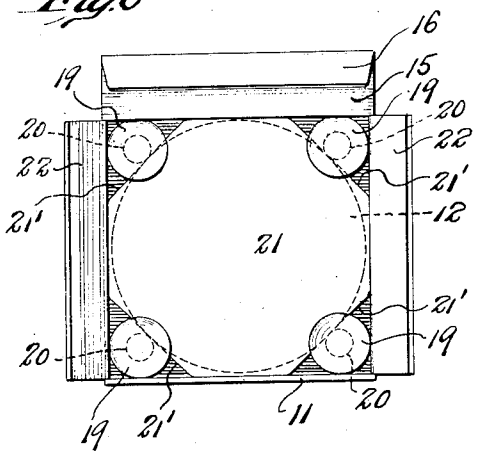


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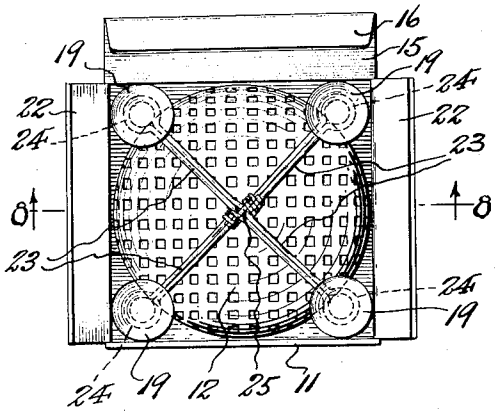
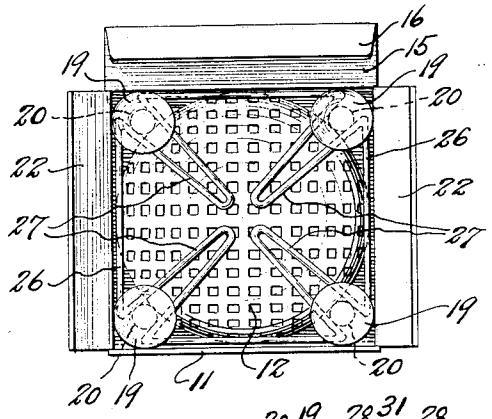


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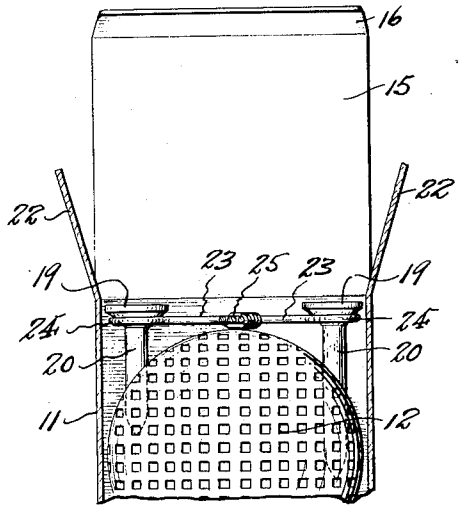
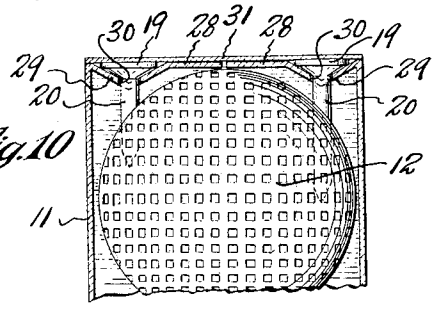


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This invention relates, generally, to improvements in containers for golf balls and tees, which may be made of suitable material adapting the same for use by the golfer as a convenient accessory in the form of a carrier for these articles, but which is especially adapted to be produced in a carton form, to provide a novel package for the commercial handling and distribution of golf balls and tees.

This invention has for its principal object to provide a novel container for enclosing, with golf balls packed therein, a plurality of tees disposed to occupy the otherwise waste interior spaces of the carton not occupied by the balls.

The invention has for a further and more specific object to provide a simple and inexpensive paper carton provided with means to support tees to accompany the golf balls packed therein, whereby the tees are so distributed within the carton interior as to occupy the waste corner spaces around the enclosed balls.

Other objects of this invention, not at this time more particularly enumerated, will be understood from the following detailed description of the same.

Illustrative embodiments of this invention are shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of one form of container for golf balls and tees according to this invention, one end of the container being in partially open condition to show the tee supporting element as related to the enclosed golf balls; Fig. 2 is an end plan view of the same; and Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal section thereof, taken on line 3—3 in Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary vertical longitudinal section of a container, having a modified form and arrangement of tee supporting means; Fig. 5 is a like fragmentary vertical section, showing another modified form of tee supporting means; Fig. 6 is an end plan view, illustrating a further modified form of tee supporting means; Fig. 7 is also an end plan view, showing another form of tee supporting means, and Fig. 8 is a vertical longitudinal section thereof, taken on line 8—8 in Fig. 7; Fig. 9 is an end plan view, illustrating yet another form of tee supporting means; and Fig. 10 is a fragmentary vertical longitudinal section of a carton in closed condition, and having a further modified form and arrangement of tee supporting means.

Similar characters of reference are employed in the above described views, to illustrate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, the reference character 11 indicates a container body, preferably of rectangular cross-sectional shape, and of sufficient depth to support within its interior, one above the other, any desired number of golf balls 12. For the purpose of illustration, the container body is shown sized to enclose three balls, although it will be obvious that it may be sized to enclose either more or less than three at the option of the user.

When the container is to be employed as a commercial package, it is preferably made in the form of a paper carton having foldable closure flaps at one or both ends. If the container is to be used as a ball carrier by the golfer, the same may be made of more lasting material than paper, such e. g. as leather, metal or any other suitable material or combination of materials.

When made as a carton, in the form shown in Figs. 1 to 3, the end closure flaps comprise laterally in-folding side flaps 13 and 14, and a cover flap 15 having a tuck-tongue 16 at its free end. As shown in said Figs. 1 to 3, one of said side flaps, as 13, is provided, at the end thereof adjoining the body 11, with an inwardly folded off-setting portion 17 adapted to lie in vertical plane along the inner side of the carton body, so as to inwardly off-set the side flap 13, when the latter is closed downwardly across the carton end, in a plane downwardly or inwardly spaced from the periphery of the carton end, thus countersinking the closed side flap 13 within the carton end and stopped against the adjacent underlying ball 12 packed into the carton interior. The thus countersunk side flap 13 is provided, at one or more of its corner areas, with perforations 18. This countersunk per-

forate side-flap 13 is adapted to serve as a support for golf tees 19, the shanks 20 of which are inserted downwardly through said perforations 18 until the heads thereof are stopped against the body of said side flap. As thus arranged, the shanks 20 of the tees will be positioned in the carton interior, which, due to the spherical shape of the balls, is normally unoccupied or waste space. Owing to the countersunk relation of the tee-holding flap 13 to the carton mouth, space is provided for the heads of the tees within the carton end, and so that the opposite side flap 14 may be turned over the same in covering relation thereto, as indicated by the representation of the closed position of said side flap 14 shown by dotted lines in Fig. 3. After the side flap 14 is closed the cover flap 15 is turned to its covering position, and held therein by inserting its tuck-tongue 16 into the carton interior, in the familiar manner commonly employed with tuck end carton closures. It will be obvious that the tees will be securely held against displacement from the described disposition thereof, when the carton end is closed. It will also be obvious that the arrangement is such, that tees having various lengths of shanks may be utilized, since there is ample room to accommodate the shanks provided by the unoccupied corner areas of the carton interior. Tees of a given length, or a plurality of tees of assorted lengths may be packed into the carton, as may be desired.

In Fig. 4 there is shown a modified arrangement of tee supporting means, wherein instead of the overlapping arrangement of side flaps, one of which is countersunk within the carton end, side flaps 13′ and 14′ of a length to reach part way across the carton end are provided, both said side flaps 13′ and 14′ having inwardly folding off-setting portions 17′, whereby the same may be countersunk within the carton end, with their free end portions opposed, and preferably adapted to rest upon the top of the end most ball packed within the carton interior. The side flaps 13′ and 14′ are perforated at points overlying the corner areas of the carton interior, so that the tees 19 may have their shanks 20 engaged therethrough to occupy said normally empty corner spaces of the carton. The end cover flap 15 with its tuck tongue 16 is employed to close the carton end in substantially the manner already described.

In Fig. 5 of the drawings, there is shown another form of the supporting means within the purview of this invention. In this modified arrangement, the tee supporting means takes the form of a separate insert element, such as a plate 21 of cardboard or other suitable material, adapted to fit within and across the end interior of the carton, and to be supported upon the end most ball 12 therein. The plate 21 is also perforated at points overlying the corner areas of the carton interior, so that the tees 19 may have their shanks 20 engaged therethrough to occupy the corner spaces. The carton, when this plate form of tee support is used, may be closed by one or more side flaps 22, as well as by the usual cover flap 15 and tuck tongue 16. In place of the perforate form of plate just described, the plate 21 may have its corners cut away, as shown at 21′ in Fig. 6, to permit passage of the tee shanks 20 downwardly into the corner spaces of the carton interior, the marginal portions of such cut away corners providing lips to underlie and support the heads of the tees.

Referring to Figs. 7 and 8 of the drawings, there is illustrated therein another form of insertable tee support adapted to be produced from wire. A suitable length of wire is doubled or bent back and forth upon itself to provide a plurality of radial arms 23, terminating at their free ends in loop portions 24, and being mutually interconnected together at their inner converging portions, to form a center portion 25. Preferably the arms are angularly spaced apart by ninety degrees. In the use of the device in this form, the shanks 20 of the tees 19 are inserted downwardly through the loop portions 24 so that the heads of the tees engage upon and are supported by said loop portions. After the balls 12 are packed into the carton body 11, the wire tee supporting form is placed in the open end of the carton, so that its center portion 25 rests upon the adjacent golf ball, and so that the arms 23 extend toward the corners of the carton interior to dispose the loop portions 24 in alignment with the corner spaces, into which the shanks 20 of the tees supported by said loop portions 24 may depend. When the wire tee supporting form is thus disposed, the side flaps 22 and cover flap 15 may be closed, and the latter secured by insertion of its tuck tongue 16 into the carton interior. In Fig. 9 of the drawings, another type of wire tee supporting form is shown, in which a wire body is shaped to provide a rectangular member 26 having inwardly and radially extending bifurcate or indented arms 27 projecting from the corner portions of the rectangular member. This type of supporting form may be inserted within the carton end, so that the inner free ends of its arms 27 rest upon the adjacent ball 12, whereupon the bifurcate outer portions will overhang the corner spaces of the carton interior. The tee shanks 20 are inserted through the bifurcate outer portions of the arms 27 until the heads of the tees rest thereupon, and said shanks 20 depend within the corner spaces of the carton interior around the balls.

Referring now to Fig. 10 of the drawings, there is shown therein a form of tee support somewhat similar to that disclosed in Fig. 4, wherein the side flaps of the carton itself are formed and arranged to provide the tee sup-

porting means. In the form shown in Fig. 10, the carton is provided with side flaps 28, which are transversely scored to form downwardly or inwardly depressed angularly channeled portions 29, having perforations 30 aligned over the corner spaces of the carton interior. These flaps 28 are downturned across the balls 12, whereupon the tees 19 are mounted thereon by passing the shanks 20 downwardly through the perforations 30 until the heads come to rest in the channeled portions 29, so as to be supported thereby with their tops approximately at the plane of the end of the carton. The cover flap 31 may thereupon be closed over the side flaps and the tees supported thereon, thus securely holding the flaps and tees in assembled relation relative to the carton interior and the balls 12 disposed thereon. This form of tee support has the advantage of requiring no excess of carton length over that which is sufficient to accommodate the number of balls desired to be packed therein.

In the above described constructions, I have described the carton closures to include the tuck-tongue type of cover flap, it will be understood, however, that I do not limit the invention for use in cartons having such specific type of closure, since the same may be applied to other types of cartons such as those having glued closure flaps, or the invention may be applied to containers or boxes other than those of the carton form.

From the above description it will be obvious that this invention provides a novel container adapted to enclose golf-balls, while at the same time utilizing otherwise waste interior space of the carton for also enclosing a plurality of golf tees, thus making a very handy combination package of especial utility in the commercial handling and distribution of these articles which are so closely associated in use.

As many changes, other than those already specifically referred to, could be made in the above described constructions, and many apparently widely different embodiments of this invention could be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawings shall be interpreted as illustrative, and not in a limiting sense.

I claim:—

1. A golf ball package, comprising a hollow body of polygonal cross section having transverse internal dimensions substantially approximating the diameters of superimposed balls inserted therein, thus providing corner spaces around the contained balls, and means to support golf tee devices to dispose the same in one or more of said corner spaces.

2. A golf ball package, comprising a hollow body of rectangular cross section having transverse internal dimensions substantially approximating the diameters of superimposed balls inserted therein, thus providing corner spaces around the contained balls, means to support golf tee devices to dispose the same in one or more of said corner spaces, said body having at least one open end, and closure means for the latter.

3. A container for golf balls, comprising a hollow body of polygonal cross section having transverse internal dimensions substantially approximating the diameters of superimposed balls inserted therein, thus providing corner spaces around the contained balls, and means superimposed upon the balls adjacent an end of the body to support golf tees in one or more of said corner spaces.

4. A container for golf balls, comprising a hollow body of polygonal cross section having transverse internal dimensions substantially approximating the diameters of superimposed balls inserted therein, thus providing corner spaces around the contained balls, means to close an open end of the body, and means intermediate the balls and a closed end of the body adapted to support the heads of golf tees so as to dispose their shanks within said corner spaces.

5. A container for golf balls, comprising a hollow body of rectangular cross section having at least one open end, means to close said open end, and means intermediate the balls disposed in said body and said end closure adapted to support the heads of golf tees so as to dispose their shanks within corner spaces of the body interior adjacent to the balls.

6. A golf ball carton, comprising a hollow body of rectangular cross section having transverse internal dimensions approximating the diameters of superimposed balls inserted therein, thus providing corner spaces around the contained balls, said body having at least one open end, a side flap to overlie said open end, said side flap having perforations aligned with said corner spaces through which the shanks of golf tee devices may be inserted, whereby the heads of said tees are supported by said flap and said shanks depend from the latter within said corner spaces, and a cover means to overlie said flap and close said open end of said body.

7. A golf ball carton as defined in claim 6, in which the tee engaged portions of said side flap are countersunk within the plane of the open end of the carton body to dispose the tee heads within the interior limits of the latter.

8. A golf ball carton, comprising a hollow body of rectangular cross section having transverse internal dimensions approximating the diameters of superimposed balls inserted therein, thus providing corner spaces around the contained balls, said body having at least one open end, side flaps connected with the open end of said body, said side flaps having inwardly folded off-setting por-

tions to countersink the same within the open end of the body, said side flaps having perforations aligned with said corner spaces through which the shanks of golf tee devices may be inserted, whereby the heads of said tees are supported by the countersunk side flaps and said shanks depend from the latter within said corner spaces, and a foldable external cover flap to close said open end of the body.

9. A golf ball carton, comprising a hollow body of rectangular cross section having transverse dimensions approximating the diameters of superimposed balls inserted therein, thus providing corner spaces around the contained balls, said body having at least one open end, an inner side flap extending from one side of the open end of said body and having an inwardly folded off-setting portion to countersink the same within the open end of the body, said inner side flap having perforations to align with said corner spaces and through which the shanks of golf tees carried by said inner side flap defined therefrom within said corner spaces, an outer side flap extending from the opposite side of the open end of said body to fold over said inner side flap and the golf tees carried thereby, and a foldable external cover flap to close said open end of the body in overlying relation to the infolded side flaps.

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