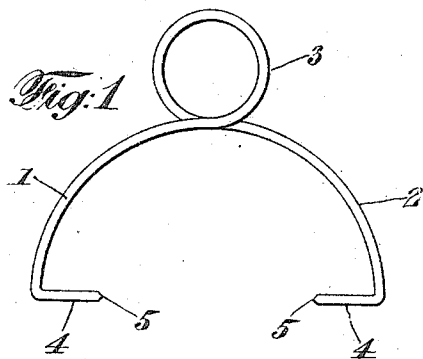
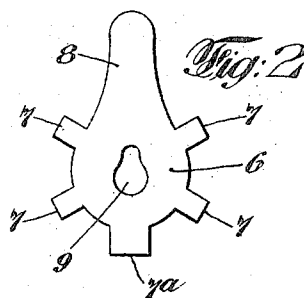
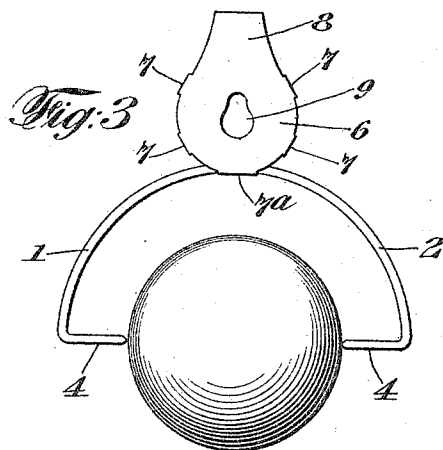
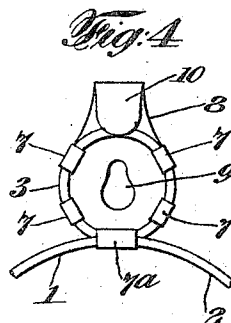


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THORALF FABRITIUS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Beacon-on-Hudson, county of Dutchess, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf-Ball Hangers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to hangers or supports for holding golf balls during painting and the subsequent drying thereof.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device for rotatably holding a golf ball, with substantially its entire surface exposed, to facilitate the painting of the ball, and which is adapted to be suspended from a suitable support to hold the ball during the drying of the paint.

In the drawings, Figures 1 and 2 are views showing the two parts or blanks of which the device is constructed before being assembled;

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the completed hanger, showing the manner of supporting a golf ball therein; and

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary rear view of the hanger, showing the manner of securing the two parts thereof together.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, the hanger comprises a pair of downwardly and outwardly bowed resilient arms 1 and 2, preferably formed, as shown in Fig. 1, by bending a length of spring wire to form a central loop or eye 3 from which the arms 1 and 2 extend outwardly and downwardly. The outer ends of the resilient arms are bent inwardly to form a pair of alined horizontally disposed clamping members or jaws 4, the ends of which are preferably pointed as shown at 5.

Secured to the central loop 3 is a suspending device formed from a sheet metal blank comprising a substantially circular body part 6 formed with five radially extending lugs 7 and 7^a and a tongue or extension 8. The body part 6 is provided with a central aperture 9. The body 6 is secured to one side of the loop 3 by bending two of the lugs 7 backwardly and inwardly around each side of the loop and bending the wide bottom lug 7^a backwardly and upwardly around the loop at the point of intersection of the arms 1 and 2 so as to embrace both portions of the wire. The extension 8 is bent backwardly and downwardly intermediate its ends to form a hook 10. The aperture 9

in the plate 6 is preferably formed of substantially inverted key-hole shape; that is, the aperture is formed with a narrow upper portion and an enlarged, substantially circular, lower portion, to adapt the plate to be passed over the head of a nail and lowered until suspended on the nail with the shank thereof passing through the narrow upper portion of the aperture. This formation of the aperture tends to prevent accidental dislodgment of the hanger from the supporting nail. The hook 10 affords convenient means for suspending the hanger from a line, or similar support.

In operation, the resilient arms 1 and 2 are sprung apart slightly to permit the golf ball to be inserted between the clamping jaws 4 with the points 5 of said jaws engaging the ball at substantially diametrically opposite points, as shown in Fig. 3. It will be seen that by the arrangement shown the ball is held with practically its entire surface exposed, and may be rotated between the arms, thus greatly facilitating the painting of the ball and avoiding contact of the painted surface with the hands or any object.

The aperture 9 and hook 10 form alternative suspending devices by which the hanger may be suspended from a suitable support, such as a nail or line, to hold the ball with its painted surface entirely exposed during drying of the paint.

From the foregoing it will be seen that a simple, efficient and readily constructed holder for golf balls has been provided, whereby the entire surface of the ball may be readily painted while the ball is suspended in the holder, and the entire surface of the ball is exposed at all times to facilitate the drying of the painted surface.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. A device of the class set forth, comprising a plate having an aperture adapted to receive the end of a support, a downwardly facing hook formed integrally with said plate, a pair of outwardly and downwardly extending resilient arms rigidly secured to said plate at their upper ends, and a pair of alined inwardly facing clamping jaws carried by the lower ends of said arms.

2. A golf-ball hanger comprising a pair of clamping members formed by bending a length of resilient wire to form a central

loop and a pair of arms extending outwardly and downwardly from said loop, the lower ends of said arms being turned inwardly to form alined substantially horizontally extending ball-engaging members, and a sheet metal plate having a plurality of integrally formed lugs bent around said loop to secure said plate rigidly against one side of the loop, said plate having an upwardly extending portion bent to form a rigidly held downwardly facing suspending hook and having an aperture registering with said loop adapted to receive the end of a supporting member.

15 3. A golf-ball hanger comprising a body portion formed by bending a length of resilient wire to form a central loop and a

pair of resilient arms extending outwardly and downwardly from said loop, the lower ends of said arms being turned inwardly to form alined ball-engaging members, and a metal plate formed with an integral downwardly facing hook, said plate being provided with lugs bent around said loop at opposite sides of the loop and with a lug bent around said arms at their point of intersection, whereby said hook-carrying plate is rigidly held to one side of the loop against relative movement and the resilient arms are rigidly locked together at their upper ends.

This specification signed this 1st day of March, A. D. 1917.

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