

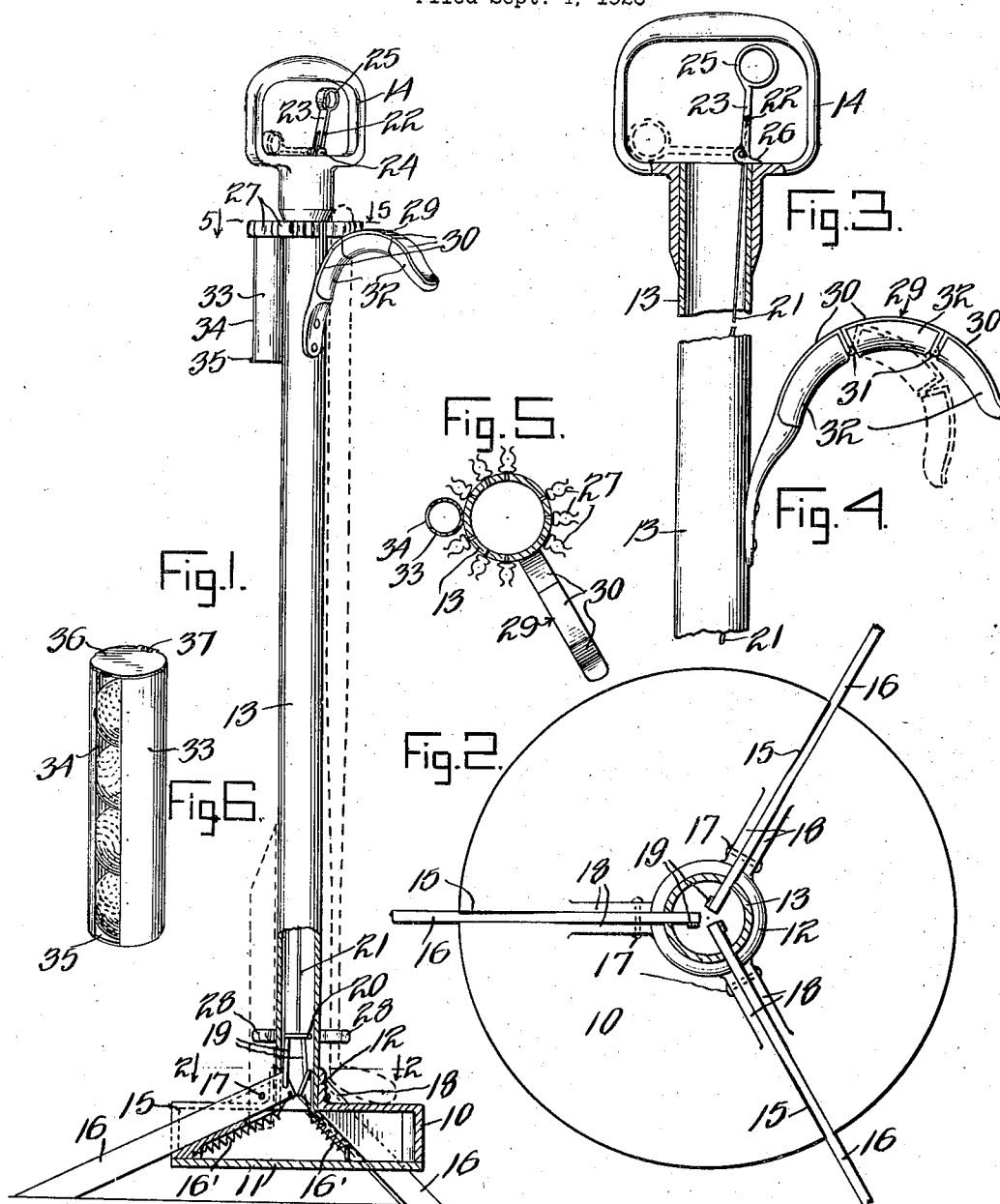
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My said invention relates to a rack and carrier for golf clubs. Heretofore it has been customary to carry the sticks or clubs loosely in a bag with the head or heavy ends sticking upward and the handles down in the bag. An object of my invention is to provide a rack or carrier in which the clubs may be held with the heads or heavy ends down in such a position that the handles are easily grasped. Another object is to provide the rack with supports so that it may stand in an accessible position for removing or replacing a club. Another object is to provide a handle in which is located a trigger for operating the holding of the supports. A further object is to provide a folding bracket so that the rack may be carried on the arm or shoulder.

Referring to the accompanying drawings which are made a part hereof and on which similar reference characters indicate similar parts,

Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved rack with the base broken away for clearer illustration,

Figure 2, a section on the line 2—2 of Figure 1,

Figure 3, a detail section of the handle and trigger,

Figure 4, a detail elevation of a folding hanger or carrying-arm,

Figure 5, a detail section on the line 5—5 of Figure 1, and

Figure 6, a detail perspective of a ball rack.

In the drawings, the numeral 10 denotes a hollow, cylindrical base provided with a closure 11 and a central circular boss 12 into which is secured the lower end of a tubular standard 13 and upon the upper end of which is a grip or handle 14. The base 10 is provided with a series of depressions or guides 15 into which flat folding supports 16 rest when unfolded. These supports 16 are pivoted at 17 between ears 18 formed on the base and the short ends extend into slots formed in the lower end of the standard 13. The inner end of each support has pivoted thereto a short link 19 which is pivoted at its upper end to a cross-head 20 to the center of which is fastened the lower end of a wire 21 which passes up through the standard 10 and is fulcrumed at 22 in a trigger 23 pivoted between ears 24 formed in the grip 14.

A ring 25 is formed on the end of the trigger for convenience in operating it and a lug 25 is formed on the opposite end to limit the movement of the trigger. When the trigger is in its lowermost position, the supports are folded up close to the standard as shown in dotted lines in Figure 1 by springs 16' having one end passing through an opening in the end of the support and the other end hooked into an opening in the base 10. As a means for supporting the golf clubs I provide a series of spring clips 27 adjacent the upper end of the standard into which the handles of the clubs are slipped and a series of similar clips 28 against the lower ends into which the shanks are retained with the heads of the clubs resting on the base. Secured to the standard 10 below the clips 27 is a foldable bracket 29 made of arc-shaped sections 30 connected by friction hinges 31 so that the sections may be folded down against the standard or partly folded to hang over the side of an automobile; or extended to hang on a person's shoulder, each of the sections 30 being heavily padded at 32 for this purpose.

Mounted on the standard 13 between certain of the clips 27 is a ball holding rack 33 comprising a cylinder having a slot 34 running from top to bottom through which the balls may be lifted with the fingers and a bottom 35. A lid 36 having a spring hinge 37 closes the top and prevents loss of the balls.

In the operation of the device, when it is desired to stand the rack either on a floor or the green the user simply raises the trigger 23 which, through the wire 21 and links 19, swings the supports outward to the full line position in Figure 1. The trigger 23 automatically locks in its upward position by reason that the fulcrum 22 passes beyond the pivot point of the trigger 23. The clubs are at all times in full view and the desired one may be readily disengaged from the clips. The weight being at the bottom the loaded rack will sit firmly in place and can be easily and conveniently shifted from place to place.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art that various changes may be made in my device without departing from the spirit of the invention and therefore I do not limit

myself to what is shown in the drawings and described in the specification but only as indicated in the appended claims.

Having thus fully described my said invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A combined rack and carrier for golf clubs comprising a tubular standard, a base, folding supports in said base arranged to be moved from upright to depending position, a handle, and means in said handle to operate said supports, substantially as set forth.
2. A rack for golf clubs comprising a standard, a series of spring clips adjacent the upper end of said standard to engage the handles of said clubs, a series of aligned spring clips adjacent the lower end of said standard to engage the shanks of said clubs folding supporting legs for said standard swingable from an upright to a depending position, and means for operating said legs from the upper portion of the standard, substantially as set forth.
3. A carrier for golf clubs comprising a tubular standard, a handle at the upper end thereof, a circular base at the lower end thereof, guide grooves in said base, perforated ears adjacent said grooves, supports pivoted to said ears and adapted to enter said grooves, springs connecting said supports and said base to raise said supports, a trigger in said handle, and a wire connecting said supports with said trigger to lower said supports, substantially as set forth.
4. A rack and carrier for golf clubs comprising a standard, club-retaining means on said standard, a handle, a base, foldable supports in said base, support operating means in said handle and standard, and a foldable carrying bracket adjacent the upper end of said standard, substantially as set forth.
5. The combined rack and carrier for golf clubs comprising a standard, a base, club holding devices on said standard, foldable supports carried by said base, means for operating said supports, a folding sectional carrying bracket secured to said standard,

and friction hinges in said bracket to hold said sections in various positions, substantially as set forth.

6. A combined rack and carrier for golf clubs and balls comprising a standard, a base, foldable supports carried by said base, club holding devices carried by said standard, a ball rack carried by said standard adjacent certain of said club holding devices, a carrying handle on said standard, means in said handle to operate said supports, and a folding sectional carrying bracket secured to said standard and having friction hinges to hold said sections in various positions, substantially as set forth.

7. A carrier comprising a standard, means for detachably attaching sticks about said standard, and a carrying bracket for said standard comprising a plurality of pivotally connected rigid sections, substantially as set forth.

8. A carrier comprising a standard, a handle on the upper end of said standard, means for detachably attaching sticks about said standard, means for supporting said standard in upright position, and a carrying bracket for said standard comprising a plurality of pivotally connected rigid sections attached to said standard between its central portion and upper end whereby the standard and sticks supported thereby may be carried in substantially upright position, substantially as set forth.

9. A carrier comprising a standard, a handle adjacent the upper end thereof, a base at the lower end thereof, supporting legs pivoted to said base, spring means for maintaining said supporting legs in inoperative position, a trigger associated with the handle, and a connection between said supporting legs and said trigger for moving the legs to operative position, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Washington, District of Columbia, this 12th day of August, A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

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