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Fig. 1.

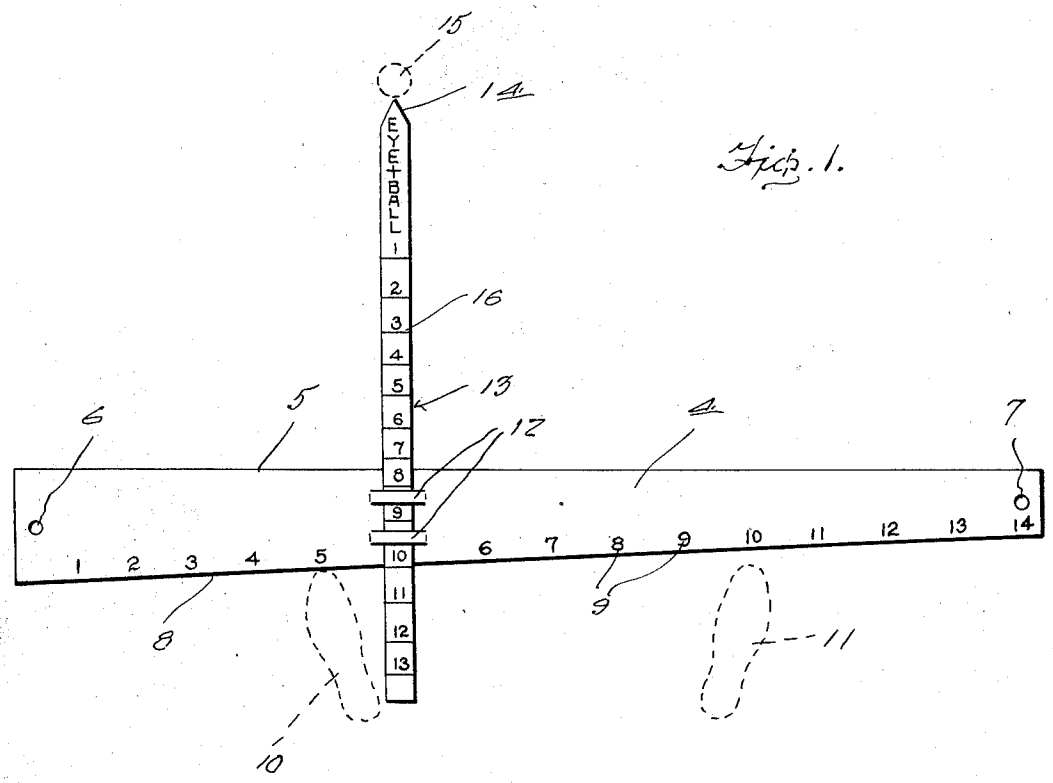


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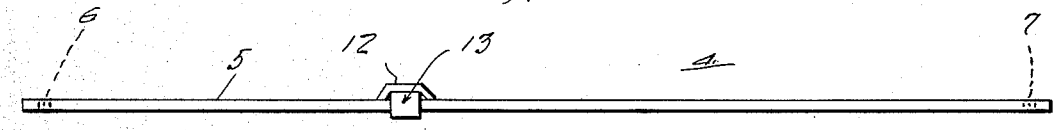
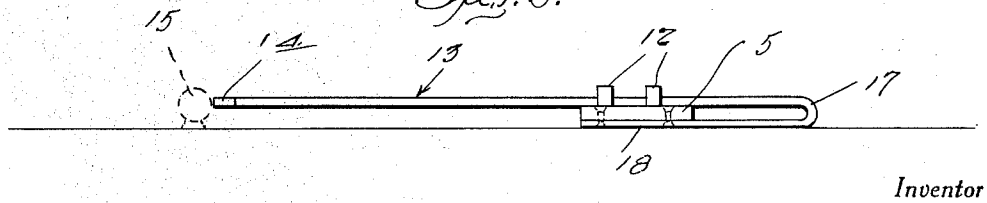


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This invention relates to an improved accessory or appliance which is especially adapted for use by golf players to aid in obtaining the correct stance, whereby to aid one, particularly a beginner, in determining and maintaining a proper and desirable stance to facilitate more dependable performance.

The improved article is characterized by a simplified arrangement of details, devoid of mechanical complexity and susceptible of proper adjustment and expeditious use by all classes or persons, and it is individualized by a measuring rule, to calculate distance between the feet of the player, together with an extensible calibrated indicator for cooperation with the tee and the golf ball associated therewith.

Another object of this invention is to provide a device such as may be folded into a small compact package, of about the size and shape of a billfold, that may be carried in the pocket of the user.

The specific details and their intimate cooperation and arrangement will become more readily apparent from the following description and drawing.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of an appliance constructed in accordance with the invention and showing the approximate manner of using the same.

Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same.

Fig. 3 is an end view of the structure observing it in a direction from left to right in Fig. 1.

Referring now to the drawing by reference numerals it will be seen that the principal part of this structure is in the nature of a measuring rule indicated at 4. This is formed from a strip of leather, rubber, or canvas of suitable rigidity. It has a straight edge 5 and, at the opposite ends apertures 6 and 7 through which stakes or pegs, not shown, are driven to hold the rule down on the fairway or tee.

The opposite edge 8 is cut on a bias or is somewhat oblique with respect to the line of drive. Along this edge 8 are numerals 9 arranged from 1 to 14 inclusive and appropriate distances apart to enable proper positioning of the feet. In dotted lines I show the left foot at 10 and the right foot at 11. This rule is staked flat down on the ground at the point of drive. It is provided intermediate its ends with guide tapes 12 formed by slitting the material in the manner shown.

Co-operating with these is an indicator 13 and this extends at right angles to the straight edge 5. The free end portion terminates in a point 14 which is adapted to register with the golf ball 15. The reference character 16 merely designates graduations and numerals to adapt it to be selectively registered with the straight edge 5 to permit proper calculation of the distance between the performer's feet and the golf ball.

The opposite and portion of this indicator, which is of self-sustaining material, is folded upon itself as at 17 and the free end portion is riveted or otherwise secured to the rule as at 18. The guide strips 12 hold the indicator in position when the indicator strip is shortened by enlarging the fold 17. As a precautionary measure, I desire to display at the pointed ends of the indicator, the words "Eye and Ball", as a visible aid that the eye must be kept on the ball for proper and dependable performance.

In practice, the golfer fastens the rule on the ground or any flat surface, and then toes the edge 8 thereof as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1. The feet are regulated so that the left foot is placed in position first and the right foot wherever it is most natural and still comfortable. This then enables the player, when once he determines the proper positioning of the feet, to maintain it through the medium of this device.

He places his left foot so that the ball is played off from the heel on his left foot, and his right foot is placed on the number on the scale, where he can pivot the easier and follow through on his shot. The indicator strip 13 is pulled through the guide slits and arranged where it will be easy for a golfer to reach the ball in a comfortable stroke. When he has once found the exact distance, he wants the ball from him, he looks at the numeral on the indicator strip which is then substantially even or close to the straight edge 5.

This device may be folded into a compact package and carried in a pocket when not in use. It may be folded by first extending the indicator strip 13 to its full length and then winding it about the measuring rule 4, second folding the measuring rule upon itself beginning at the small end 7 and lastly fastened with a suitable fastener. Due to the oblique cut of the measuring rule the device folds within its edges 5 and 8 at each fold toward the end 6.

It is claimed that this device is quite efficient and advantageous to every golfer to correct his drive and give him a perfect stance. It can be used by any and every golfer and especially

by the beginner, who has to be drilled with respect to the alleged technical stance.

Minor changes in shape, size, and materials, and re-arrangement of features, coming within the field of invention claimed may be resorted to in actual practice if desired, however I do not care to be limited to the exact disclosure shown, other than to the extent indicated by the claims appended hereto.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:—

1. In a golfer's stance indicator a calibrated pliable strip of fabric used as a toe marker and a flexible ball position indicator strip secured thereto.

2. In a golfer's stance indicator, the combination of an elongated calibrated pliable toe marker, a calibrated ball position indicator disposed normal to the toe marker and secured thereto, said indicator consisting of a strip of pliable fabric, said toe marker having apertures therein adjacent each end.

3. In a golf appliance of the class described comprising a calibrated rule adapted to be placed in flat contact with the fairway and to be anchored thereon, the same including a body having a straight edge substantially in longitudinal alinement with the direction of the stroke, and the opposite edge being inclined with respect to said line, to facilitate proper placement of the feet, and a golf ball position indicator carried by the intermediate portion of said rule.

4. In a golf appliance of the class described comprising a calibrated rule adapted to be placed in flat contact with the fairway and to be anchored thereon, the same including a body having a straight edge substantially in longitudinal alinement with the direction of the stroke, and the opposite edge being inclined with respect to the said line, to facilitate proper placement of the feet, a golf ball position indicator carried by the intermediate portion of said rule, said indicator being in the nature of an adjustable pointed graduated strip disposed at right angles to said straight edge.

5. In a golfer's stance indicator, the combination of a base member, a pliable ball indicator strip secured to the same and guide strips associated with the base disposed adjacent the ball indicator, said ball position indicator strip being longitudinally adjustable through the guide strips.

6. A golfer's stance appliance comprising, in combination, a toe marker made up of an elongated strip of foldable material having a substantially straight edge paralleling the longitudinal axis of the toe marker, a ball position indicator slidably secured to said toe marker and extending substantially at right angles to the straight edge and being made up of a foldable fabric, whereby said indicator may be folded about the toe marker, and said toe marker folded upon itself to form a small compact package.

7. A golfer's stance appliance having a base member made up of a continuous length of material adapted to be staked to the ground with one edge parallel to the proposed line of flight of the ball, and a flexible ball indicator tape positioned intermediate the ends of the base member and at substantially right angles to the said edge thereof and said indicator tape being longitudinally adjustable across the surface of said base member.

8. A golfer's stance indicator comprising, in combination, a calibrated elongated length of foldable material, a second calibrated foldable strip of material slidably secured to said first named length of material and disposed normal thereto, said first named length of material acting as a toe marker, said last named length of material acting as a ball indicator.

9. A golfer's stance indicator comprising, in combination, an elongated calibrated base member having a straight side substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the base member, a ball indicator member slidably secured to said base member for movement in a direction normal to the longitudinal axis of the base member, guide means on said base member for said indicator strip, said guide indicator being foldable around said base member, and said base member being foldable upon itself, said base member having apertures therein for co-operation with devices for securing the same when in extended position on the ground.

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