

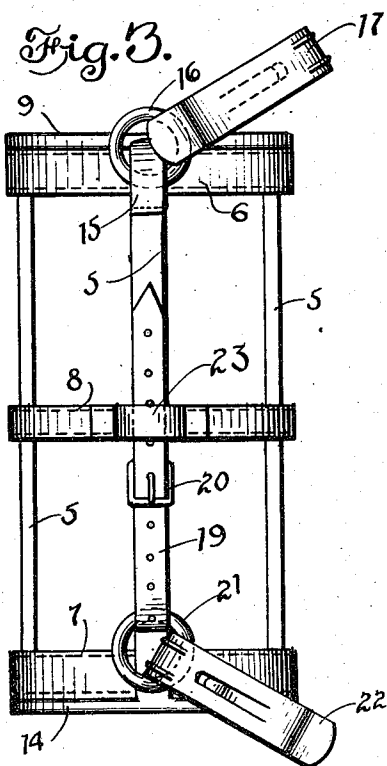
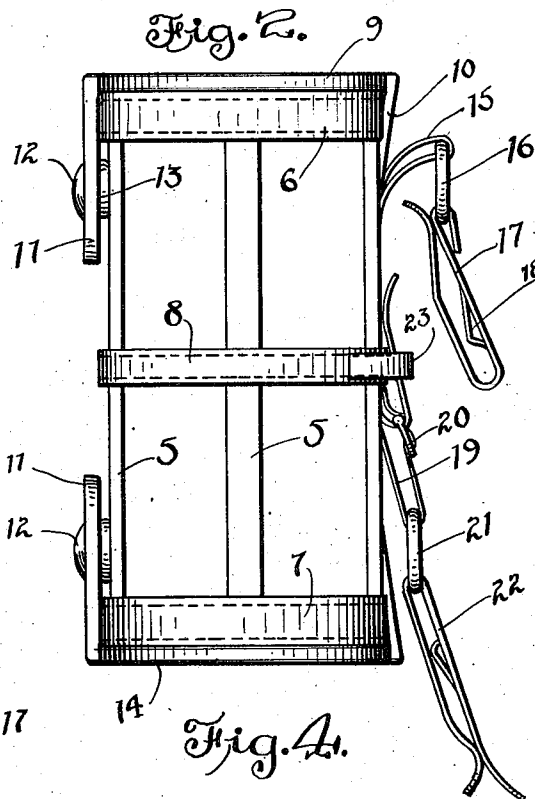
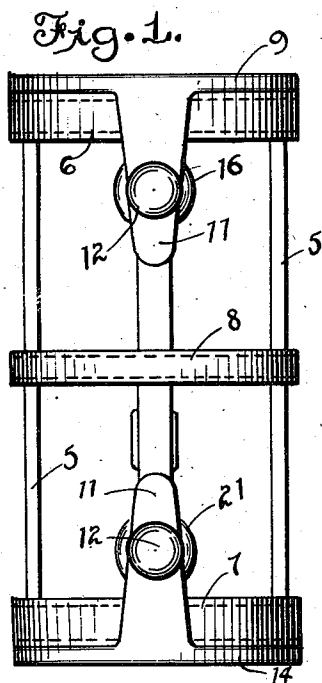
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GOLF-BALL CARRIER.

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This invention relates to holders for golf balls, and has for an object the provision of a golf ball holder, associated with novel means whereby it may be carried by the player in position to permit access to the holder for the removal of golf balls; and it is a further object of the invention to provide a holder in which golf balls may be readily inserted, the said holder having novel means whereby it may be attached to the apparel of the player.

It is well known that many golf balls are lost when they are stored in caddy bags or in holders attached to caddy bags, the loss in many instances being due to pilfering of the caddy, or to the rough handling to which the bag is subjected when a caddy carries more than one bag.

It is a still further object of this invention to produce a holder for golf balls, and specifically the inventor prefers that the holder shall be provided with closures or covers which are detachably secured in closed position, so that in applying balls to the holder, the cover may be opened to permit the insertion of balls, and when a ball is to be removed the bottom may be opened to permit the balls to gravitate therefrom.

It is a still further object of this invention to produce a holder of the character indicated having clasps which are flexibly attached to the holder one for suspending it from the waistband or belt or other part of apparel of the user and the other for retaining the said holder against undue oscillation or movement as the player is walking.

It is furthermore an object of this invention to produce an attaching device by which the ball holder can be held in position that will not interfere with the comfort of the player when he is sitting.

It is a still further object of this invention to produce a golf ball holder of neat appearance and of comparatively inexpensive construction having the advantages set forth.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction, and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this application wherein like characters denote correspond-

ing parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 illustrates a view in elevation of the front of a ball holder;

Figure 2 illustrates a view in side elevation thereof;

Figure 3 illustrates a view in rear elevation thereof; and

Figure 4 illustrates a detail view showing the application of the ball holder to a garment.

In carrying the invention into practice, the inventor prefers a skeleton-like container, but he does not wish to be limited with respect to this feature.

In the present embodiment of the invention, the holder proper comprises a plurality of ribs 5 in suitably spaced relation to one another and connected at their ends by rings 6 and 7, and preferably the ribs are encircled between their ends by a ring 8 which prevents bulging or distortion of the ribs to a degree that would permit the balls to escape between the said ribs.

In so far as the invention has been developed, the inventor prefers that it shall be constructed of leather, although other material may be employed, and it may be found desirable to make some of the parts of one material and some of another, but those are details which may be determined by those skilled in the art and in the further commercial development of the invention.

The cover or lid 9 has an extension 10 that may be integral with it or attached thereto and constitutes a hinge and it is secured to the container by any appropriate fastenings such as stitching or the like. The cover or lid is also formed with an integral tab or ear 11 having an appropriate fastening element 12 that coacts with a fastening element 13 carried by the front rib or the one opposite that to which the hinge element is anchored, and the fastening elements are such that they will securely hold the cover or lid closed and yet permit the attachment to be disconnected when the cover or lid is to be opened. It has been found in practice that snap fastenings of conventional type may be employed as the elements 12 and 13, but any appropriate device may be substituted in this connection.

In the interests of economical production, the bottom or lower end closure 14 with its

means for hingedly connecting it to the rear rib and for securing it at its opposite edge to the front rib may be the same as that adopted for use with the cover or lid, and in this disclosure the said parts are duplicated for use with the bottom.

It is desirable to suspend the ball holder from a location near its upper end and to anchor it to prevent undue oscillation or movement of it at the lower end, it being understood that the suspending and anchoring devices are to be such as will be useful when coacting with part of the apparel of the user.

As a means for carrying the foregoing object into effect, a loop 15 is secured to the rear rib, provided with a ring 16 through which a clasp 17 is connected, a clasp having a tongue and a retaining hump or shoulder 18 which will exert pressure on the fabric or material of the apparel to which the clasp is applied. The clasp is hook-like in its construction and it is intended to embrace a belt or waistband for suspending the holder from the garment.

As a means for preventing undue movement of the ball holder at its lower end, a strap 19 is secured to the rear rib and it may be provided with an ordinary buckle 20 in order that the strap may be looped through a ring or connection 21 and secured at different positions of adjustment for holding the clasp 22 at different positions with respect to the end of the ball holder. The adjustment of the strap will permit the clasp 22 to engage the margin of a side or hip pocket or over the edge of a side pocket of the user and when so connected will serve to retain the ball holder against undue movement.

The intermediate band or element 8 is supplied with a keeper or loop 23 through which the end of the strap 19 may be inserted after it has been properly adjusted, so that when the parts are properly adjusted, the device will present a neat appearance and prevent accidental disengagement of the strap from the buckle.

I claim:

1. A golf ball carrier comprising an elongated open ended container, hinged closures for each of the ends thereof, clasps connected to the container by flexible means of such length that the clasps may extend beyond the ends of the container and its closures, one of the clasps providing suspending means and the other clasp anchoring means when placed in engagement with apparel of the user.

2. A container for golf balls comprising a plurality of longitudinal side bars, circular end bands which encompass and are attached to the bars, an intermediate band attached to the bars, closures for the opposite ends of the container, said closures being hinged to the end bands, means for holding the closures closed, flexible suspending means attached to the container, independent clasps carried by the suspending means for engaging the garment of a person, one of the clasps serving as suspending means and the other as anchoring means for the container.

3. As an article of manufacture, a carrier for golf balls, consisting of an elongated holder, closures for the ends thereof, clasps connected to the holder, said clasps being adapted in use to embrace apparel of the user, one of the clasps serving as suspending means and the other to restrict swinging movement of the carrier, and an adjustable flexible connection attached to the holder for associating the clasps with the holder.

4. A golf ball carrier comprising a substantially cylindrical holder, closures hingedly connected to the opposite ends of the holder, means for retaining the hinged closures in closed position, a hook-like clasp connected to the holder and adapted to serve as suspending means for the carrier when in engagement with a part of the wearing apparel of the user, a second clasp attached to the holder, said clasp being shaped to embrace the edge of a pocket of a garment to provide anchoring means for the carrier.

5. A golf ball carrier consisting of a container adapted to hold a plurality of golf balls, said container having hinged closures at each end, means for securing the end closures in closed position, suspending means attached to the container, said suspending means consisting of a loop and ring to which a clasp is secured, a second clasp adjustably connected to the container, said clasps being adapted to frictionally engage apparel to anchor the container thereto.

6. A container for golf balls consisting of a skeletonized frame comprising a plurality of longitudinal strips spaced apart, circular end bands and an intermediate band for associating said strips, closures for the ends, means for suspending the golf ball container or carrier from the waistband of a garment, and other means adapted to engage a distant part of the garment to prevent undue movement of the container when applied to a garment worn by a person.

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