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FIG. 2.

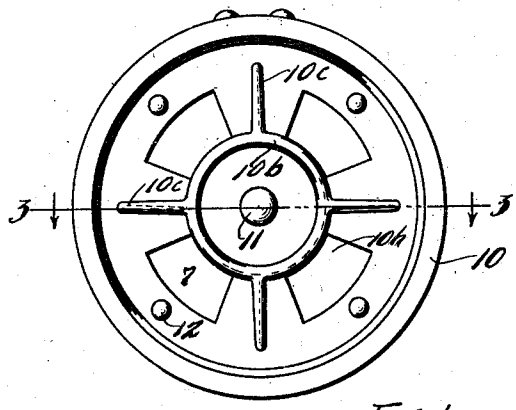


FIG. 1.

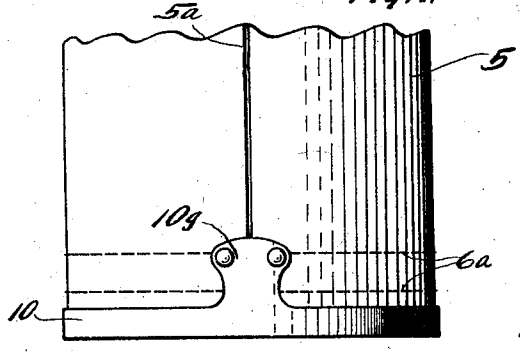
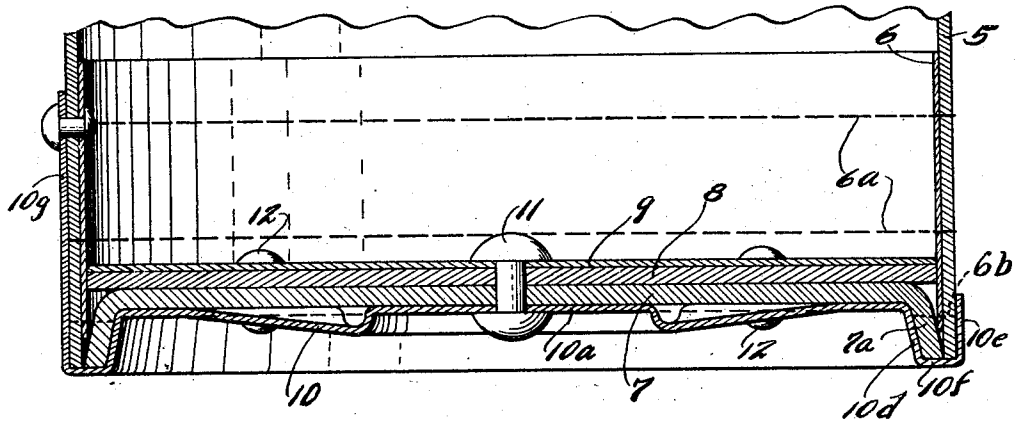


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This invention relates to a golf bag or similar container. As is now well known, golf bags in which the various golf clubs are carried, are used in large numbers. These bags are often trailed along the ground and are frequently subjected to all kinds of weather. It is necessary, therefore, to have a strong and durable structure for the bag, especially at the bottom portion thereof.

It is also desirable to have a neat and ornamental bag structure and one which will retain its proper shape. It is also desirable to have the bottom structure of the bag so arranged that the same can be inspected as to quality.

It is an object of this invention, therefore, to provide a simple, efficient, strong and durable structure for the bottom of the golf bag or similar container.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a golf bag having a bottom member thereon and a metallic member recessed at its central portion to engage and be secured to said bottom member and having a rim portion fitting over the outer side of the bag.

It is still another object of the invention to provide a golf bag preferably of leather and having a heavy leather bottom member therein adjacent its bottom edge, together with a metallic member recessed at its central portion to engage and be secured to said bottom member and to fit around the outer edge of the bag, said metallic member having an opening therein whereby the quality of the bottom member can be inspected.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will be fully set forth in the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which like reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views and in which:—

Fig. 1 is a view in front elevation of the bottom portion of a golf bag;

Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view thereof, and

Fig. 3 is a vertical cross section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings, a portion of a golf bag is shown, comprising the usual longitudinally extending portion 5, illustrated as of cylindrical shape. While the portion 5 may be made of various flexible or fabric material, the same preferably is made of leather and the portion 5 is formed by a piece of the leather being rolled into cylindrical shape and provided with a seam 5^a extending longitudinally thereof. The portions adjacent the seam may be connected by any suitable fastening means, such as a seam thread or rivets. The portion 5 has closely fitted therein adjacent its bottom a comparatively thin cylindrical member 6. While this member may be made of various materials, it preferably is made of hard fiber. The members 5 and 6 are connected by a plurality of rows 6^a of stitching. A bottom member 7 is provided disposed a short distance from the bottom edge of the portion 5, which bottom member has an outwardly turned flange 7^a at its outer edge fitting within the member 5 and having its bottom edge substantially flush with the bottom edge of the portion 5. The member 7 is made of heavy sole leather. The flange 7^a preferably is securely connected to the members 5 and 6 by one or more seams 6^b. An inner bottom member 8 also is preferably used, which is of flat circular form closely fitting the inside of the member 6 and member 8 is surmounted by another flat circular disk 9 of similar diameter, which member 9 preferably is made of hard fiber. A metallic member 10 is provided, having a flat central portion 10^a disposed flat against the outer side of the bottom member 7, the portion 10^a preferably having a central circular outwardly pressed rib 10^b from which radiate the spaced outwardly pressed ribs 10^c, said ribs thus re-inforcing the member 10. At its outer portion the member 10 has a rim 10^d fitting within the inner side of the flange 7^a and an outer rim 10^e closely fitting about the outer side of portion 5 of the bag and extending a short distance upwardly on said side. The rims 10^d and 10^e are connected by the bottom portion 10^f extending over the bottom edges of portion 5 and flange 7^a. The member 10 is connected to the members

7, 8 and 9 by a central rivet 11 which preferably will be made with rather large and ornamental heads, and the circumferentially spaced rivets 12. The member 10 has an upwardly extending tab 10^g at one side, as shown in Fig. 1, disposed centrally over the seam 5^a, which tab preferably is riveted to the portion 5 at each side of said seam 5^a. The member 10 is shown as having its portion 10^a provided with a plurality of openings 10^h between the ribs 10^c, said openings being illustrated as of annular sector shape.

In operation the metal piece 10 protects the bottom portion of the bag and retains the same in its proper shape. At the same time, a very neat finished and ornamental appearance is given to the bag, as the member 10 is preferably plated and highly polished. The member 10 having the re-inforcing ribs thereon, is not easily bent out of shape. The openings 10^h afford an opportunity for the customer or dealer purchasing the bags to carefully inspect the quality of the material in the bottom of the bag. As stated, this material in applicant's bag preferably is made of heavy sole leather and this fact can be readily demonstrated by an examination of the material through the openings 10^h. It will also be seen that the member 10 holds the central bottom portion of the bag off of the supporting surface and the only portion of the device contacting the supporting surface is the metal bound portion at its outer edges. A novel, neat and efficient structure is thus provided.

From the above description it is seen that applicant has provided a simple and efficient structure for a bag, and one having great utility for the purpose intended. The parts of the bag are few and easily made and assembled. The devices has been amply demonstrated in actual practice and found to be very successful and efficient.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, proportions and arrangement of the parts, without departing from the scope of applicant's invention, which, generally stated, consists in a device capable of carrying out the objects above set forth, in the novel parts and combinations of parts disclosed and defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A golf bag comprising a tubular portion of flexible non-metallic material, a bottom member disposed in said tubular portion and having a downturned annular flange fitting said portion and having its edge substantially flush with the bottom edge of said tubular portion, a sheet metal plate having an annular trough at its outer side embracing said flange and the bottom of said tubular portion and engaging the bottom of said bottom member, a thin tubular lining member fitting the inner side of said tubular portion adjacent the bottom thereof, an inner bottom member disposed on said first mentioned bottom member, a fiber plate disposed on said inner bottom member, said plate and inner bottom member fitting said lining member, and means connecting said metallic plate, bottom members and fiber plate.

2. A golf bag comprising a tubular portion of flexible non-metallic material forming the body of the bag, a bottom member disposed in said tubular portion and having an integral down-turned annular flange fitting said portion and having its edge substantially flush with the bottom edge of said tubular portion, a tubular lining member of thinner material fitting inside of said tubular portion and extending at its bottom between the same and said flange, an inner bottom member disposed on said first mentioned bottom member, said inner bottom fitting within said lining member, a sheet metal plate having an annular trough at its outer side embracing said flange and the bottom of said tubular portion and engaging the bottom of said bottom member, a plurality of circumferentially arranged fastening means extending through said bottom member, bottom and sheet metal plate, said sheet metal plate having an integral extension projecting upward along one side of said tubular portion and a pair of spaced fastening members extending through said extension, said tubular portion and said lining member, said tubular portion being longitudinally divided and said last mentioned fasteners being disposed at either side of said division.

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