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GOLF CLUB PROTECTOR

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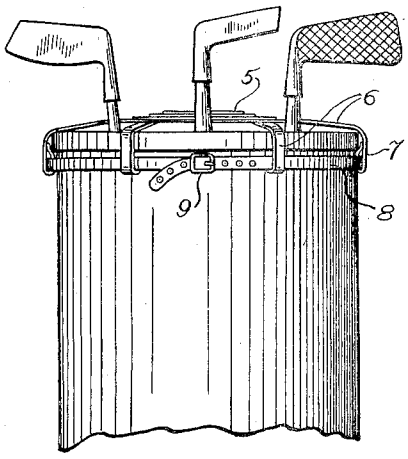


Fig. 1.

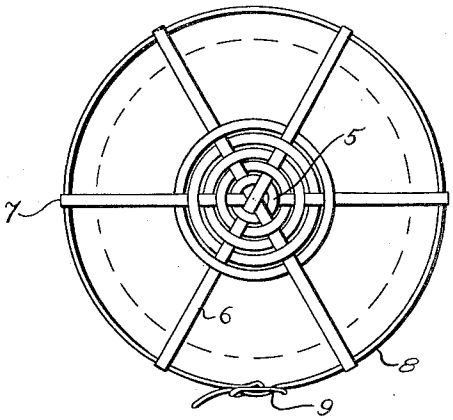


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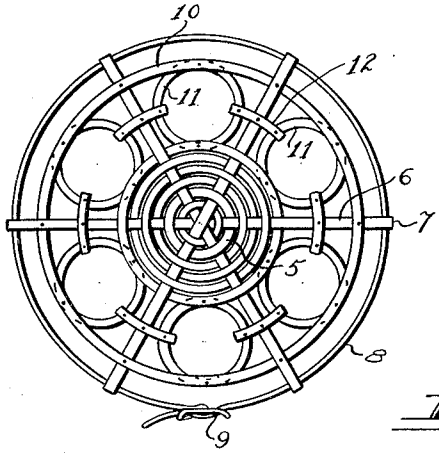


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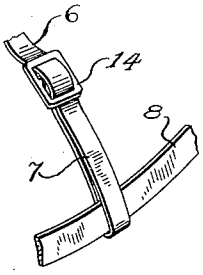


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My present invention relates to improvements in a golf club protector and appertains particularly to a device of this kind that is fastened by a strap to the golf club bag covering the mouth thereof.

An object of the invention is to provide a golf club protector that is instantly applicable to almost any golf club bag in use being merely placed over the mouth thereof and fastened by an encircling strap below the mouth-defining rim.

A further object of the invention is to provide a golf club protector that will effectively space the clubs in a golf club bag to prevent damage thereto.

A further object of the invention is to provide a golf club protector dividing the mouth of the golf club bag into any desired number of divisions each containing a single golf club and thereby spacing the shafts and affording them protection.

A further object of the invention is to provide a golf club protector dividing the mouth of the golf club bag into any desired number of sectors by diametric lines, each of which sector divisions includes a golf receiving opening whereby the golf club shafts are spaced one from the other and interference of the several golf clubs is prevented so that no damage may occur to the shafts, heads or windings.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a golf club protector of the nature and for the purposes described that is characterized by structural simplicity, durability and low cost of production whereby the same is rendered commercially desirable.

To the accomplishment of these and related objects as shall become apparent as the description proceeds, my invention resides in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as shall be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and pointed out in the claims hereunto appended.

The invention will be best understood and can be more clearly described when reference is had to the drawing forming a part of this disclosure wherein like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the top of a golf club bag showing the golf clubs therein spaced by my protector;

Figure 2 is a plan of a simple form of protector;

Figure 3 is a similar plan of an improved design that will afford the clubs even greater protection;

Figure 4 is a perspective detail of an adjustable connection with the fastening strap.

Golf clubs, scuffing against each other as they are carried and often striking with considerable impact when the bag is dropped, suffer considerable damage thereby. The shafts get scraped and the bindings cut and the iron heads even nick and dent the wooden shafts and chip the finish on the metal shafts. This golf club protector by holding the several golf clubs separated renders their selection easier and more rapid and obviates this unnecessary wear and tear so that the golf clubs are subjected only to the use or usage for which they are intended and their life or period of usefulness during which they may be employed in play accordingly lengthened.

Referring particularly to the drawing, the protector is seen to comprise a circular or substantially circular body part 5 composed of woven thongs of leather or the like and built up in concentric circles or an eccentric spiral on a frame of radial strands 6 here shown as complete diagonals. The outer ends of these radial strands 6 are doubled back underneath to provide loops 7 for the accommodation of a fastening strap 8 threaded therethrough, whose opposite ends have co-operating means 9, in this case an ordinary buckle being employed. This strap 8, when the protector is applied to cover the open mouth of a golf club bag, is tightened and fastened below the stiff mouth-defining rim ordinarily found around the upper rim of a golf club bag.

In the protector shown in Figure 3, there is added to the structure already described, an outer protecting circle 10 supported by the radial strands 6 that lie just within the inner circumference of the mouth of the golf club bag. And in between the outer circumference of the central body part 5 and this circle 10 and between adjacent radii, individual golf club receiving rings 11 are arranged supported at opposite sides by the body part 5 and circle 10 and also by the cross straps 12 that, carried by the radial strands 6 extend out on each side to meet the adjoining rings 11. This round of rings 11 are sufficiently spaced one from the other that the heads of the golf clubs carried therein cannot engage the shafts of adjacent golf clubs thus positively preventing the injury that usually occurs, moreover, the several clubs standing in evenly spaced relation are most accessible for individual selection and the player is inclined to accord them more particular care.

In the modification shown in Figure 4, the radial strands 6 are terminally provided with an

adjustment buckle 14 so that they may be readily tightened or loosened increasing or diminishing the distance from the centre of the body 5 to the end of the loop 7 through which the strap 8 passes.

While the construction of the protector has been shown and described as of single flat strands of leather, woven thongs will preferably be employed giving greater strength and providing increased cushioning, and if such was the case, it will be quite obvious that the doubled back end on the radial strands would simply be loops formed in the woven mesh; in the same sense, the outer circle 10, the rings 11 and the cross straps 12 would not be individual pieces but may all be formed from one or several pieces of interwoven leather thongs. And further, if the protector was being applied to the golf club bag at the time of its manufacture, the attaching strap 8 could be dispensed with and the radial strands 6 looped directly around the ring at the mouth of the bag making the protector permanent.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be manifest that a golf club protector is provided that will fulfil all the necessary requirements of such a device but as many changes could be made in the above description and many apparently widely different embodiments of my invention may be constructed within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit or scope thereof, it is intended that all matters contained in the said accompanying specification and drawing shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limitative or restrictive sense.

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

1. A golf club protector for golf club bags comprising a central body and a plurality of radial strands extending outwards to the rim of the bag, loops on the ends of said radial strands and an attaching strap threaded therethrough.

2. A golf club shaft protector for golf club bags comprising a central body and a plurality of free radial strands extending outwards to and over the rim of the bag by which said central body is suspended, means for collecting and fastening the ends of said radial strands to the bag and individual divisions between said radial strands for the reception of golf clubs.

3. A golf club protector for golf club bags adapted to rest on the top rim thereof comprising a flat horizontal central body and a plurality of radial strands extending outwards to the rim of the bag, an outer circle carried by said radial strands, individual rings within the space between said body and said outer circle and between adjacent strands and supported by said body, outer circle and adjacent strands and means for attaching the outer ends of said radial strands to the bag.

4. A golf club protector for golf club bags adapted to cover the mouth thereof comprising a flat horizontal central body and a plurality of radial strands extending outwards to and over the rim of the bag; adjustable loops on the ends of said strands whereby the length of said strands may be varied; and means carried by said loops for attaching the protector to the bag.

5. A golf club protector for golf bags adapted to cover the mouth thereof and comprising a flat horizontal central body; a plurality of radial strands extending outwards therefrom over the rim of the bag and lying normally in the same horizontal plane; loops on the outer ends of said strands adapted to hang down over the outside of the golf club bag and an adjustable attaching strap threaded therethrough adapted to encircle the golf club bag and secure said golf club protector thereon.

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