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GOLF CLUB

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FIG. 1

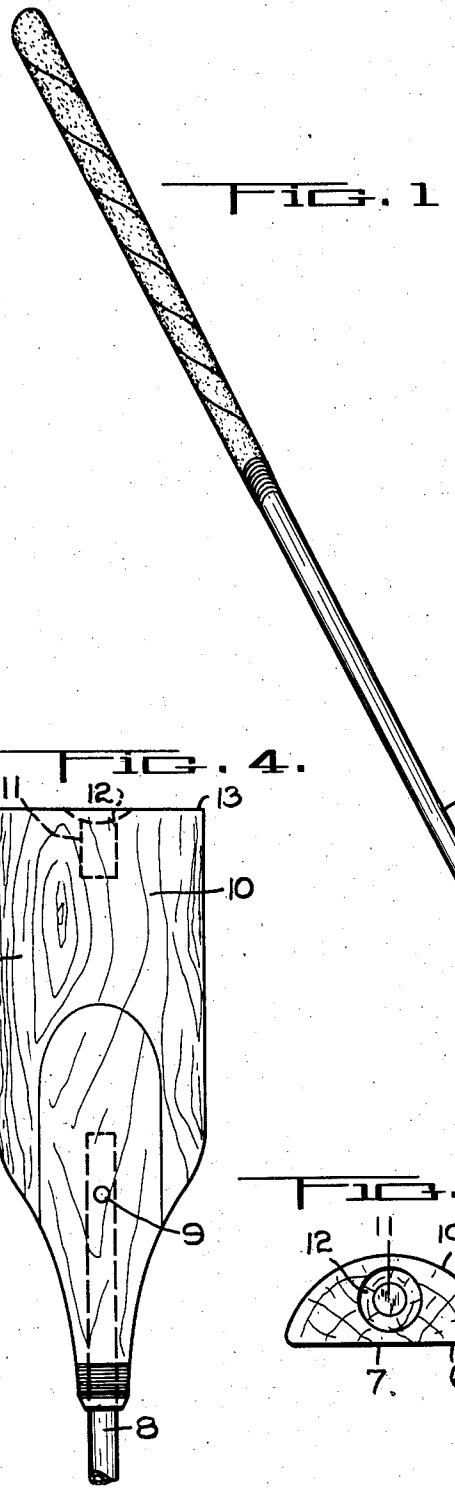


FIG. 2.

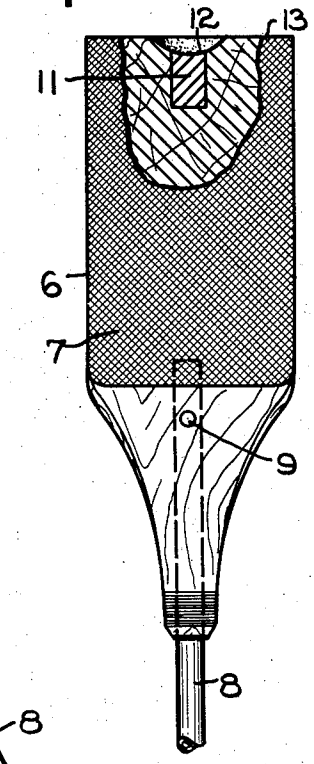


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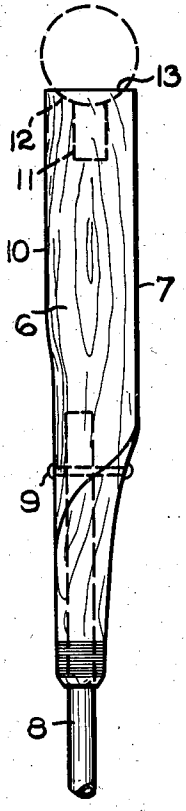
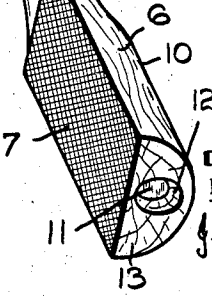


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My invention relates to improvements in golf clubs for playing a variety of the orthodox game of golf in which in driving and approach shots the ball, instead of being played from a tee or a lie on the ground, is thrown into the air and struck by the club while in putting shots the ball is played in conventional manner from its lie on the green.

An object of the invention is to devise a club which will be suitable for use for playing all the shots in the variety of golf as indicated above and thus obviate the necessity of employing clubs of different construction to play the different shots in the game.

With the above and other objects in view which will hereinafter appear as the specification proceeds, my invention consists, in its preferred embodiment, of the construction all as hereinafter more particularly described and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:—

Fig. 1 represents a perspective view of a club constructed according to my invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail of the club head viewed from the striking face.

Fig. 3 is a side view thereof.

Fig. 4 is a back view thereof, and

Fig. 5 is an end view of such head, all drawn to the same scale as Fig. 2.

Like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different views.

The head **6** of my club which may be constructed of wood or other suitable material has a plane striking face **7** which may be roughened or serrated to prevent the ball slipping when coming in contact therewith. Such striking face **7** is preferably of substantially rectangular shape and also preferably oblong and such plane face is also substantially parallel to the axis of the club shaft **8** which is attached to the head **6**. As illustrated, the shaft is of the conventional metal type having one end inserted into the head and held therein by the rivet **9**. It may, however, be of wood formed integrally with or spliced to the head.

The head **6** is preferably segmental shape in cross-section with the back face **10** of the club arcuate in cross-section, and the portion of the club adjacent to the shaft **8** tapers to its extremity, the face forming the continuation of the plane striking face **7** of the club being offset inwardly from such striking face.

A weight **11** is inserted into the head of the club and a cup-shaped indenture **12** is provided in the face **13** of the tip to receive and support the golf ball as shown in Fig. 3.

The weight **11** is preferably such as to bring the centre of gravity well down toward the junction of the shaft **8** with the head **6**.

In playing driving shots the golf ball which is of the conventional type is placed in the indenture **12** in the top of the head and the club held perpendicularly head uppermost. By projecting the club sharply upward vertically the ball is thrown in the air and is struck by the striking face **7** in much the same manner as is done in knocking out flies with a baseball bat.

When the player is desirous of playing approach shots the golf ball is lifted from its lie on the ground, placed in the indenture **12** and struck exactly as in the case of driving shots except more vertically upward.

When the ball is on the green the ball is played by my club from its lie in the same way as a putter is used in conventional golf with the exception that the club is preferably held substantially perpendicularly between the feet of the player somewhat similar to the manner in which a player takes a stroke in croquet.

A club constructed as above described can be used for playing all the strokes in the variety of golf for which it is intended and which has been indicated above. Thus the expense of having to have several different clubs for the different strokes which is the case in conventional golf is avoided as well as the construction of teeing grounds. Of course, the variety of golf indicated may be played with my golf club on the ordinary links.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A golf club comprising an elongated shaft, a hand grip at one end of the shaft and a ball striking head of comparatively small dimensions at the other end of the shaft with its longitudinal axis coincident with the axis thereof, said head including a comparatively small longitudinally extending plane ball striking surface disposed parallel to the axes of the head and shaft and offset in relation thereto, the end of the tip of the head being disposed substantially perpendicular to the ball striking face, and having a cup-shaped ball receiving indenture therein with its axis disposed substantially coincident with the axis of the head, the upper part of the head above the plane ball striking surface being cut inwardly and tapering towards its junction with the shaft.

2. A golf club comprising an elongated shaft, a hand grip at one end of the shaft and a ball striking head of comparatively small dimensions at the other end of the shaft with its longitudinal axis coincident with the axis thereof, said

head including a comparatively small longitudinally extending plane ball striking surface disposed parallel to the axes of the head and shaft and offset in relation thereto, the end of the tip of the head being disposed substantially perpendicular to the ball striking face, and having a cup-shaped ball receiving indenture therein with its axis disposed substantially coincident with the axis of the head, the upper part of the head above the plane ball striking surface being cut inwardly and tapering towards its junction with the shaft, and the back surface of the head opposite to the plane ball striking face being of semi-cylindrical cross-section to constitute a non-ball striking surface.

3. A golf club comprising an elongated shaft, a hand grip at one end of the shaft and a ball striking head of comparatively small dimensions at the other end of the shaft with its longitudinal axis coincident with the axis thereof, said head including a comparatively small longitudinally extending plane ball striking surface disposed parallel to the axes of the head and shaft and offset in relation thereto, the end of the tip of the head being disposed substantially perpendicular to the ball striking face, and having a cup-shaped ball receiving indenture disposed with its axis coincident with the axis of such head.

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