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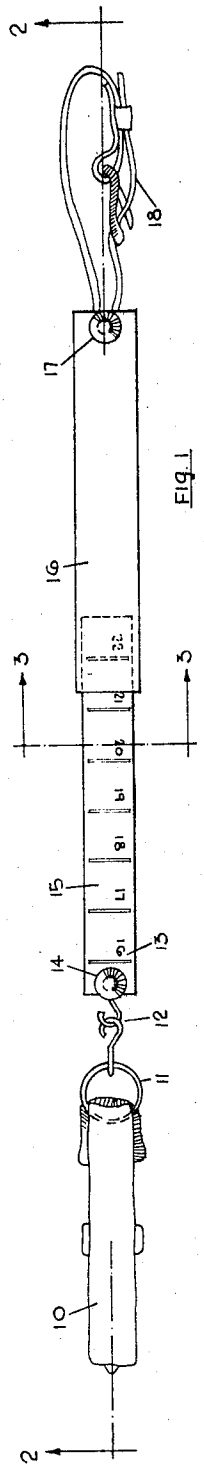


Fig. 1

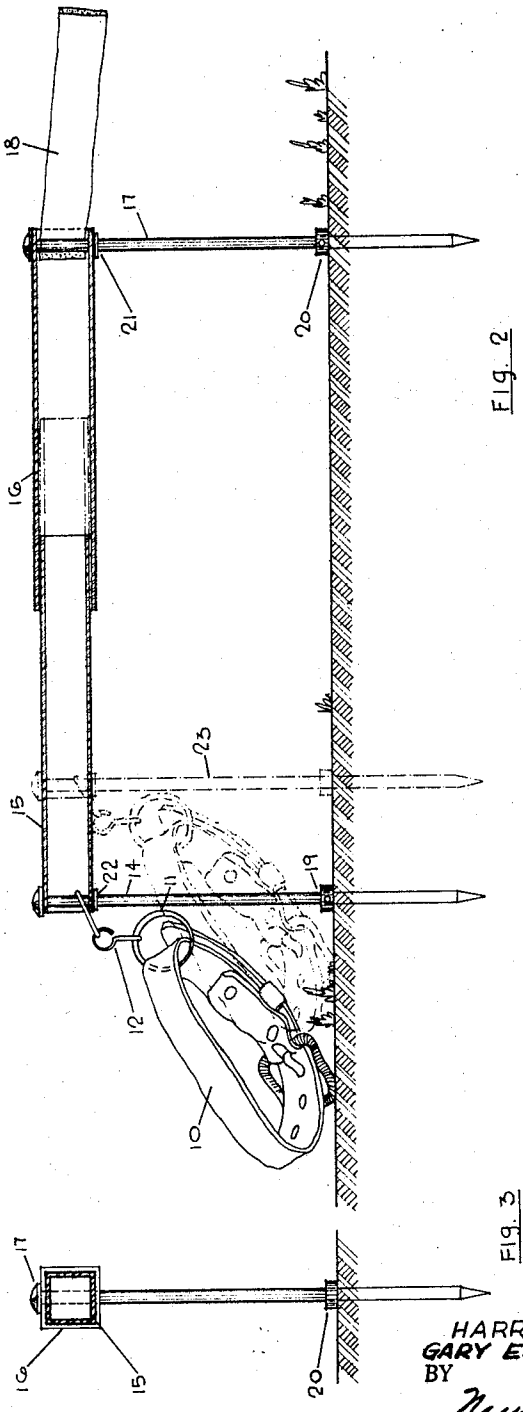


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A golf stance correcting device including a calibrated body of adjustable length adapted to be supported horizontally at approximately the level of the golfer's ankles between a golfer's legs and having ground penetrable spikes for anchoring the body in the ground and a pair of leg clamps at its opposite ends. One of the clamps holds one leg of the golfer closely adjacent to one end of the body and the other clamp engages the other leg of the golfer while permitting said other leg to pivot on a short linkage around the other end of the body.

While the device of this invention can be made with various structural details within the scope of the appended claims, the preferred form of the device is illustrated in the attached drawing in which:

FIG. 1 is a top plan view of the preferred form of the invention;

FIG. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken on the plane indicated at **2**—**2** in FIG. 1 and showing a contracted position of the device in phantom, and;

FIG. 3 is a vertical sectional view taken on the plane indicated at **3**—**3** in FIG. 1.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, the device illustrated therein enables the user to assume a stance with the correct spacing between the feet; hold the feet in place and to become conscious of the proper weight transference necessary to making a golf shot as advocated by leading present day golf professionals.

The device illustrated consists of two pieces of square steel or aluminum tubing **15** and **16** telescopically connected together. On one of the surfaces of the inner tube **15**, there is a stamped calibration **13** in inches reading 16 through 22. Two leather straps **10** and **18** are attached to opposite ends of the body tubes **15** and **16** as explained in greater detail below. Two steel pins **14** and **17** are attached to the opposite ends of the tubes **15** and **16**, respectively, by passing the pins through transverse openings in the tubes and attaching snap rings **22** and **21** to the pins.

To asemble the device; one strap **18** is partly forced into that end of the tubing **16**. One steel pin **17** is forced through the holes in the tubing **16** in such a manner as to lock the strap in place. When the head of the pin has made contact with the surface of the tubing, a snap ring **21** is slid onto the pin and forced into a groove nearest the head of the pin thereby locking the pin to the tubing. The other pin **14** is forced through transverse holes in the tubing **15** and through one link of a one and one-half inch (1½") long chain **12** thereby locking the chain in place and until the head of the pin is in contact with the surface of the tubing. A snap ring **22** is forced onto the pin until it is seated in a groove nearest to the head of the pin thereby locking the pin to the tubing. The other

leather strap **10** is reeved through a steel ring **11** on the free end of the chain. Two collars **19** and **20** with set screws are slid one on each pin and tightened in the positions illustrated. The smaller tubing **15** is slid inside the larger tubing **16** with the pins pointing in the same direction and parallel to each other. Now the device is completely assembled as shown in the drawing.

To properly use the device; the shoulders of the user are measured for width. This measurement is set on the device by telescoping or extending the smaller tubing **15** inside the larger tubing **16** until the free end of the larger tubing is aligned with the proper number scaled on the smaller tubing (i.e. if the user's shoulder width is twenty inches, the device is set at **20** on the scale). The device is held in place while the two pins are forced into the ground to the depth of the two collars. The upper surface of the tubing will be at about the level of the user's angles. If the user is a right-handed swinger, the stationary strap **18** is placed around the left ankle. The strap on the end of the chain is placed around the right ankle. The procedure is the opposite for a left-handed swinger. Now, the user is ready to swing with his wooden headed clubs. For shots with iron-headed clubs, the device is telescoped to a shorter length.

We claim:

1. A golf stance correcting device comprising:

(A) an elongated body portion having a pair of body members slidably mounted together for changing the length of said body portion;

(B) ground engaging means mounted on said body portion for mounting said body in a generally horizontal position above the ground at approximately the level of the user's ankles;

(C) linkage means attached to one of said body members adjacent to one end of said body portion for pivotal movement about said one end of said body portion;

(D) a first ankle clamp attached to said linkage means at a position spaced away from the point of attachment of said linkage means to said one of said body members; and

(E) a second ankle clamp attached to the other one of said body members adjacent to the other end of said body portion.

2. The device of claim **1** characterized further in that said body members consist of two sections of tubing telescopically connected together, said ground engaging means consists of a pair of pins mounted one on each of said tubing sections and projecting laterally therefrom generally parallel to each other, said linkage means consists of a chain pivotally supported on one of said pins, and said ankle clamps consist of straps, one strap attached to the other one of said pins and the other strap attached to said chain.

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