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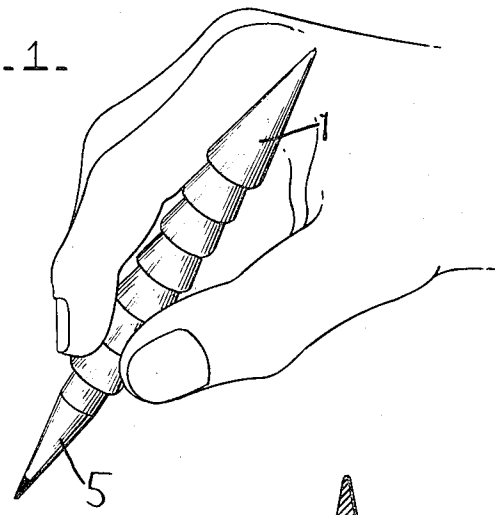
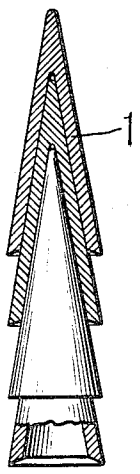


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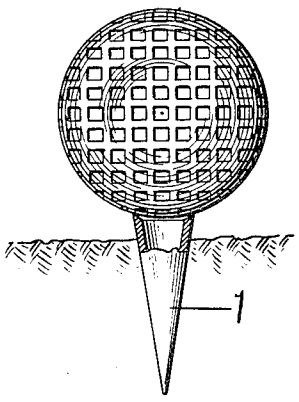


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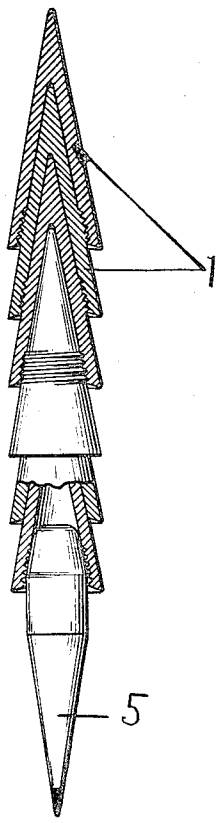


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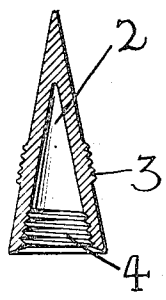


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This invention relates to an improvement in golf tees, and more particularly to use of same as a handle for a writing implement.

One of the objects of my invention is to form golf tees so that they will nest or stack and be temporarily supported one upon the other by friction or otherwise, to form a composite unit, each tee of the stack however, being separable from the group, so that it may be used as a golf tee or support for a golf ball as intended. By releasably aggregating a series of golf tees in the manner described, renders the tees convenient for packing, handling and carriage and especially convenient when carried in the pocket of the player, since they are not apt to be severally lost or mislaid.

A further object of my invention is to co-operatively associate the stub of a pencil with a stack of tees of the character referred to in such manner that the tees form a substantial hand grip, thus producing a writing implement in which the nested golf tees form the handle portion. The golf player is thus provided with a convenient writing implement, for score keeping purposes and at the same time he has available and convenient for use as golf tees the separable units of which the handle is formed.

In the accompanying drawings, I have illustrated by way of example the principles of my invention.

Figure 1 illustrates in perspective a writing implement, embodying certain features of my invention.

Figure 2 is a view partly in vertical cross section, showing the manner in which the tees are formed and stacked.

Figure 3 is a side elevation of one of the golf tees in golf ball supporting position.

Figure 4 is a vertical cross section of a modified form of the golf tee.

Figure 5 is a similar view of a series of tees, of the form illustrated in Figure 4, part being shown in full to illustrate the manner in which the connection is made between the respective tees as well as the manner in which the pencil is supported in the terminal tee.

Each tee 1 is cone shaped and is provided with a coniform hollow space 2, adapted to receive the apex of a similarly shaped tee, thus enabling a series of such tees to be stacked or nested in the manner shown in Figures 1 to 5.

The tees may be formed of moulded or cast material, such as celluloid, fiber, aluminum or the like, or they may to advantage be drawn or pressed from metal. The surfaces of the tees are preferably though not necessarily made of a material having a reasonable high degree of frictional adhesion, so that when they are stacked together, a temporary engagement will be established sufficient to hold them in assembled or aggregated position, thus preventing them from becoming disassociated from the stack when employed for the described purposes. When grouped in the manner described, a slight amount of applied force will be required to overcome the adherence of one tee to another, to permit of separation.

In Figures 4 and 5, I have illustrated a modified form in which the golf tees are provided with exterior threads 3 and interior threads 4 which serve to furnish a more positive connection between the tees when assembled in a stack. The exterior threads of one tee cooperate with the interior threads on an adjacent tee to hold them in more substantial engagement.

In utilizing the stacking or co-operatively associated tees for the purpose of a writing implement, a pencil or other marking device 5 is inserted in the interior of the terminal tee of an inverted stack, the same being forced into positive holding position thru the medium of friction or by a positive grip upon the interior treads. The stack arrangement of tees serves well the purpose of an extension or handle to a pencil and makes possible the utilization of a pencil stub, which otherwise would be awkward and inconvenient to use satisfactorily.

While I have illustrated several specific embodiments of my invention, I do so by way of example and do not wish to be restricted to the particular details thereof, as I desire to protect the invention as broadly as possible, consistent with the prior state of the art and the terms of my appended claims.

I claim:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a combination golf tee unit and writing implement comprising a handle portion formed of a series of inverted cone shaped golf tees nested together and held in position by a temporary connection, so as to enable their successive separation and removal for use as golf tees and a short stub pencil supported by and retained in the terminal inverted tee.

2. As an article of manufacture, a stick-like structure comprising a plurality of rigidly connected units adapted to be separated to form individual golf tees.

3. As an article of manufacture, a stick-like structure comprising a plurality of connected units adapted to be separated to form individual golf tees; one end of said structure comprising a substance adapted to mark on paper.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature to this specification.

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