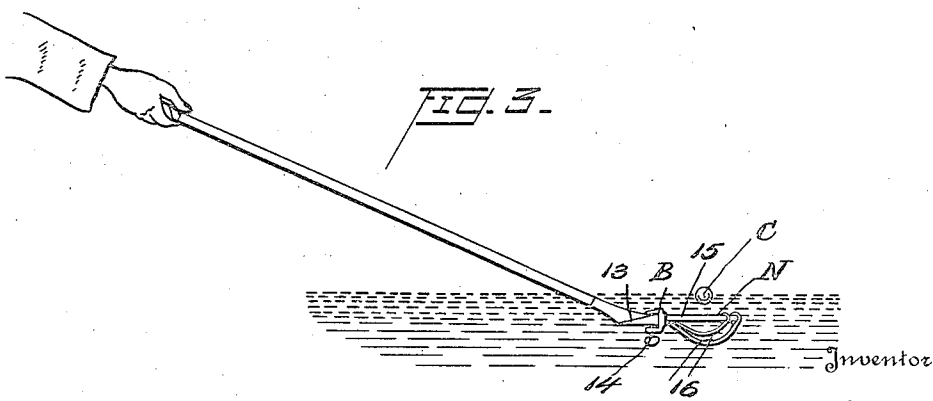
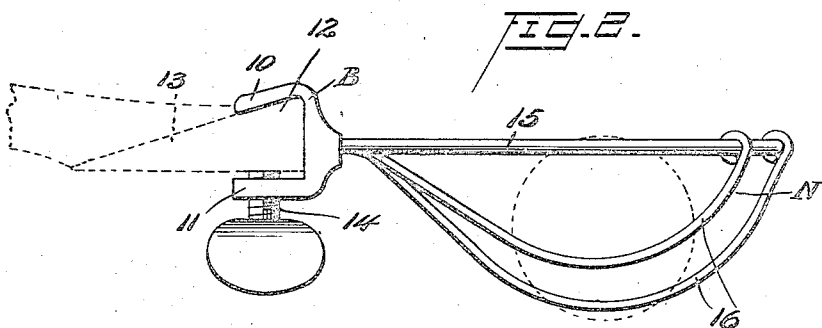
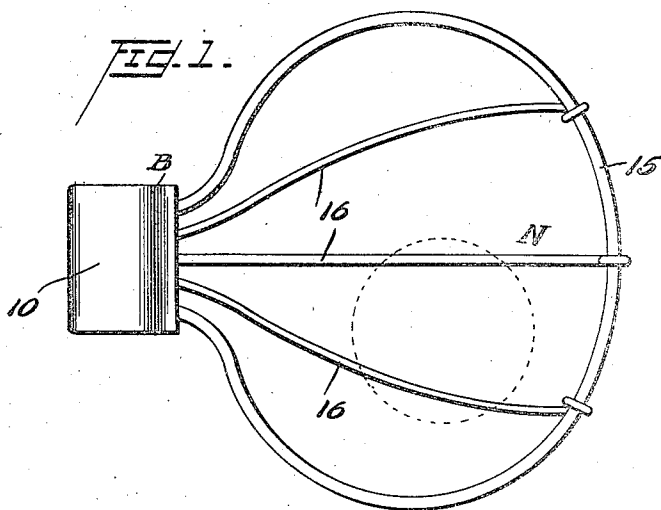


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES J. McDERMOTT, a citizen of the United States, and residing at New York city, New York County, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golfing Appliances, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to golfing appliances and particularly to devices for retrieving golf balls which have been driven into streams, ponds, swampy places or other inaccessible spots such as are frequently met with on the average golf course.

The object of the invention is to provide an attachment which may be conveniently carried in the player's pocket or by the caddy or in the pocket of the golf bag, and which may be readily attached to the ordinary golf club whenever it is necessary to recover a ball and which, after such recovery, may be immediately put away until again needed. The invention may be embodied in various forms suitable for attachment to different clubs and in different positions on the clubs, but I prefer to so form the appliance that it may readily be secured to the head of an iron club, such as midiron. A device of this character is illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the appliance;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same; and

Fig. 3 illustrates the appliance attached to a golf club and shows the method of its use.

The appliance comprises essentially a base portion B and a net portion N, the base being adapted to be detachably secured to the club so that the net extends outwardly from the head of the club and preferably in a direction substantially parallel to the handle of the club. The base B is yoke-shaped in cross section, the arms 10 and 11 of the yoke being relatively inclined so that the groove 12 between them is a dovetailed groove, and of such width that it may readily fit over the tapered lower edge of the head 13 of an iron golf club. Groove 12 is made sufficiently wide to fit several forms of irons and a clamping screw 14 which extends through a threaded aperture in arm 11 is provided for the purpose of clamping the

iron between its inner end and the arm 10 of the base member.

The net N comprises a loop member 15 the ends of which are secured to the base, and several transverse cross members 16, one end of each of which is secured to the base and the other end of each of which is secured to the loop 15, these members being so spaced apart, and from the sides of the loop, that mud, small stones, &c., picked up in the net may freely fall through while a golf ball can not do so. Cross members 16 are downwardly curved so that a pocket is provided to receive the golf ball and these members are preferably of metal and permanently retain their shape. The base B is also preferably of metal and the whole device nickel plated or fabricated of non-rusting metal. The details of construction as well as the method of fastening the ball holding device to the head of the club, however, and also the materials used may be varied considerably without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In Figure 3 the appliance is shown attached to the end of a golf club in position to lift a ball C from the surface of the water upon which it floats. The device is useful in such instances where the ball could not be recovered otherwise unless the golfer waded after it, but it is particularly useful in case the ball does not float but sinks to the bottom. In attempting to recover balls resting upon the muddy bottoms of streams or ponds, great difficulty is realized inasmuch as the movements of the ordinary golf club or stick stir up the mud so that the ball is lost sight of. With my improved appliance a sunken ball can be recovered without loss of time.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

1. A golfing appliance of the class described, comprising in combination, a base member having a dovetailed groove therein to receive the iron head of a golf club, and a ball holding device mounted on said base member.

2. A golfing appliance of the class described, comprising in combination, a base member having a recess therein adapted to

receive the iron head of a golf club, means for holding the head of the club in said recess and a ball holding device mounted on the base member.

- 5 3. A golfing appliance of the class described, comprising in combination, a base member having a dovetailed groove adapted

to receive a portion of the iron head of a golf club, a clamping nut for holding the head of the club in said groove, and a ball 10 holding device mounted on the base member.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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