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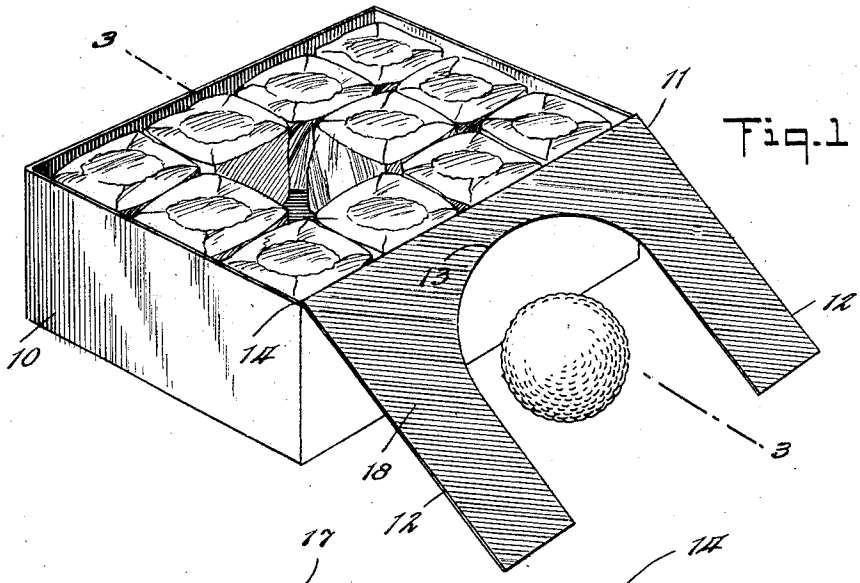


Fig. 1

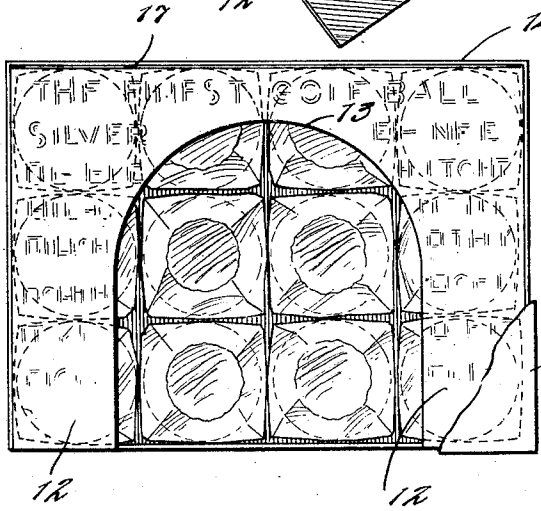


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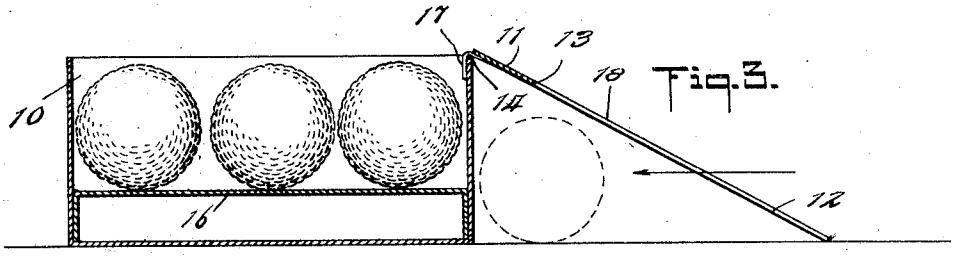


Fig. 3.

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Our invention relates to improvements in golf ball boxes and the objects of our invention are first, to provide a box with a flap which is adapted to hold the golf balls in position even though the box be tipped on edge; second, to provide a flap in a golf ball box which acts not only to hold the balls in position in the box but one which can also be used to provide putting practice in the home.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the golf ball box with the lid off, the balls inside the box and the notched flap in use for putting practice;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the box with the lid off, the balls being held in position by the flap; while

Fig. 3 is a cross section from front to back of the box taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1 when the flap is in position for putting.

The ordinary golf ball carton or box comprises a cover 15 and a container 10.

According to our invention a flap 11 is provided, hinged to one of the upper longitudinal edges 14 of the box 10. This flap may be hinged to the container by means of a strip 17 glued to the flap and to the edge 14 of the container. The flap is notched at the edge parallel to the hinge line as by an arch 13. We prefer to make the width and also the height of the arch approximately the diameter of the standard size hole on the putting greens of a golf course. The legs 12 of the arch can be made just short enough to fit within the container 10 when the flap is in closed position.

The container of a golf ball box is ordinarily made just the height of the golf ball but we prefer to make it higher and to put in a false bottom 16 in order that the balls may be flush with the upper edges of the container 10. The under side 18 of the flap can be made of a color which contrasts with the outside of the container, such for instance as green, and, if desired, this under side may be made with a roughened surface which will not reflect light.

When the box is put on display in a store or the balls in it are to be kept immediately available, the lid 15 is removed, but the flap 11 kept closed. The upper side of the flap can be used for advertising matter or an explanation of the novelty of the box as desired. If the box is tipped up on edge or on either end the flap serves to hold the balls in the container even though its lower central portion is cut out. The arch 13 holds the top balls in the carton, i. e., the balls at the ends or the balls at the edge of the container to which the flap is hinged; and the pressure of the top balls keeps the lower ones from falling out.

When it is desired to use the box for golf putting practice the flap 11 is opened out till the legs 12 of the flap touch the floor. The green non-reflecting under side 18 of the flap now affords a contrast with the white outside of the container 10 and serves to define an opening closely resembling a hole on a regular putting green. The added height of the container serves to raise the highest point of the arch to a level which permits a ball rolling into the arch to pass under it and against the edge of the container (see Fig. 3). In order that the container may not be knocked out of position by a ball hitting against the container, golf balls not in use should be kept in the container or a weight placed therein. It will also be noted that the arch which provides such close imitation of a hole on a golf putting green makes a strong construction pleasing to the eye when the flap is closed and the box is on display.

What we claim is:

1. A golf ball box having a container and a notched flap hinged to an upper edge of the container, said flap being adapted when closed to cover the balls at the ends and at that edge of the container to which the flap is hinged, whereby the balls are restrained from falling out when the box is displayed upright, the notch in said flap being adapted to serve as a hole for golf putting practice when turned out, substantially as described.

2. A golf ball box having a container and a flap hinged to an upper edge of the container, said flap being adapted when closed to cover the balls at the ends and at the edge of the container to which the flap is hinged, whereby the balls are restrained from falling out, when the box is displayed upright,

said arch being adapted to serve as a hole for golf putting practice when turned out, the side of the flap then uppermost being of a color contrasting with the outside of the container, for the purpose described.

3. A golf ball box having a container and a notched flap hinged to an upper edge of the container, said flap being adapted when closed to cover the balls at the ends and at that edge of the container to which the flap is hinged, whereby the balls are restrained from falling out when the box is displayed upright, the notch in said flap being adapted to serve as a hole for golf putting practice when turned out, the side of the flap then uppermost being made with a roughened surface which will not reflect light and of a color contrasting with the outside of the container, for the purpose described.

4. A golf ball box having a container and a flap hinged to an upper edge of said container, said flap comprising an arch, the upper portion of which is adjacent the hinge line, whereby when the flap is closed up the balls are restrained from falling out if the container is set upright, which flap is adapted upon being turned out to form a notch approximately equal to the diameter of the hole on a putting green on a golf course, said container being higher than necessary to provide room for the golf balls in order to permit a golf ball to roll under the highest point of the arch when the flap is opened out.

5. A golf ball box having a container and a flap hinged to an upper edge of said container, said flap comprising an arch, the upper portion of which is adjacent the hinge line, whereby when the flap is closed up the balls are restrained from falling out if the container is set upright, which flap is adapted upon being turned out to form a notch approximately equal to the diameter of the hole on a putting green on a golf course, said container being higher than necessary to provide room for the golf balls in order to permit a golf ball to roll under the highest point of the arch when the flap is opened out, in combination with a false bottom in said container adapted to hold the balls in the container approximately flush with the flap.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification.

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