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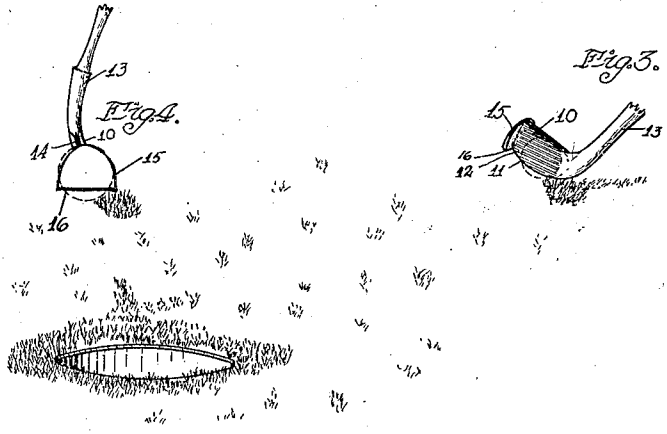


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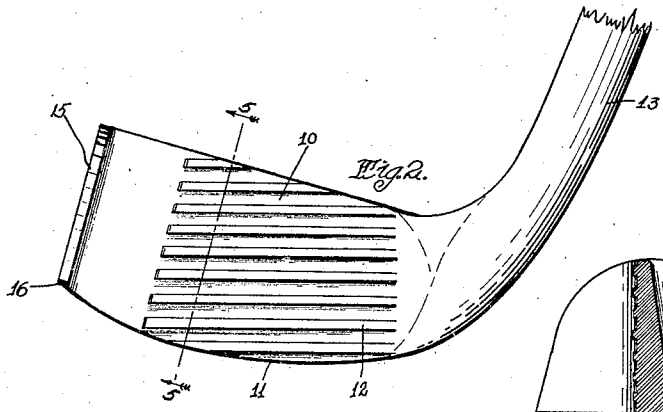


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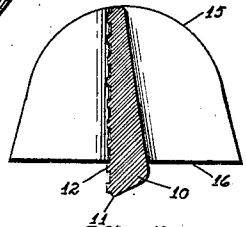


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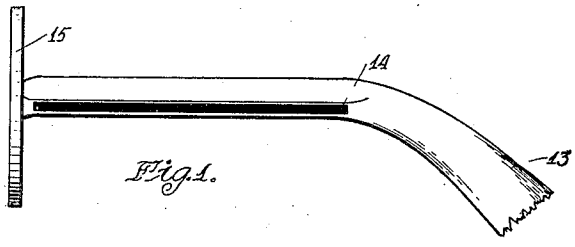


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. DWIGHT, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Des Moines, in the county of Polk and State of Iowa, have invented a certain new and useful Golf Club, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in golf clubs.

My object is to provide an improved golf club, especially adapted to be used in putting, which club is so shaped and constructed that the operator may first very accurately sight along an indicated mark on the club and thereby bring the club into accurate alignment with a hole into which the ball is to be put, and thereafter may swing the club in a straight line along the line of the indicated mark on the club, whereby the operator may both plan and execute a putting shot with great accuracy.

A further object is to combine my improved putting device with an approach iron of ordinary construction in such a manner that the function and use of the approach iron is not in any way injured by the presence of the putting device, so that the operator need purchase and carry only one golf club for the double purpose for making approach and putting shots.

My invention consists in the construction of the putter and its arrangement and combination relative to the approach iron, whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 shows a top or plan view of a golf club embodying my invention.

Figure 2 shows a side elevation of same.

Figure 3 shows a view similar to Figure 2, of reduced size, and illustrating the manner in which the club is used as an approach iron.

Figure 4 shows a front elevation of the golf club in position for use as a putter, pointing to the hole into which the ball is to be put, and illustrating the ball in dotted lines; and

Figure 5 shows a sectional view on the line 5—5 of Figure 2.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, I have used the reference numeral 10 to indicate the body portion of the golf club, or more specifically the part commonly termed the approach iron. It is of substantially the same construction as that of the approach irons now in common use, the bottom edge being curved at 11 and its front or striking face being ribbed at 12. At one side of the body portion 10 is a handle 13, of ordinary construction. The top edge of the body portion 10 is provided with a straight indicating mark 14, parallel to the face 10.

At the outer end of the body portion 10 I have provided a putting plate 15, its face being substantially semi-circular, its upper edge being curved and its lower edge at 16 being straight. This straight edge 16 is preferably substantially at right angles to the face of the body portion 10, while the face 15 is perpendicular to the line 14.

The front outer face of the putting member 15 is preferably inclined downwardly and outwardly from the body portion 10, when said body portion is in position for use as an approach iron. However, when the golf club is being used as a putter, the rear end of the body portion 10 is preferably tilted to such position that the striking face of the putter member 15 will be substantially vertical, and when in this position the straight lower edge 16 will be elevated slightly above the ground, when the bottom edge 11 is touching the ground.

In practical use and when the club is being used as an approach iron, it is used in the ordinary manner, and when being thus used the putter member 15 does not in any way interfere with such use. Then when the ball is close enough to the hole for putting, the same golf club is employed. The handle is held in such position that the body portion 10 will be vertical, and is also held in such a position that the indicating line 14 will be exactly in line with the hole in which the ball is to be put. Under these circumstances it is obvious that the operator may first plan a putting shot with the greatest accuracy, because the club may be held with the indicating line pointing through the center of the golf ball and to the center of the hole and then when the shot is executed great accuracy may be obtained because the club may be swung in a straight line exactly in line with the indicating mark 14.

I claim as my invention:

An improved golf club comprising a handle, an approach shot portion upon the handle formed of metal and having its striking face substantially vertical when the

handle portion is in position for making an approach shot, and having its lower edge rounded so that the central portion of its striking face at the bottom is lower than the outer and inner end portions of the striking face when in position for making an approach shot, and a putting shot portion formed integral with the outer end of the approach shot portion and extending forwardly and rearwardly therefrom, substantially at right angles to the approach shot portion, said putting shot portion having its lower edge straight and substantially horizontal when in position for use, and the top edge of the approach shot portion being straight and intersecting the putting shot portion substantially at its vertical central portion, for the purposes stated.

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