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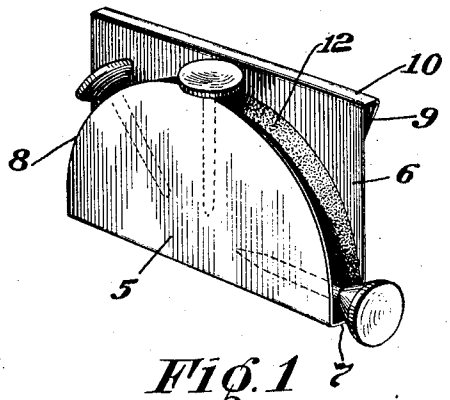


Fig. 1

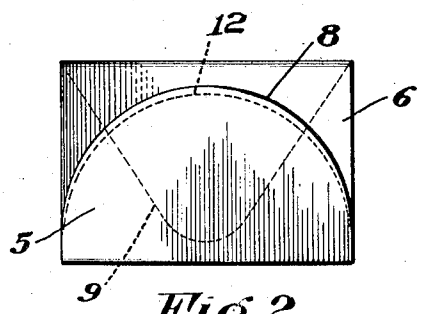


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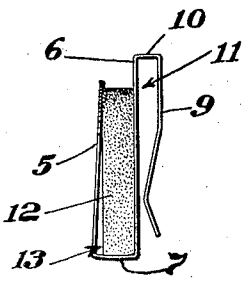


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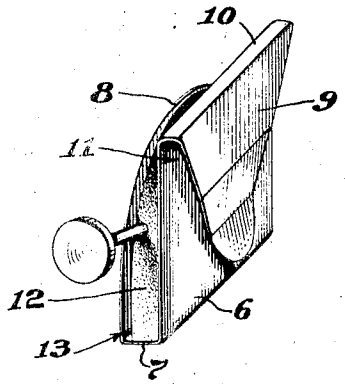


Fig. 4

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The present invention relates to holders for portable golf tees which are carried by the player and inserted into the ground for each drive. Portable golf tees as offered on the market are usually made of wood or celluloid and vary somewhat in size and shape. Moreover golf players find that often when they start a round with portable golf tees of one make through forgetfulness they leave the tee behind them or drive the tee with the ball so that the tee is not readily found. On continuing the round they pick up tees lost by preceding golf players so that at the end of the round they find themselves with a diversiform assortment of golf tees. Consequently, an ideal holder for portable golf tees should not only be able to retain in position for ready selection a plurality of portable golf tees of one make, but should also be able to retain in position for ready selection a plurality of portable golf tees of different makes.

The object of the present invention is to produce an ideal portable golf tee holder as defined herein.

To the accomplishment of this object, and such others as may hereinafter appear, the features of the invention relate to certain devices, combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter described and then set forth broadly and in detail in the appended claims, which possess advantages readily apparent to those skilled in the art.

The various features of the present invention, will be best understood from an inspection of the accompanying drawings illustrating the best form of the invention at present devised, in which:

Figure 1 is a view, in perspective, of the holder for portable golf tees, viewing the front;

Fig. 2 is a view, in front elevation;

Fig. 3 is a view in end elevation; and

Fig. 4 is a view, in perspective, of the holder, viewing the back.

The holder comprises a metal blank which is bent to form a front wall 5 and a rear wall 6 which are integrally connected at their bases in spaced relation by a bottom 7 forming a channel between the two walls. As shown the front wall 5 is provided with a semi-circular edge 8 while the rear wall 6 is rectangular and somewhat higher than the front wall. The rear wall 6 is extended to form a triangular shaped tongue 9 which depends from a rearwardly turned top face 10 of the rear wall so that a space 11 is provided between the tongue and the rear wall. The tongue is bent inward toward the rear wall, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, to render it a spring retaining member and then outward at its lower edge to facilitate hooking over the belt of the golf player. In this position the tongue 9 grips the inner face of the belt, or other support, which slips into and fills the space 11.

As shown particularly in Fig. 3 the front wall 5 is set to lean slightly toward the rear wall, i. e. the front and rear walls are not parallel. Resting on the bottom 7 and interposed between the walls 5 and 6 is a semi-circular filler-pad 12 made of yielding material, preferably sponge rubber. The pad 12 is preferably, but not necessarily, slightly smaller in area than the front wall 5 (Fig. 2). The rear face of the pad 12 contacts throughout its area with the rear wall 6. Owing, however, to the inward set of the front wall 5 the front face of the pad 12 contacts only at the central portion of its upper end with the front wall 5. A space 13 of varying width is thus formed between the front wall 5 and the front face of the pad 10. This makes the holder universal because the variation in width of the space 13 permits golf tees having shanks of different diameters to be inserted in the holder, in the manner illustrated, with equal facility. The filler-pad yields readily when the shank of a golf tee is pressed inward immediately behind the front wall 5 and by its relatively strong frictional grip (see Fig. 4) on the shank effectually prevents loss. Golf tees with large shanks may be more readily inserted at the lower corners of the front wall 5 where the space 13 is of greatest width. The provision of an easily distorted filler-pad, such as sponge rubber, is particularly advantageous in retaining celluloid tees the hollow shanks of which are easily crushed under lateral pressure, and if this kind of golf tee is inserted at the lower corners where the space 13 is widest, danger of crushing is eliminated. The margin of the front wall 5 which projects beyond or overlaps the exposed edge of the pad 12 functions as a guide or feeler against which the point of the golf tee shank may be engaged in finding the joint between the pad and the wall, by touch.

Golf tee holders for attachment to the

belt of the golfer have heretofore been suggested but they have had the disadvantage of not insuring against displacement and loss of the tees. An important characteristic of the present invention is that the holder, by its inherent construction, provides for a sufficiently strong grip on the shanks of the tees to effectually retain them in the holder until withdrawn for use. Loss by accidental displacement is thus prevented. It will be observed that the inward set of the front wall 5 causes it to function as a spring retainer for the tees that are inserted behind it.

The holder may conveniently be slipped on and off a belt, or the trouser band, or the edge of a pocket of a coat, vest or sweater, or even the pocket of the golf bag or some other special part thereon made to receive it. Its use will avoid dirtying the clothing by continually reaching into a pocket for the tees and in addition provides a more convenient source of supply.

The nature and scope of the invention having been indicated and its preferred form having been described, what is claimed as new, is:—

1. A holder for golf tees comprising front and rear walls connected at their lower edges only in spaced relation, and a yielding pad interposed between the two walls whereby the shanks of the golf tees may be inserted between one face of the pad and the adjacent wall and be frictionally retained therebetween by deforming the pad.

2. A holder for golf tees comprising front and rear walls connected at their lower edges only in spaced relation, one of said walls being set to lean slightly towards the other wall, and a yielding pad interposed between the walls with one face thereof in contact throughout its area with the unset wall and the other face thereof in contact with the upper portion only of the set wall whereby a space of varying width for receiving golf tee shanks is formed between the set wall and the adjacent face of the pad.

3. A holder for golf tees comprising front and rear walls connected at their lower edges only in spaced relation and a tongue depending from the rear wall and constituting means for retaining the holder on a support convenient to the golfer, and a yielding pad interposed between the walls and presenting an exposed edge past which and against one of said walls the shanks of golf tees may be inserted and frictionally retained by deforming the pad.

4. A holder for golf tees comprising front and rear walls in spaced relation connected by a narrow bottom, and an elastic pad between said walls slightly narrower than said bottom, one of said walls being set inward to engage the pad with its upper edge.

5. A holder for golf tees having a tongue for engaging a portion of the apparel of the golfer, a channeled portion, and an elastic pad in said channel presenting an exposed edge which will be deformed and frictionally hold the shank of a golf tee when said shank is inserted between the pad and one wall of the channeled portion of the holder.

6. A holder for golf tees comprising front and rear walls in spaced relation, an elastic pad supported between said walls and presenting an exposed edge, at least one of said walls projecting slightly beyond said exposed edge, and means for hanging said holder on a support convenient to the golfer.

7. A holder for golf tees comprising front and rear walls connected at their lower edges only in spaced relation, and a pad of yielding material in said space, the rear wall being of greater area than the front wall, and the front wall being of greater area than the pad.

8. A holder for golf tees comprising a metal blank cut and bent to form a channeled member with a tongue depending from one wall of the channel, and a pad composed of elastic material substantially filling the channel.

9. A holder for golf tees comprising a metal blank cut and bent to form a front wall having a semi-circular edge, a rear wall, a bottom integrally connecting the walls at their bases in spaced relation and a tongue depending from the upper edge of the rear wall, and an elastic pad interposed between the walls, said pad having a semi-circular edge arranged slightly within the like edge of the front wall.

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