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Fig. 1.

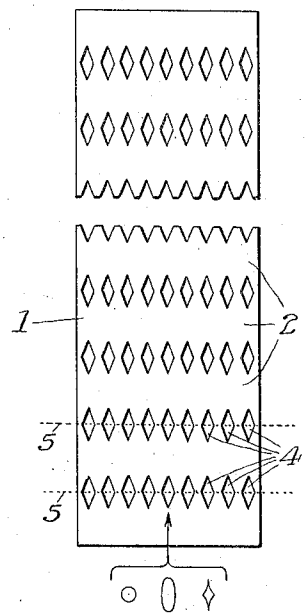
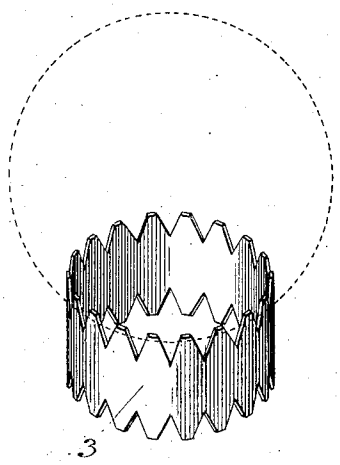


Fig. 2.



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As is well known to all familiar with the game, it is the practice, in playing the game of golf, to tee up the ball for the first shot at the beginning of the play for each hole, and the usual practice is to mold a small quantity of damp sand into a slightly rounded or more or less conical elevation to support the ball and form the tee. This does not readily enable the ball to be supported at exactly the same elevation each tee shot, and moreover results in soiling the fingers, and is unsanitary. Various kinds of paper and rubber tees and tees of other materials have been suggested to avoid the objections made to sand tees, and my present invention relates to a novel paper tee which is designed to avoid the objections mentioned, and to exhibit qualities rendering it more desirable and useful than other tees of a similar class known to me. With these ends in view I have designed and invented the novel golf ball tee hereinafter described and which is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, the essential elements of my invention being more particularly set forth in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Fig. 1 is a view of a number of my novel tees connected and folded together in flat form, as they are designed to be supplied to players to be carried about with them for use, and Fig. 2 is a perspective of one of the tees detached and expanded into circular form ready for a golf ball to be placed thereon, the outline of the ball being indicated in dotted lines.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in both figures of the drawing.

As will be understood by reference to Fig. 1 of the drawing, my novel golf tees are formed from a strip of paper 1 pasted together along opposite edges in the form of a tube and folded into flat form so that the connected sheets may be conveniently carried and handled. The tube is divided into sections 2, each forming a single tee 3, by cross rows of diamond-shaped perforations 4, the lines of tear along which the tube is designed to be separated into tees being indicated in the drawing by the dotted lines 5 running across the narrowest portions of the necks at the adjacent angles between the diamond shaped perforations.

The rows of tapering tips which are formed at the top and bottom of each tee by severing them in the manner described enable the tee to be seated upon or in the surface of the earth more securely than would otherwise be possible, and the tips at the top of the tee will spread slightly as the golf ball is placed upon them so that the ball is supported securely. The tees of each form may be, and preferably are formed, of uniform size, so that the golf ball will always be supported at the same elevation, a slight and easily regulated variation of height being permitted, however, by forcing the lower row of tips slightly into the ground or spreading them somewhat.

It will be understood that while the diamond-shaped perforation illustrated provide narrow tearing necks and tapering supporting tips which are admirably adapted to serve the ends in view, perforation of other shapes may be employed, as round, or oval, or with arcuate sides, (see the forms indicated at the lower side of Fig. 1) provided they be of such size and spacing as to permit reasonably accurate detachment of the individual tees and provide adequate supporting tips adapted to serve the purposes above explained.

I claim:

1. A blank of connected golf ball tees comprising a tubular paper body adapted to be expanded or folded flat and formed with cross rows of diamond-shaped perforations, the sections between the rows being adapted to be separated along lines running through proximate angles of the perforations to form bendable supporting legs and provide a ball support of adjustable height.

2. A blank of connected golf ball tees comprising a tubular paper body adapted to be expanded or folded flat and formed with cross rows of spaced perforations defining necks having narrow portions constituting a tearing line for the separation of individual tees, and the separated neck portions on a tee being formed to constitute a series of yielding supporting tips arranged to be spread to provide a ball support of adjustable height.

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