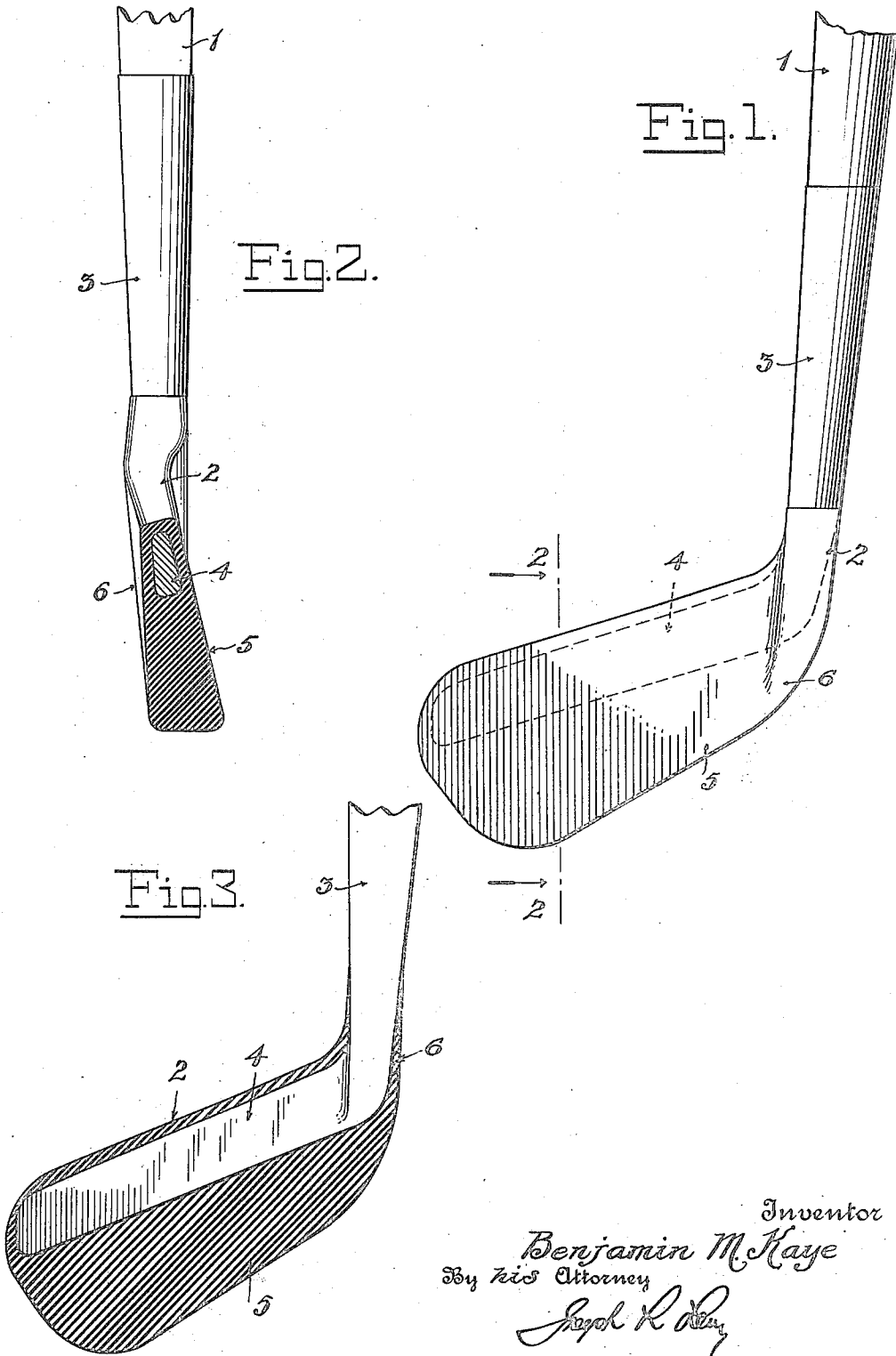


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### To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN M. KAYE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Golf-Clubs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a golf club and a method of using the same, and particularly to a type of club adapted to be used in practice and for parlor golf or a like indoor golf game, and the object of this invention is to provide an article of this character adapted to be used indoors in executing practice strokes upon floors or carpets without injury to said floors or carpets. Another object of my invention is to provide an article of this character which will, when used as hereafter described, enable the golfer to determine the nearness of his strokes to the ball or object aimed at.

These and other objects are attained by my invention, a more particular description of which will appear below.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the striking head of my improved golf club;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrows; and

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the striking head.

Throughout the various views of the drawings, similar reference characters designate similar parts.

In the preferred embodiment of my invention, as indicated in the accompanying drawing, 1 indicates the haft or handle as used upon an ordinary golf club. Secured to said haft 1 is the striking head 2, in which my invention resides. Said head 2 is composed of a portion of rigid material, such as metal, wood or the like, and a portion of flexible and resilient material in a manner to be set forth.

The rigid portion of the head 2 is provided with the sleeve 3 which incloses the lower end of the haft 1, in the conventional manner and is secured thereto. Extending laterally from the lower end of the sleeve 3 and preferably formed integral therewith, is a rigid extension 4. This extension 4 is embedded in a resilient and flexible material 6 such as soft rubber, although felt, leather

or any other like substance may be used with good results, so I do not restrict my invention to the use of rubber for the resilient portion of the striking head.

The lower half of the head 2 which is the portion of the head that contacts with the ball, and surface upon which it is resting, and which is apt to cause damage if it was formed of solid or rigid material, is formed of the resilient and flexible material 6, which material not only forms this portion of the head but incases the extension 4 as above described. The portion 4 adds rigidity to the head and the resilient portion 5 protects the head from doing damage to floors, carpets or the like.

While I have shown a striking head composed of a rigid portion and a flexible and resilient portion, I do not restrict my invention thereto as my improved club can be made with an entirely resilient head if so desired. Neither do I restrict my invention to the form or contour of the striking head or to the method of embedding or incasing the rigid portion within the flexible portion as the rigid portion can be secured to the flexible portion if desired by pins or any other fastening means.

My new golf club can be used in connection with balls made of pith, wool, cotton or some like light substance. The ball is generally placed or indicated upon a flat surface, preferably a slate or the like, the surface of which has been previously chalked, whitened or covered with some marking substance. When the stroke is made, the contact of the resilient portion of the striking head upon the coated surface of the slate erases the chalk or marking surface at that point, the nearness of the golfer's stroke to the ball being indicated thereby.

While I have shown and described one embodiment of my invention, it is not to be restricted thereto but is broad enough to cover all structures coming within the scope of the annexed claims.

What I claim is:—

1. A golf club having a head of a flexible and resilient material.
2. A golf club having a head composed partly of a solid material and partly of a flexible and resilient material.
3. A golf club having a head with its lower half composed of a flexible and resilient material.
4. A golf club having a head with its up-

per portion composed of a solid material and the lower portion of said head composed of a flexible and resilient material.

5 5. A golf club having a head, the upper portion of said head being composed of a solid material, the lower portion of said head being composed of a flexible and resilient material, said upper solid portion being incased in said flexible and resilient-material.

10 6. A golf club having a haft, a head secured to the same, the upper portion of said head being of a solid material, said solid portion being incased with a flexible and resilient material, said flexible and resilient

material extending below said solid portion to form a resilient lower end for the head.

7. A golf club having a head the upper portion of said head being of rigid material and the lower portion of said head being of flexible rubber or the like, said rubber incasing the upper rigid portion of the head. 20

8. A golf club or the like comprising a head formed of a flexible material with a rigid extension from the haft of the club embedded within the head at its upper portion. 25

Signed at the city, county and State of New York, this 1st day of September, 1916.

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