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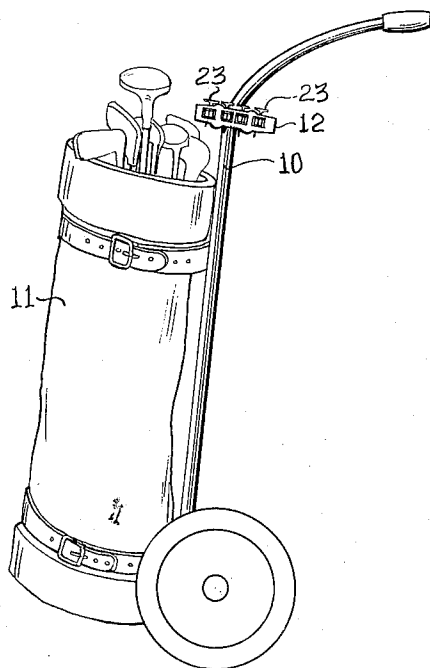


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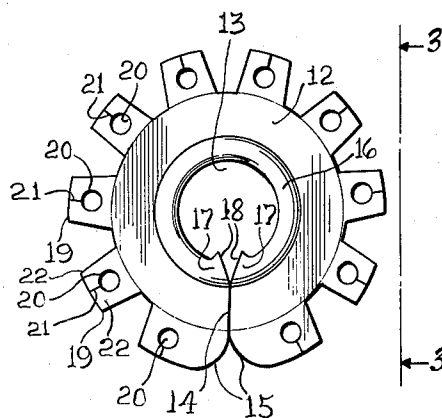


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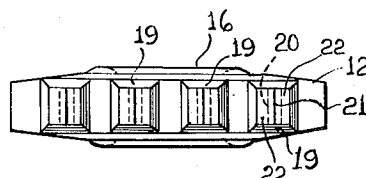


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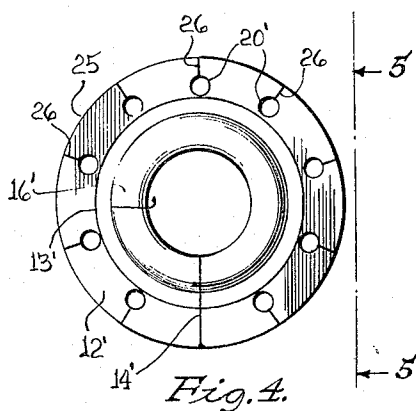


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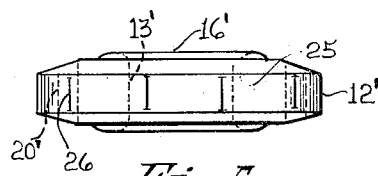


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The invention contemplates a golf tee holder which may be removably attached to an element of a golf bag caddy cart to yieldably hold within convenient reach of the golf player in exposed view a plurality of golf tees of the conventional design and construction.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a golf tee holder preferably formed of resilient material and having an arrangement for supporting for individual removal a plurality of golf tees of a conventional design.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings showing the preferred form of construction, and in which:

FIG. 1 is an elevational view of a golf caddy cart showing my invention associated therewith;

FIG. 2 is a plan view of the invention;

FIG. 3 is a side view taken substantially on line 3-3 of FIG. 2;

FIG. 4 is a plan view similar to FIG. 2 but showing modified form of construction;

FIG. 5 is a side view taken substantially on line 5-5 of FIG. 4.

The golf bag caddy cart 11 with which my invention is to be associated may be of any approved construction and design. The invention is adapted to be yieldably clamped to an element of the caddy cart, preferably the handle 10 thereof.

My improved golf tee holder in its preferred form of construction as shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 comprises a circular body 12 of an appropriate diameter and thickness. The body 12 has a centrally located opening 13.

The body 12 at one side is provided with a transverse slit 14 with the edge or corner portions 15 of the body adjacent the slit rounded as shown. A bead 16 is provided by the body 12 and surrounds the opening 13 to provide together with the body 12 a substantial gripping area. The corner portions 17 of the bead 16 are provided with lips 18 which yieldably grip the handle 10 when the body 12 is positioned thereon.

Extending concentrically about the body 12 and radially therefrom are segments 19 each of which has an opening 20 formed therethrough and is slit as at 21 to provide yieldability to the adjacent portions 22 of the segment.

In use, the holder is applied to the handle 10 of the golf bag caddy cart by pressing the body 12 against the handle 10 at the curved corner portions 15 and, as the handle 10 passes through the slit 14, the body will expand to permit the handle to lodge in the opening 13. When in such position, the body 12, having sufficient resiliency, will frictionally engage the handle 10 and bear the gripping fingers or lips 18 against the handle 10, thereby to firmly hold the body 12 in a predetermined adjusted position upon the handle 10. In this position the golf tees 23 have their shafts 24 inserted

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in the openings 20 and as the openings 20 are preferably of a diameter slightly less than the diameter of the shaft of the golf tees 23, the segment 19 will yieldably hold the golf tee in its inserted position in the opening 20 and yet permit convenient and ready removal of the tee when use of the same is required.

By such an arrangement, the golf tees are firmly supported within convenient reach of the golf player upon the handle 10, and as the segments 19 are spaced from each other the golf tees will likewise be spaced with respect to each other, thereby affording easy manipulation of the golf tees for removal from the openings 20. As shown, the openings 20 are of substantially the same diameter.

The golf tee holder 12 may be of various sizes and any number of segments may be provided. It is desirable that the holder be made out of resilient material, such as rubber, plastic or the like.

In FIGS. 4 and 5 I have shown a modified form of construction. In this form of construction the parts of FIGS. 4 and 5 which are similar to those illustrated in FIG. 2 will be designated by like reference numerals. In this form of construction in lieu of forming the openings 20 in segments 19 as shown in FIG. 2, I form the openings 20' in the peripheral edge portion 25 of the body 12'. The body 12' is provided with slits 26 which communicate with each opening 20' and which permit the golf tee to be yieldably positioned and held in the opening 20' until use of the tee is required.

In the manufacture of my improved holder it is intended that such holder be of a size such as will permit the same to be conveniently stored when not in use and yet large enough to accommodate a number of golf tees of the conventional design and construction when the holder is in use.

As shown in FIG. 1, the lower end portions of the stems of the golf tees extend slightly below the bottom surface of the holder in a position to be engaged by the finger of the hand to initially move the tee upwardly for removal from the holder. Such arrangement greatly facilitates the convenient removal of the tees while firmly yet releasably held by the holder.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. I therefore do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and patentable is:

A holder for golf tees comprising a body having a thickness less than the length of the stem of the tees and a central opening therethrough and split at one side thereof for the passage of an element of a golf cart into said opening, a split bead on opposite sides of the body surrounding the opening, the split of said bead coinciding with the split at one side of the body, said bead having inwardly protruding lips at the split thereof to grip the said element to hold the body in a horizontal plane at right angles with respect to the long axis of the supporting element, said body having a plurality of openings of equal diameter therethrough in surrounding relation to said element and parallel therewith, and vertical

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slots communicating with said openings to yieldably retain the stems of the golf tees in said openings with the stems of said tees extending below the body in position to be engaged by the finger of the hand to facilitate initial upward removal of the tees from the body.

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