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Fig. 1.

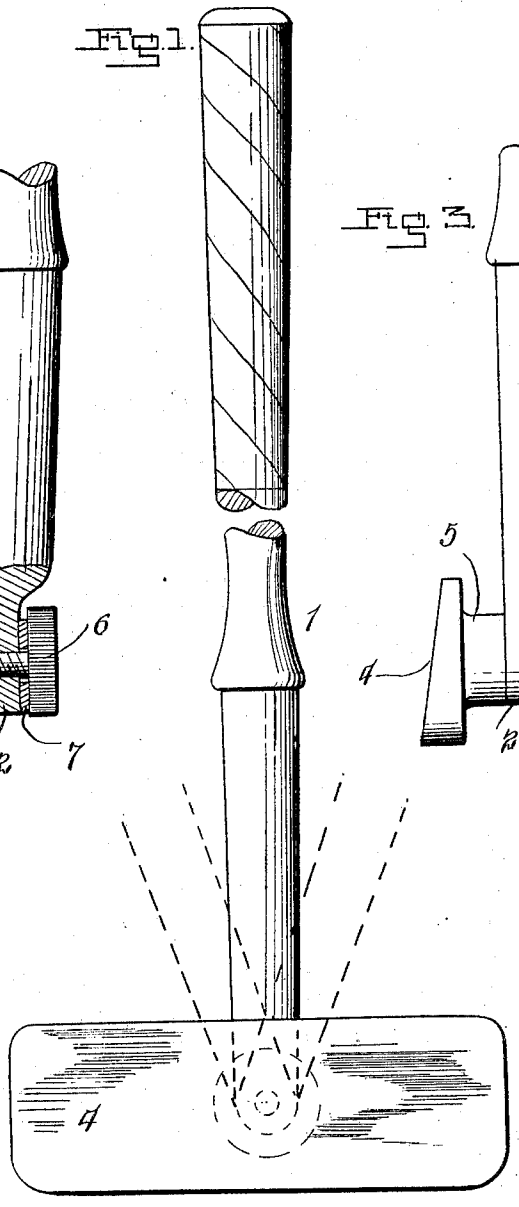


Fig. 2.

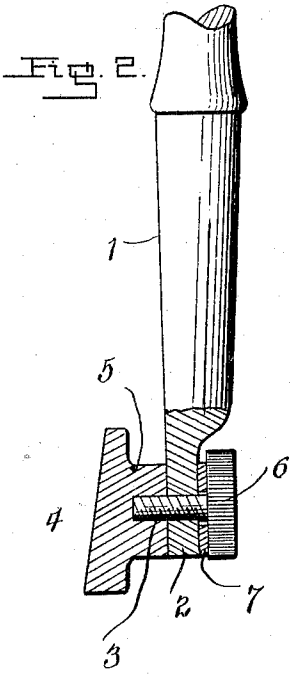


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to golf clubs and particularly to putters, the object being to provide an inexpensive club whereby the shank or shaft may be easily adjusted relative to the head so as to accommodate the club to any particular lie and also to adapt the club for use by either a right handed or a left handed player. Other objects of the invention will appear incidentally in the course of the following description, and the invention resides in certain novel features which are illustrated in the accompanying drawing and will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a putter embodying the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a transverse section, and

Fig. 3 is an end elevation.

The shaft or shank 1 may be of the usual or any preferred construction terminating at its lower end in a flat faced lug 2 which is constructed with a central opening for the passage of a screw 3. The head 4 is provided centrally on its back with a boss 5 having a central threaded socket to register with the opening through the lug 2 of the shaft and be engaged by the end of the screw 3 whereby the head will be secured to the shaft and will be offset relative to the shaft so that the player may obtain the desired direction in the putt. The screw 3 is preferably a thumb screw having a knurled head 6 to facilitate its adjustment, and a washer 7 is interposed between the head of the screw and the lug of the shaft so as to hold the parts in the relations in which they may be set. The upper and lower edges of the head 4 are parallel, as clearly shown in Fig. 1, and the front face of the head is inclined upwardly so as to obtain the proper direction and impact upon the ball. The boss 5 being located centrally upon the head brings the center of gravity to such a point that the impact of the club upon the ball will naturally be at such a point that the stroke will be straight through the ball.

In Fig. 1, the shaft is shown in full lines in a vertical position or at a right angle to the head which is the position in which it will most generally be used. It will be obvious, however, that by loosening the screw 3 the shaft may be set in an inclined position, as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 1, so that the head may be set at the proper angle to accommodate any particular lie and will also be adapted for use by either a right handed or left handed player when the ball is upon an uneven surface. The head being offset from the end of the shaft aids the player in securing direction of the putt and the top and bottom edges of the head being parallel tend to accuracy in the putt as the point of impact may be at either the top or the bottom of the face without impairing the direction of the putt. The construction is very simple and clubs embodying my invention may be produced at a cost which will compete with clubs as now generally constructed.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

1. A golf club comprising a head having a projecting boss on its back at the center thereof, a shaft having a flat faced lower end bearing against the end of the boss and offset from the head by the same, and a set screw engaged through the lower end of the shaft and in the boss on the head.

2. A golf club comprising a head having parallel upper and lower edges, an upwardly and rearwardly inclined face and a central rearwardly projecting boss on its back, a shaft having a flat faced lower end adapted to bear against the end of the boss on the head whereby the shaft will be offset from the head, and a securing screw inserted through the lower end of the shaft and engaged in said boss whereby to adjustably connect the shaft to the head.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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