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Fig. 1.

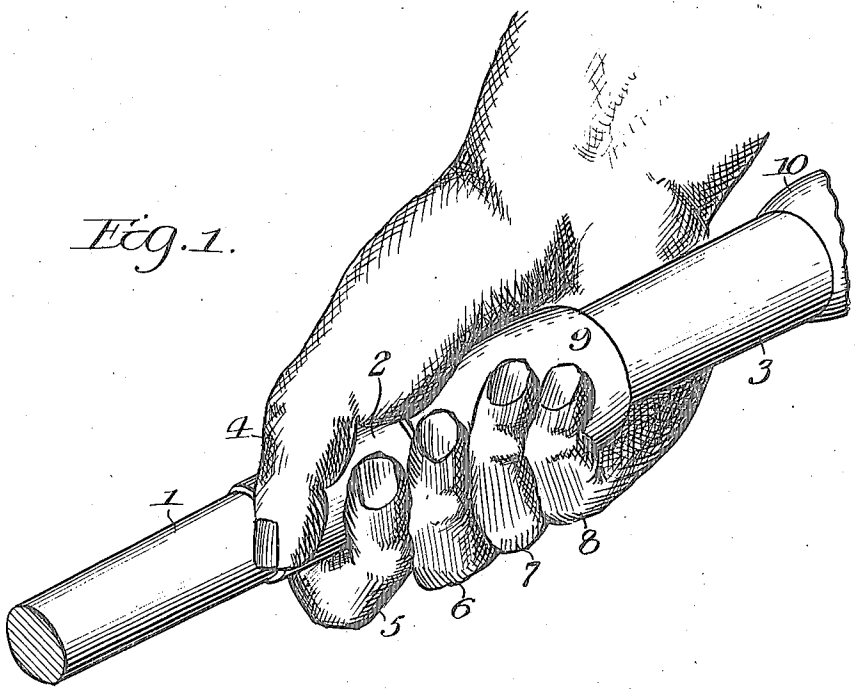
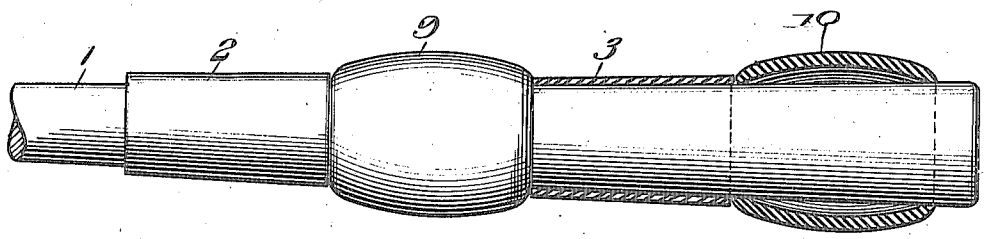


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. REES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Golf-Stick Grips, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to grips for golf clubs and has for its object the provision of an improved grip of this nature which will render it more positive to deliver a correct and accurate stroke.

In the use of golf clubs it has been found by applicant that the most effective stroke may be delivered if the club is held between the thumb on the one side and the forefinger and little finger on the other side. The second and third fingers should then not grasp the club as it interferes with the stroke. Especially with beginners a trouble is found that all of the fingers are utilized to grasp the club, thus nullifying the effectiveness of the stroke and control direction of flight of ball.

My invention has for its object the provision of a grip whereby little or no attention need be paid to the position of the second and third fingers as the grip itself allows for any grasping tendency which may be exerted by the player.

I will explain my invention more in detail by referring to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the grip end of a golf club constructed in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view thereof.

I show in the drawings the grip end of a golf club 1. About this club near its extremity I prefer to place two rubber sleeves 2 and 3 which are supposed to be grasped between the thumb 4 on the one side, and the forefinger 5 on the other side. The second and third fingers 6 and 7 respectively are not supposed to exert any influence of a grasping or holding nature on the club as stated, because that would militate against the proper delivery of the stroke. Thoughtlessness however causes the new player at any rate to forget this fact, and to prevent these fingers 6 and 7 from influencing the stroke I provide two enlargements 9 and 10 respectively which in the instance herein shown consist of soft rubber and are bulb-fashion so that an air space intervenes between the rubber sleeves 9 and 10 and the club. Of course, the air space may be omitted if desired and the entire structure made of very soft rubber or any similar material, as is readily apparent.

The main object is to have a yielding fingerhold so that if the fingers 6 and 7 are closed together and wrapped around this fingerhold, that then its yielding nature will prevent this pressure from having any serious influence on the movement of the club during the stroke. Thus as shown in Fig. 1 the fingers 6 and 7 are about the bulb 9 and if a pressure is exerted by them, it merely compresses the bulb without interfering with the stroke which is entirely under the control of the fingers 4, 5 and possibly 6. Only one hand is shown in Fig. 1, on account of clearness, but the position of the other hand will be obvious from what has been shown.

The devices 2, 3, 9 and 10 may of course be slid lengthwise of the club so as to make them adjustable.

From what has thus been described the nature of my invention will be readily clear to those skilled in the art, but having however thus described one specific form which my invention may take,

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A golf club adapted to be grasped by the hand, having an enlarged yielding fingerhold adapted to be grasped only by one or more of the fingers of the hand not utilized in delivering the stroke, said fingerhold preventing the said fingers from exerting objectionable pressure on said club.

2. A golf club adapted to be grasped by the hand, having an enlarged yielding bulb-like fingerhold adapted to be grasped only by one or more of the fingers of the hand not utilized in delivering the stroke, said fingerhold preventing the said fingers from exerting objectionable pressure on said club.

3. A golf club adapted to be grasped by the hand, having an enlarged yielding fingerhold adapted to be grasped by one or more of the fingers of the hand not utilized in delivering the stroke, said fingerhold preventing the said fingers from exerting objectionable pressure on said club, said fingerhold having an air cushion between it and said club.

4. A golf club adapted to be grasped by the hand, having an enlarged yielding bulb-like fingerhold adapted to be grasped by one or more of the fingers of the hand not utilized in delivering the stroke, said fingerhold preventing the said fingers from exerting objectionable pressure on said club, said fingerhold having an air cushion between it and said club.

5. A golf club adapted to be grasped by the hand, having an enlarged yielding adjustable fingerhold adapted to be grasped by one or more of the fingers of the hand not utilized in delivering the stroke, said fingerhold preventing the said fingers from exerting objectionable pressure on said club.

6. A golf club adapted to be grasped by the hand, having an enlarged yielding adjustable bulb-like fingerhold adapted to be grasped by one or more of the fingers of the hand not utilized in delivering the stroke, said fingerhold preventing the said fingers from exerting objectionable pressure on said club.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 31st day of August, A. D., 1915.

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