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GOLF TEE

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FIG. 1

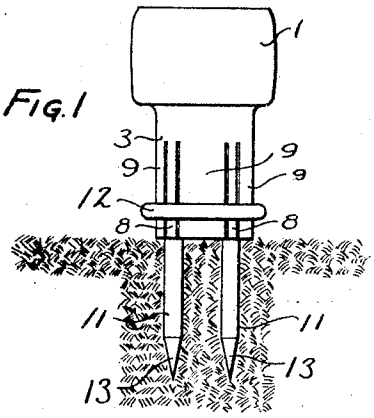


FIG. 2

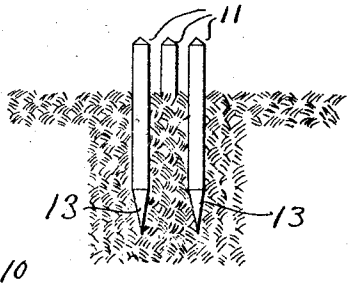


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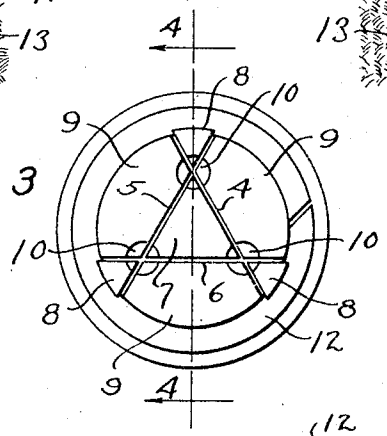
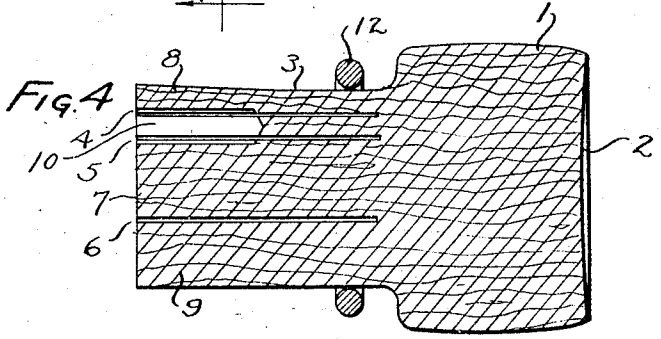


FIG. 4



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GOLF TEE.

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My invention relates to golf tees.

It is the object of my invention to provide a golf tee holder, which may be permanently retained by the user, while its attaching means for attachment of the tee to the ground may be replaced.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the tee inserted in the ground;

Figure 2 shows the tee holder removed with its attaching pins left in the ground;

Figure 3 is a bottom plan view of the tee holder with the pins removed and the clamping ring in its elevated position; and

Figure 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Figure 3 looking in the direction of the arrows.

Referring to the drawings in detail, 1 is the head of a golf tee having a concave upper surface 2 which may support the ball for receiving and positioning the pins on which ball rests. This head is provided with a depending shaft 3 which is suitably split by three angularly-disposed slots 4, 5 and 6, which form a central stationary triangular portion 7, triangular pin clamping fingers 8 and intermediate external sections 9. Apertures 10 are provided for receiving the pins in clamping engagement with these collapsible sections 8 and 9 in conjunction with the stationary section 7. These apertures are located so that the centers thereof are on the point of crossing of the respective slots 4, 5 and 6.

In order to clamp the sections 7, 8 and 9 on the pins 11, which are inserted in the apertures 10, a ring 12 is mounted on the shaft 3, which, when in its upper position, will release the pins, and, in its lower position, will clamp them. The clamping of the pins, however, is released by elevating said ring so that a withdrawal upwardly of the tee holder will leave the pins 11 in the ground, but the ring in clamping position clamps the pins sufficiently to hold them in position when the pins and tee holder are in engagement with one another out of the ground.

Any number of pins may be employed, but I prefer to use three pins with sharp points 13 which may readily be inserted in the surface of the usual golf course.

After the tee holder has been used, it may be lifted leaving the pins in position. This gives a very firm foundation for the tee. The tee is sufficiently large to be easily handled and easily seen and is of sufficient size to make a suitable foundation for the ball, so that the present objections to the ordinary tees now used to the effect that the tee becomes easily lost, or is too small to hold the ball are eliminated.

It will be understood that I desire to comprehend within my invention such modifications as may be necessary to adapt it to varying conditions and uses.

It will be further understood that, in all cases, it is desirable to mount the ball upon the pins after they have been positioned, merely using the golf tee holder to position the pins.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. In combination, a tee, a plurality of detachable ground engaging means mounted therein, and means for yieldingly clamping said ground engaging means in said tee.

2. In a golf tee, a head, a shaft having split sections adjacent apertures for receiving ground engaging means, and ground engaging means detachably mounted therein.

3. In a golf tee, a head, a shaft having split sections adjacent apertures for receiving ground engaging means, ground engaging means detachably mounted therein, and a clamping ring mounted on said shaft adapted to force portions of the shaft in engagement with the ground engaging means.

4. In a golf tee, a head, a shaft having split sections adjacent apertures for receiving ground engaging means, ground engaging means detachably mounted therein, and a clamping ring mounted on said shaft adapted to force portions of the shaft in engagement with the ground engaging means, the exterior of said shaft being tapered downwardly and outwardly to facilitate the clamping operation of the ring.

5. In a golf tee, a supporting head, a depending shaft portion transversed by a plurality of angularly disposed slots forming a stationary section, and movable clamping portions, said shaft having apertures for receiving ground engaging pins, and means on said shaft for causing said portions of the shaft to engage with pins located in said apertures.

6. In a golf tee, a supporting head, a depending split shaft, a clamping ring mounted thereon, said split shaft being cut by a plurality of angularly disposed slots forming a triangular central stationary section, and a plurality of clamping fingers and intermediate external sections, said shaft being provided with apertures at the junction of the stationary section, the intermediate section and the clamping fingers.

7. In a golf tee, a supporting head, a depending split shaft, a clamping ring mounted thereon, said split shaft being cut by a plurality of angularly disposed slots forming a triangular central stationary section, and a plurality of clamping fingers and intermediate external sections, said shaft being provided with apertures at the junction of the stationary section, the intermediate section and the clamping fingers.

8. In combination, a golf tee and a plurality of independent detachably mounted ground attaching pins mounted therein.

9. In combination a positioning member adapted to carry a plurality of golf ball supporting members, whereby when said members are positioned and the positioning member removed a golf ball may be mounted on said members which serve as a tee.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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