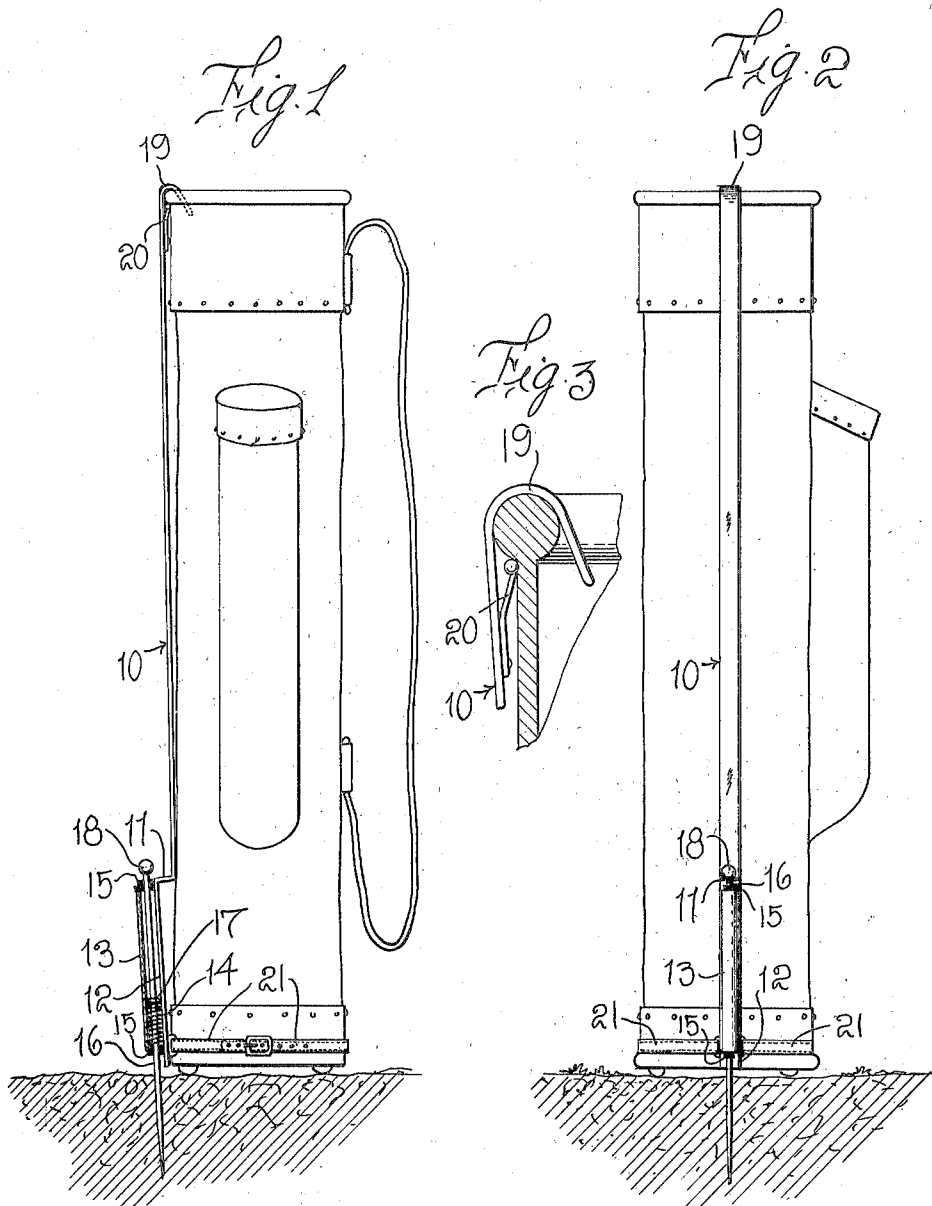


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRWIN H. BABCOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Alfred, in the county of Allegany and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf-Bag Supports, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to devices for supporting golf club bags, and a general object of the invention is to provide a very simple means for this purpose, which is readily attachable to or detachable from the golf bag and when in use will hold the golf bag in a vertical position and prevent its collapsing, thus doing away with the necessity of a person holding the golf bag when the player is using a club or at other times.

20 A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character having a pointed rod mounted thereon which may be forced into the ground to hold the golf bag supported and in this connection to so construct and arrange this pointed rod that it may be depressed by the foot of the player.

25 Another object is to provide a spring which, under normal circumstances, will hold the rod raised, but which will not be strong enough to prevent the retention of the rod in its projected position by frictional engagement with the ground.

30 A further object is to provide a device of this character having means at its lower end for engaging the ground, and means at its upper and lower ends for detachable engagement with a golf club bag.

35 Another object is to provide an invention which is extremely light, portable, and easily and cheaply manufactured.

40 Other objects will appear in the course of the following description.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

45 Figure 1 is a side elevation of a golf bag with my improved support, the support being partly in section;

Fig. 2 is an elevation as in Fig. 1, but looking toward the outer face of the support; and

50 Fig. 3 is a fragmentary detailed sectional view showing the manner of connecting the support to the end of the bag.

Referring to the drawings, 10 designates a

strip of steel, which is preferably about $\frac{5}{8}$ " 55 in width and may be of any suitable thickness. This strip is approximately 3 feet long and about 10" from the lower end the strip is angularly bent, as at 11. The remainder of the strip extends downward nearly parallel to the upper portion of the strip. Attached to this downwardly extending portion 12 at the lower end of the strip is a cylindrical casing 13 and disposed within this casing is a coiled spring 14. This tube 60 or casing 13 is closed at its ends by screw-threaded heads 15 and passing through these heads is a rod 16 constituting a plunger, the lower end of this rod being pointed. This rod has a flange 17 which bears against the upper end of the spring 14, so as to urge the rod or plunger upward into its retracted position with its point above the lower end of the strip 10. The upper end of the plunger is formed with a head 18. 75

For the purpose of connecting the strip to the golf bag, I bend over the upper end of the strip as at 19 and attach to the adjacent face of the strip 10, a spring or springs 20 which extend upward and outward and have heads at their outer ends. This provides for clamping the upper end of the golf bag between the spring 20 and the overturned portion 19, thus connecting the upper end of the golf bag to the supporting strip. The lower end of the strip 10 is provided with straps 21 which may be buckled around the lower portion of the golf bag. 80

It is obvious that it is necessary to offset the portion 12 of the strip from the upper portion thereof, so that the head of the plunger is sufficiently distant from the face of the strip so that it may be conveniently engaged by the foot of the operator. This offset, however, is relatively slight, being in actual practice only about $\frac{1}{4}$ ". When the device is attached to a golf bag the spring snap, formed by the spring 20, and the overturned portion 19 will engage with the upper end of the golf bag directly upon the metallic ring which surrounds the mouth of the bag. On account of the flexibility of the canvas or leather, of which the golf bag is made, it will be obvious that the offsetting of the lower portion of the strip will not in any way affect the secure support of the bag. 105

In the actual use of this invention, the up-

per end of the strip is engaged with the golf bag as described and the golf bag is handled in the ordinary way, but when it is desired to support it on the ground, the player
5 simply lowers the golf bag onto the ground and then forces down on the plunger forcing the plunger into the earth, which will hold the support and the golf bag in a vertical position. When it is desired to take up
10 the golf bag, it is simply lifted, the plunger having been withdrawn from the earth, and then the spring 14 causes the plunger to be completely retracted. It will be seen that the strip is relatively narrow and may be
15 made of relatively light material. It will also be obvious that various minor modifications might be made, without departing from the spirit of the invention, as defined in the appended claims.

20 Having described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A golf bag support comprising a strip of metal having a length approximately that of the bag to be supported, means at
25 the upper and lower ends of the strip for detachably engaging it upon the exterior of a golf bag, and a pointed plunger slidably mounted upon the lower end of the strip and adapted to be forced into the
30 ground.

2. A golf bag support comprising a strip of metal having a length approximately that of the bag to be supported, means at
35 the upper and lower ends of the strip for detachably engaging it upon the exterior of a golf bag, a pointed plunger slidably mounted upon the lower end of the strip and adapted to be forced into the ground, and a spring urging said plunger upward.

40 3. A golf bag support comprising a strip of metal having means at its upper and lower ends for detachable engagement to a

golf bag upon the exterior thereof, a casing mounted upon the lower end of the strip and extending longitudinally thereof,
45 a coiled spring disposed within the casing, and a plunger disposed within the casing engaged by and normally held in a raised position by means of said spring but adapted to be forced into the ground.

4. A golf bag support comprising a strip of metal, having a resilient golf bag clamp at its upper end, and bag embracing straps at its lower end, and a plunger slidably
55 mounted on the strip adapted to be forced into the ground to hold the strip and the bag in vertical position.

5. A golf bag support comprising a strip of metal bent over at its upper end to extend inside the upper end of a golf bag and
60 having springs extending upward and outward toward said overturned end to form clamps engageable with the upper end of a golf bag, means on the lower end of the strip for engaging the golf bag, and a
65 spring raised, downwardly depressible pointed plunger mounted on the strip.

6. A golf bag support comprising a strip of metal, the upper end of the strip being bent over to engage within the mouth of a
70 golf bag, said strip adjacent its lower end being angularly bent and then extended downward, means on the lower end of the strip for embracing the golf bag, a coil spring operatively supported upon the
75 lower portion of the strip, and a plunger operatively supported within said coil spring and normally urged to a raised position by said spring, said plunger being depressible into the ground.

80 In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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