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GOLF BAG BALL RECEPTACLE.

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FIG. 1.

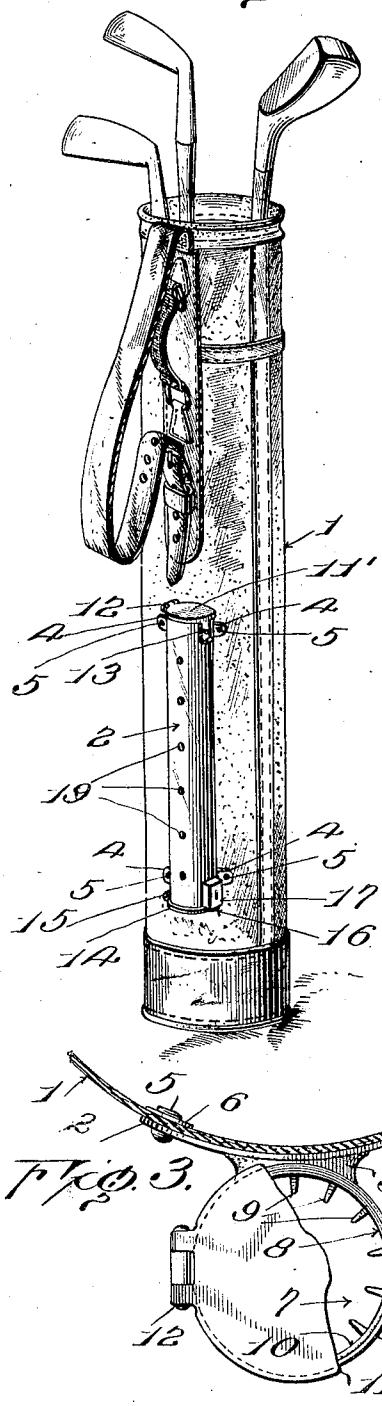
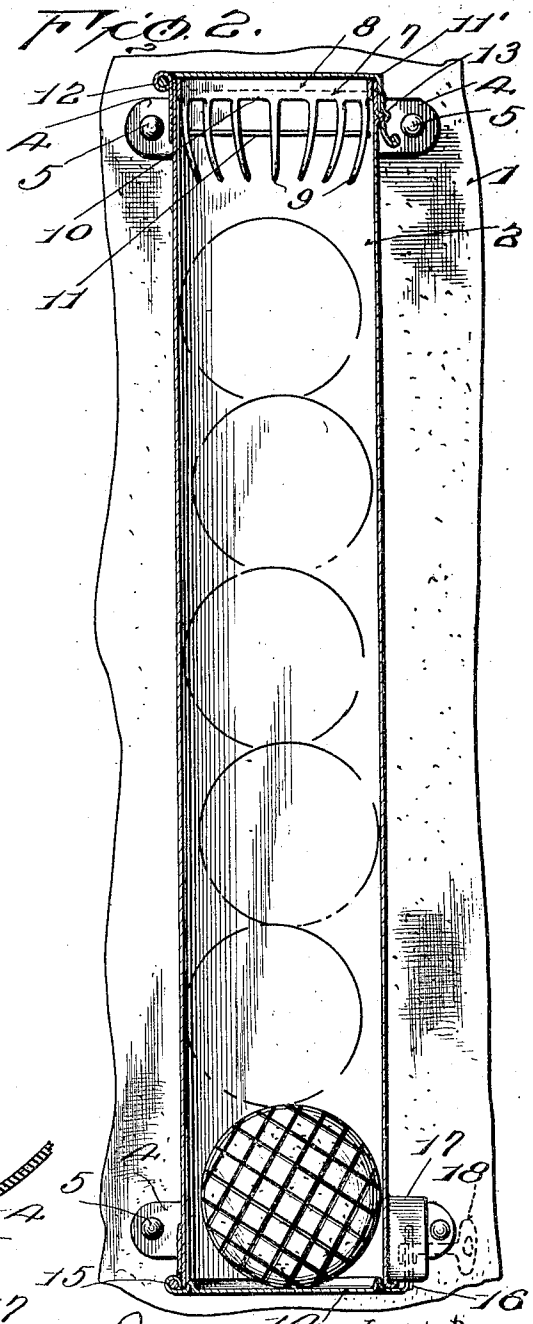


FIG. 3.

FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES B. KEMP, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf-Bag Ball Receptacles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in golf bags and more particularly stated contemplates the production of a receptacle for golf balls, said receptacle being permanently attached to the bag and locked against the removal of the golf balls by any other than the person having the key thereto.

An object of this invention is to produce a durable and easily attached golf ball receptacle from which the balls cannot be removed except by unlocking a closure device preferably located at the bottom of the receptacle.

A further object of the invention is the production of a relatively light and sufficiently spacious golf ball receptacle of light metal, leather, or other material, said receptacle having a ball receiving opening suitably trapped to prevent the removal of the balls after being once inserted, and a lock bottom closure adapted to be operated by a key or other device for effecting the withdrawal of the balls as desired.

With these and other objects in view the invention further consists in the particular construction of the several parts hereinafter described and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts in the several views:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a golf bag illustrating my improved golf ball receptacle attached thereto;

Figure 2 is an enlarged vertical sectional view through the golf ball receptacle; and

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the receptacle with a portion broken away, illustrating the manner in which the receptacle is attached to the golf bag.

The present invention has been designed with a view to preventing the unauthorized removal of golf balls from the golf pocket usually provided upon the bag and now closed by means of a flap and associated strap and buckle.

It frequently happens that unscrupulous caddies and other persons are tempted by reason of the easy access to the ball pocket now in the bag to remove the balls, and resell them. It is customary to provide strict rules regarding the sale of golf balls by caddies in and around a golf club, but it would seem that this does not prevent the loss of golf balls except to a limited extent.

Then again it is very easy to lose golf balls from the pockets now in use, the player or caddy failing to properly buckle the strap after removing a ball when beginning or during the course of play.

It is to overcome these and other inconveniences now experienced that I have produced my improved golf ball receptacle.

Referring to the drawings, the golf bag 1 is of usual construction and with the exception of the association of my improved attachment forms no part of the present invention, it being understood that the ball receptacle can be readily attached to any of the known styles or makes of golf bags now in use.

The golf ball receptacle 2 is arranged upon the outside of bag and may be located in a position corresponding generally to the usual ball pocket.

The material of which the receptacle is constructed may be of thin and relatively light metal. Leather, or any other material may also be employed, and I do not limit myself to any particular kind or grade of materials. It is desirable to form the receptacle of a relatively stiff material however, and secure it to the golf bag so that it will maintain a substantially vertical position as shown.

The means for securing the ball receptacle to the bag includes the extensions 3 which are preferably formed integral with or otherwise carried by the receptacle 2. Thin wing portions 4 project from the extension 3, said wings being preferably curved or bent to conform to the outer curvature of the bag 1.

Rivets 5 serve to secure the wings 4 to the bag, it being desirable to provide a substantially flat head rivet and over size washer 6 upon the inside of the bag, and rivet over or head up the shank of the rivet upon the outside as shown. By this construction a sub-

stantially smooth and permanent attaching means is provided whereby the handles of the club are not scraped or damaged as will be understood. While this constitutes an embodiment of one means for securing the receptacle to the bag, it will be understood that various other ways of attaching the receptacle may be used, and I do not limit myself to the exact construction disclosed.

The receptacle 2 is formed with an entrance opening 7 for the balls in which opening I provide a device to prevent the withdrawal of the balls after once being inserted in the receptacle. The present device which is illustrative of but one of many types, is indicated by the numeral 8 and comprises a series of spring fingers 9 arranged to normally form an obstruction to the passage of the balls in a reverse direction after once being inserted. The fingers 9 extend from a band or ring 10 which is secured within the open end of the receptacle by brazing, soldering, riveting, or in any other manner. An encircling tie 11 cooperates with the fingers 9 and serves to prevent their being sprung too far outwardly. In operation the balls are pressed through the fingers which yield sufficiently to permit of the balls entering the receptacle, whereupon the fingers resume their normal obstructing position to prevent the removal of the balls through the entrance opening of the receptacle.

A protecting closure 11′ may be provided to cover the entrance opening, said cover being hinged at 12 and provided with a suitable latch 13. In some cases this closure may be omitted, and the entrance opening only trapped as hereinbefore described.

The bottom closure 14 of the receptacle comprises a cover hinged at 15 and formed at 16 with a locking tang cooperatively associated with a locking device indicated at 17. The locking device is preferably secured to the outside of the receptacle 2 and is operatively controlled by a key 18 illustrated in dotted lines in Figure 2. Other types of locking devices may be substituted embodying various combinations, and I do not limit myself to the exact key controlled device disclosed herein.

In use the bottom closure 14 is first closed and locked, whereupon the receptacle is filled by inserting the balls from the top and through the trap device hereinbefore described. When it is desired to remove a ball, the key 18 is inserted and the locking device 17 operated to release the tang 16, whereupon the bottom closure 14 can be opened and a ball removed. The closure may now be again locked, and the unauthorized removal of the golf balls prevented. In order to readily determine the number of golf balls in the receptacle, I provide a series of sight openings or apertures 19 through which the balls may be viewed.

The size and shape as well as the capacity of the receptacle may be varied, and I do not limit myself to the present embodiment disclosed, but reserve the right to produce such other constructions and arrangements in accordance with my invention which I define as follows:

I claim:

1. A golf bag involving a golf ball receptacle having an opening for the insertion of the balls, means for preventing withdrawal of the balls through said opening, and a closure for said receptacle arranged and adapted to permit the removal of the balls from the receptacle.

2. A golf bag involving a golf ball receptacle having an opening for the insertion of the balls, means for preventing withdrawal of the balls through said opening, a closure for said receptacle arranged and adapted to permit the removal of the balls from the receptacle, and means for locking said closure.

3. A golf ball receptacle comprising a casing having an opening for the insertion of golf balls, means for preventing the withdrawal of the balls through said opening, a closure for said receptacle arranged and adapted to permit the removal of the balls from the receptacle, and means for locking said closure.

4. A golf ball receptacle comprising a casing having an opening for the insertion of golf balls, a spring finger arranged in said opening and adapted to prevent the withdrawal of the golf balls through said opening, and a closure hinged to said receptacle, said closure being arranged and adapted to permit the removal of said balls.

5. A golf ball receptacle comprising a casing having an opening at one end for the insertion of balls, means for preventing the withdrawal of the balls through said opening after once being inserted, another opening in said receptacle to permit the removal of balls, and a lock controlled closure for said second mentioned opening.

6. A golf ball receptacle comprising a casing having an opening for the insertion of golf balls, another opening in said receptacle adapted to permit the withdrawal of balls, a closure for said second mentioned opening, and a series of sight apertures in vertical alinement through the side of said casing for indicating the number of golf balls contained therein.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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