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GOLF BALL RETRIEVER

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Fig 1

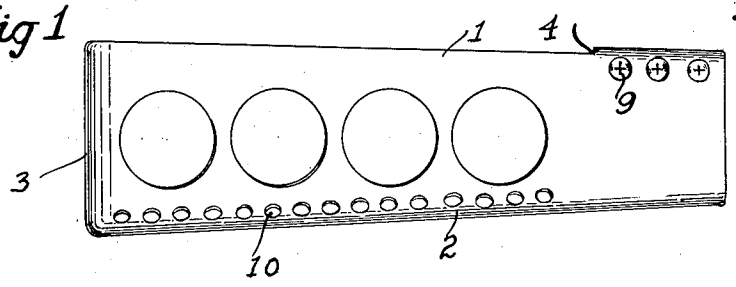


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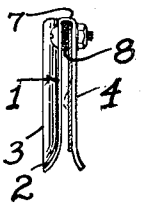


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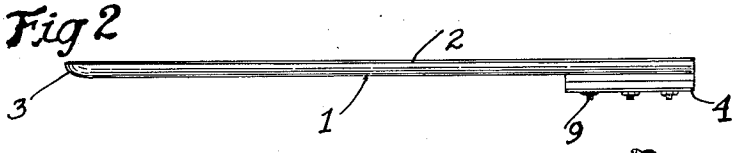
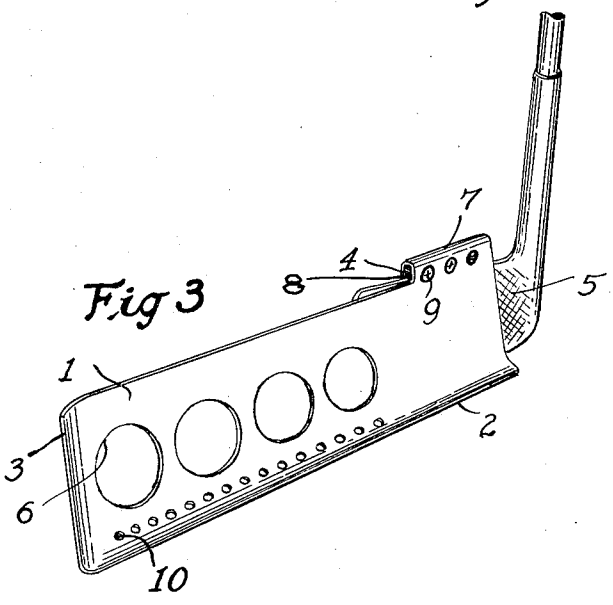


Fig 3



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This invention relates to an attachment for a golf club and it is a particular object of the invention to provide a device which can be employed with convenience as a means for retrieving golf balls.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a device of this kind comprising a body provided with means for detachable engagement with the head of a golf club and wherein the body is of a construction to render the same particularly advantageous in retrieving golf balls which may be submerged.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an attachment as set forth which when not in use can be readily and conveniently carried within a pocket.

The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts of my improved golf club attachment whereby certain advantages are attained, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order that my invention may be better understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of an attachment constructed in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

Figure 2 is a view in bottom plan of the device as illustrated in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a view in perspective showing the attachment in applied position; and

Figure 4 is a view in end elevation.

In the embodiment of the invention as illustrated in the accompanying drawing, the attachment comprises an elongated flat plate 1 preferably of metal, and which has its bottom longitudinal margin disposed on an outward curvature to provide a scraping blade 2. The outer end of the plate 1 is also disposed on an outward curvature as at 3. The plate 1 as illustrated in Figure 1, gradually increases in depth from its inner end to its outer end and the inner portion of the plate 1 at its top has integral therewith a reverted plate 4 overlying the rear face of the plate 1 and possessing a certain degree of inherent resiliency so that the inner or hole portion of the plate 1, as it may be termed, may be readily clamped to the head 5 of a golf club.

The plate 1 at points spaced along its outer portion is provided with relatively large openings 6 of successively varying diameter, with the opening of the greatest diameter being outermost.

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The larger diameter is slightly less than the diameter of a golf ball.

Snugly fitting within the returning portion 7 of the plate 4 is a filler strip 8 which is held in place by the bolts 9 or the like. This strip 8 has direct contact from above with the head 5 of the club.

The lower marginal portion of the plate 1 closely adjacent to the scraping edge 2 is provided with a series of small drain openings 10. When the attachment is applied to the head 5 of a golf club, it is scraped along the bottom of the pond or other body of water from which it is desired to recover a golf ball. This scraping action is done with the plate 4 disposed generally in a vertical direction. When contact is had with the ball, the club is turned until the plate 1 is substantially horizontal. This will allow the ball to roll upon the plate and be received within one of the openings 6. This recovery of a ball is further facilitated by having the outer end of the plate 1 outwardly curved or bent as at 3.

The device as hereinbefore has been particularly set forth as being used to retrieve a ball which may be submerged may also be used with equal facility in recovering a ball in leaves and grass and can also be employed to advantage in leveling off the green.

From the foregoing description it is thought to be obvious that a golf club attachment constructed in accordance with my invention is particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled and operated.

I claim:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a device for retrieving a submerged golf ball, comprising an elongated and substantially flat plate, means carried by the plate for detachably engaging the plate with the head of a golf club to hold the plate extended longitudinally of the club head and beyond the free end thereof, said plate being provided therealong with openings into one of which a ball is adapted to be received.

2. A device of the character set forth in claim 1, wherein the lower longitudinal margin of the plate is outwardly disposed to provide a scraping blade.

3. A device of the character set forth in claim 1, wherein one longitudinal marginal portion of the plate is outwardly disposed to provide a scraping blade, said plate adjacent to said blade being provided with drain openings.

4. A device of the character set forth in claim 1, wherein the outer end portion of the plate is outwardly disposed.

5. A ball retrieving attachment for the head of an iron golf club, comprising a relatively long flat plate adapted to position at one end against the striking face of the club whereby the top and bottom longitudinal edges of the plate extend forwardly from the top and sole edges of the club head to which the plate is attached, an attaching flange forming an integral part of the plate at the top edge and at the said one end thereof for frictionally receiving the top edge of the golf club head, the plate having a longitudinally extending series of openings for receiving a golf ball.

6. A device of the character stated in claim 5 wherein the edges of the plate at the bottom and other end are curved forwardly.

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