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GOLF BAG

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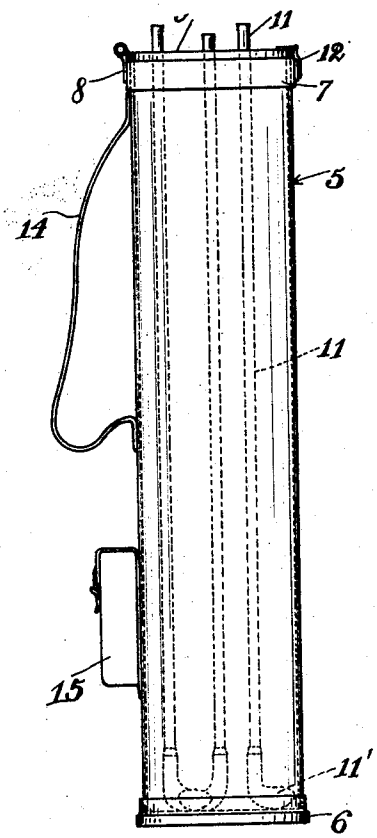


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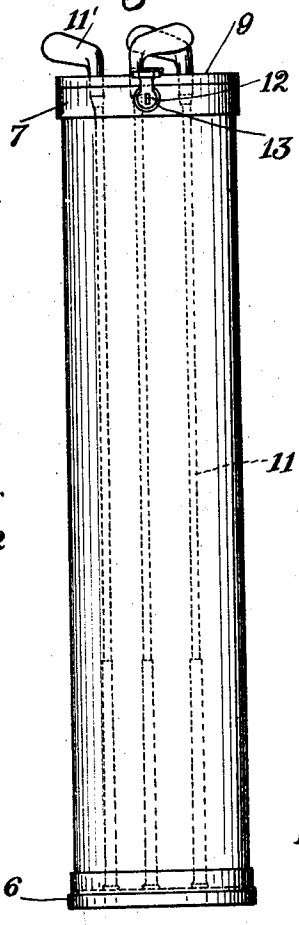


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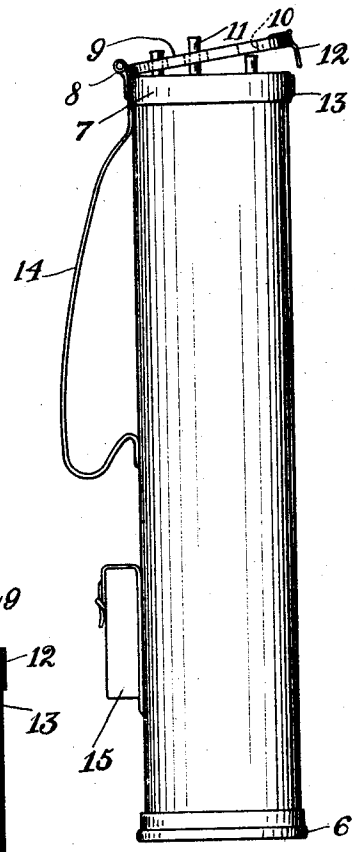


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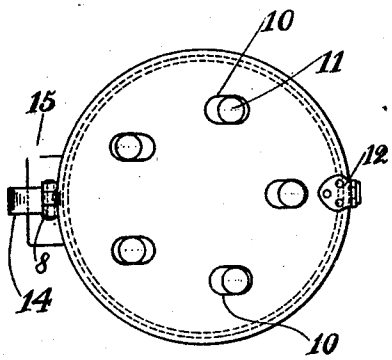


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to golf bags, and more particularly to an improved golf bag providing at once an anti-theft golf club receptacle with means to prevent rattling, chipping and marring of the golf clubs carried therein.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of the kind described, of simple and rugged construction, and particularly designed to safe-guard golf playing implements against injury and theft heretofore incident to their storage and conveyance in conventional golf bags, while permitting their removal therefrom when desired.

Additional objects and advantages of the method of construction herein employed will appear more fully in the hereinafter specification when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings in which

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of the golf bag embodying my invention, the golf clubs being shown locked therein as they appear while being stored or carried.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation thereof, showing the golf clubs in reversed position for immediate use.

Fig. 3 is an elevational view of my improved golf bag, the lid being unlocked.

Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the invention.

In the drawings wherein similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views of the preferred form of my invention, 5 designates the casing of a golf bag, having a flanged bottom 6, and an upper band 7 providing a reinforced mouth or opening. On the band 7 is secured a hinge 8, fastened to the lid 9, which may be of any suitable material preferably covered with leather, canvas and the like. The lid 9 has holes or slots 10 of a size adequate to receive the golf clubs 11. With a view to securing the lid in locked position on the casing 5, a snap lock, preferably of the trunk type, having a key operated hinged tongue 12 is fastened to the lid, the tongue being received by a keeper 13, it being understood that any suitable lock may be used. The golf bag is provided with the usual carrying strap 14 and a small receptacle 15 for golf balls. The manner in which my invention is now employed is as follows:

When the golf clubs are not in use they may be stored in the golf bag by being placed therein with the handles projecting upwardly through the perforations 10 of the lid, the latter then being swung downwardly to engage the tongue 12 in the keeper 13, thus locking the lid to the casing. In the position shown in Fig. 1, it will be obvious that it will be impossible to remove the golf clubs from the bag since the heads 11′ of the clubs will not pass through the holes 10 unless the lid is first unlocked, it being understood that only the owner or a person duly authorized and having the key may unlock the lid. When it is desired to make use of the clubs, as for example when the players have arrived at the playing grounds, the lid will be unlocked, and the clubs taken out of the bag and then reinserted through the holes 10 in the manner shown in Fig. 2. Any or all of the clubs may now be withdrawn and used as desired. It will be observed that owing to the separation of the clubs, one from the other in the individual holes of the lid, they may be carried without danger of the chipping, etc. alluded to above.

On the golf links and in club houses, it has been found that many of the implements for playing the game of golf are mislaid, lost, or surreptitiously taken. Some of these implements being comparatively high priced, the money value of the golf equipment so lost runs into considerable sums during a playing season. Whether the lost implements are intentionally or through forgetfulness taken, it has been found the general practice is to substitute a cheaper golf club for one of the more costly variety. By the means herein shown and described, it will be impossible for any of the clubs to be taken from the bag while the latter is in storage or being carried, unless the proper key is employed to open the lid. Of course the entire bag may be taken, but this owing to the ease of detection, seldom occurs. It has also been found that golf clubs, if carried loosely in a bag, are subject to chipping, which not only mars their finish, but quite often is the cause of their being cast

away when the driving edge is chipped, since this greatly affects accurate driving.

It is to be understood the invention is susceptible to considerable modification and variation, and that the drawings are merely illustrative of the more general form of my invention. I do not wish, therefore, to be confined to the precise details as set forth, but desire to avail myself of such changes and modifications as fairly fall within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A golf bag of the kind described comprising a golf club container of less length than the clubs to be received therein, a lid member disposed across the open end of said container and provided with a plurality of perforations, said perforations constructed and arranged to receive the handles of golf clubs, said perforations further constructed and arranged to snugly fit around the golf club handles, said perforations being of smaller size than the heads of the clubs received whereby clubs cannot be withdrawn when the club heads are inserted within the container, and means for locking said lid member in place.

2. A golf bag of the kind described comprising a golf club container of less length than the clubs to be received therein, a lid member hingedly mounted adjacent the open end of said container and provided with a plurality of perforations, said perforations constructed and arranged to receive the handles of golf clubs, said perforations further constructed and arranged to snugly fit around the golf club handles, said perforations being of smaller size than the heads of the clubs received whereby clubs cannot be withdrawn when the club heads are inserted within the container, and a lock disposed substantially opposite said hinged mounting for securing said lid member in place.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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