

[54] **GOLF CLUB HEAD COVER  
TEMPORARY RETAINING DEVICE**

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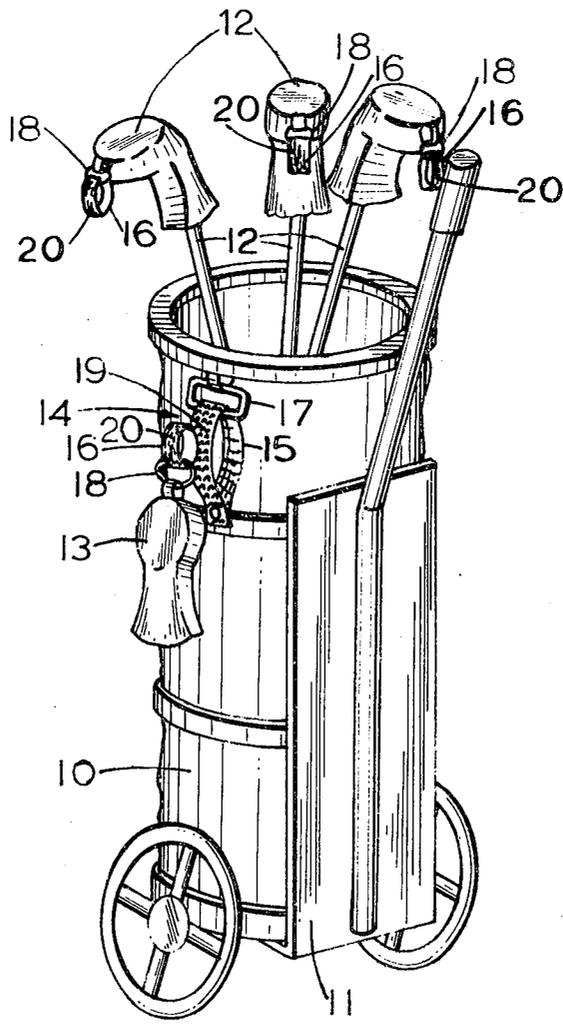
[57] **ABSTRACT**  
 A convenience holding device on a golf bag for temporarily holding removed golf club head covers as the clubs are being used.

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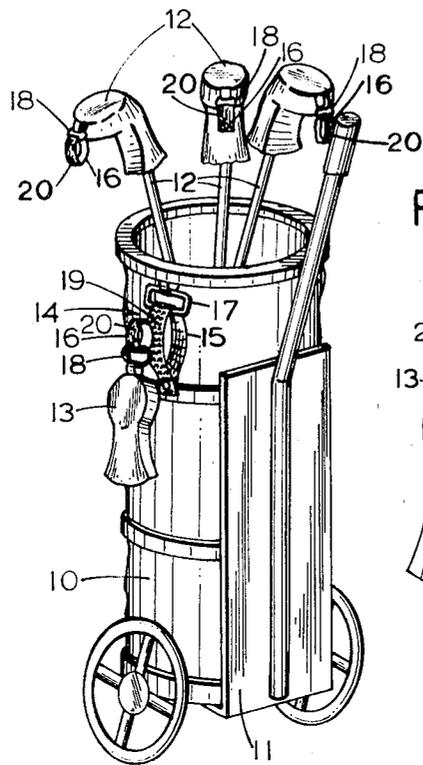


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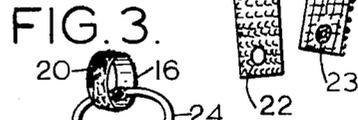
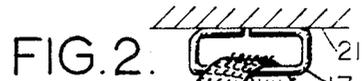


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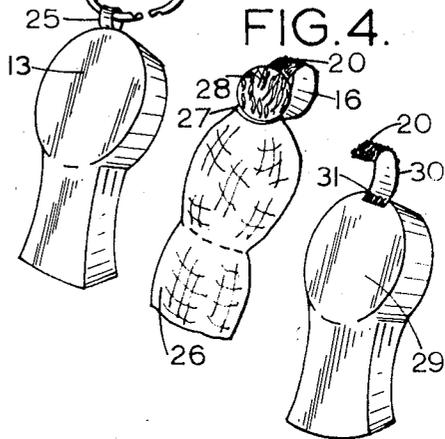


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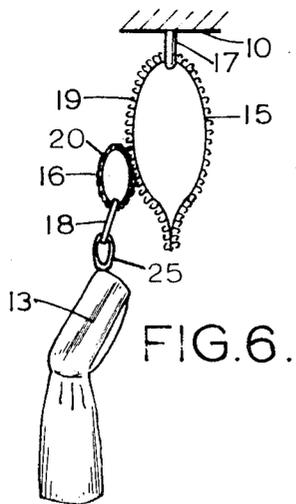


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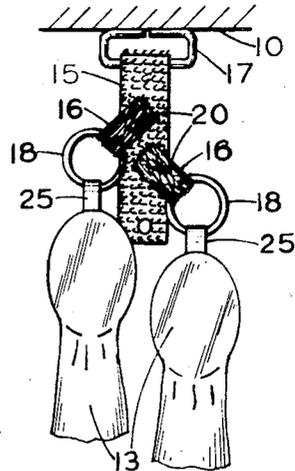


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GOLF CLUB HEAD COVER TEMPORARY RETAINING DEVICE

This invention relates in general to mounting or holding support aids, and in particular, to an improved means for conveniently receiving and retaining golf club head covers as the clubs are removed and being used out of the golf bag.

Golf club head covers are normally loosely tied together in such a manner as to require extracting a club from its cover instead of allowing the cover to be removed from the club. In removing a club from a golf bag, all clubs with covers tied together must be lifted with the desired club until its handle clears the bag at which time it can be extracted from its cover and the other clubs allowed to fall back into the bag or perhaps out of the bag if their handles also had been lifted above the bag. The procedure is reversed for replacing a club in its cover and into the golf bag. This procedure is such a nuisance that many golfers untie the covers to allow the desired covered club to be removed from the bag without restriction, remove the cover from the club head, set the cover aside, use the club to hit the ball, replace the cover, and put the covered club back in the golf bag. This procedure, however, frequently results in one forgetting to retrieve the cover with golfers attention to the game and concern with being able to find the hit ball, along with other factors. These conditions are readily evidenced by generally large collections of unclaimed golf club head covers having been turned in at golf courses.

It is, therefore, a principal object of this invention to provide a convenient hold device for golf club head covers on a golf bag or golf bag cart when not on a club.

Another object of this invention is to provide for attaching the covers independently to the bag or cart by initially bringing the holding device portion on the removed club head covers into manually exerted engaging pressure with the portion of the hold device mounted on the bag, and with covers thereby mounted in random orientation.

A further object with such golf club head covers is to provide for convenient holding of covers in a position conspicuous to one attaching a subsequent cover to the holding member particularly when returning the clubs to the bag.

Still another object is to provide a mounting device with independent removal of covers from the holding device accomplished by an easy random pull on the covers or its holding member.

Features of this invention useful in accomplishing the above objects include, in a golf club head cover temporary retaining device, a holding member affixed to each cover and another mating holding member conveniently affixed to a golf bag or golf cart, or alternately, on an item of apparel such as the golfer's belt. Through use of this holding system, a desired covered club can be extracted from the bag without material interference or restraint from any other club or cover and then the cover can be removed from the club head and attached to the golf bag or cart or item of clothing, as the case may be, with covers so affixed thereto, they remain so held until manually removed and replaced on their club head.

Specific embodiments respecting what are presently regarded as the best modes of carrying out the invention are illustrated in the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing:

FIG. 1 represents a perspective view of a golf bag and cart with a club head cover held by the holding device on a golf bag, and with clubs contained therein having holding device mating members affixed thereto;

FIG. 2, a mounting of golf bag or cart retained member of the holding device;

FIGS. 3, 4 and 5, perspective views, illustrating different methods of mounting holding device mating members on various golf club head covers;

FIG. 6, a side view of a cover being held; and,

FIG. 7, a front view of two covers being held with the holding members randomly oriented.

Referring to the drawing:

Referring to FIG. 1, a golf bag 10 mounted in a golf cart 11 is shown to be carrying golf clubs 12 in a conventional manner. While several golf woods equipped with club head covers 13 are shown, the golf bag 10 would also carry irons but since club head covers are not used thereon, they are not shown. One golf club head cover 13 removed from the head of a wood, presumably being used, is shown to be temporarily mounted by head cover 13 convenience holding device 14 on golf bag 10.

Convenience holding device 14 is shown to have two mating members 15 and 16, member 15 mounted on golf bag 10 by a mounting ring 17 fastened by conventional means to the golf bag, and member 16 fastened to club head covers by mounting rings 18 in a conventional manner. The member 15 includes a surface 19 of multiple closely spaced cut loops that act as multiple hooks that effectively engage and hold the mat surface 20 of member 16 with the mat formed of a multiplicity of closely randomly spaced small filamentary curled and crinkled threads. Obviously, the reverse could be used with surface 19 on all the members 16 and mat surface 20 on member 15.

Referring to the enlarged more detailed partial view of FIG. 2, the mounting member 15 is shown to be in the form of a strip of cloth or ribbon backing supporting a multiple closely spaced cut loop surface 19 inserted through a mounting ring 17 fastened in place on mounting member 21 by convention means, detail not shown. The strip mounting member 15 is equipped with mating snap fastening elements 22 and 23 to facilitate snap fastening closure thereof for retention of the member 15 on the ring 17.

In FIG. 3, a mating hold member 16 is shown to be mounted to golf wood head cover 13 by a ring clip clasp 24, of a conventional nature, extended through a looped hold member 16 and a fabric tab loop 25 of the cover 13. The golf wood head cover 26, of FIG. 4, is a knitted-type golf club cover with a mating hold member 16 fastened thereto by a snap ring 27 extended through the hold member 16 and snap closed about a protruding extension 28 of the cover 26. With the golf wood cover 29 embodiment of FIG. 5 a mating hold member 30 having a mat surface 20, the same as with the mating hold members 16 of the other embodiments, is fastened by sewn threading 31 at one end thereof in order for the hold member 30 to be in the form of a tab extension from the cover 29.

Referring now to FIG. 6, a golf head cover 13 is shown from the side as mounted in a holding device 14 configuration while a club is being used. Further, FIG. 7 shows two covers 13 simultaneously mounted on a member 15 in random orientation while two golf woods are removed from the bag 10 for some reason.

Thus, it may be seen that a holding device 14 is provided that quite advantageously optimizes ease of head cover equipped club removal and replacement in a golf bag with minimized constraint and/or interference. The holding device 14 enables club head covers to be placed easily at random on the holder without any particular alignment requirements being imposed, and when a golfer forgets replacement of a cover on its club head, he sees it and is reminded to do so when next another club head cover is being placed on the holding device. Other advantages become obvious through use of the holding device such as lessening of what otherwise may be a repetitive chore and lessening of distraction from game enjoyment.

Please note that a good material for use in holding device 14 is one available commercially with interengaging surfaces incorporated in closures identified by the trademarks "Velcro."

Whereas this invention is herein illustrated and described with respect to specific embodiments thereof, it should be realized that various changes may be made without departing from the essential contributions to the art made by the teachings hereof.

I claim:

1. A severable holding device of at least two mating members for holding one of the two mating members by the other including: a first type member with a great plurality of rela-

tively closely spaced catch elements extended from a supporting base; a second type member with a mat fiber surface of filamentous threads; with one of said first and second type members mounted on supporting means; and with one of said first and second type members, capable of mating with and being held by the member mounted on said supporting means, being fastened to an item to be periodically mounted on and held by mating engagement of said first and second type members; wherein one of said first and second type members is mounted with a first mounting ring; one of said first and second type members is mounted on an item to be periodically mounted; and at least one of said first and second type members is in the form of a loop through said mounting ring to facilitate removal of one of said first and second type members from the other.

2. A severable holding device of at least two mating members for holding removed from head golf head covers, including: a first-type member with a great plurality of relatively closely spaced catch elements extended from a supporting base; a second-type member with a mat fiber surface of filamentous threads; with one of said first and second type members mounted on supporting means; and with one of said first and second type members, capable of mating with and being held by the member mounted on said supporting means, being fastened to a golf club head cover to be periodically mounted on and held by mating engagement of said first and second type members; wherein said supporting means is from a class of support means including golf bags, golf carts and golf cars; one of said first and second type members is mounted with a first mounting ring; one of said first and second type members is mounted on a golf club head cover; and at least one of said first and second type members is in the form of a loop through said mounting ring to facilitate removal of one of said first and

second type members from the other for replacement of a golf club head cover back on a club head.

3. The severable holding device of claim 2, wherein said supporting base of said first type member is a flexible woven cloth fabric; said second type member includes a flexible woven cloth fabric supporting said mat fiber surface

4. The severable holding device of claim 3, wherein one of said first and second type members is mounted with a second mounting ring on a golf club head cover; and both of said first and second type members are in the form of loops extended through individually said first and second mounting rings, respectively.

5. The severable holding device of claim 2, wherein at least one of said first and second type members is in ribbon form and provided with snap-fastening means at opposite ends to facilitate mounting thereof through said first mounting ring and closure of the member to the loop form.

6. The severable holding device of claim 2, wherein at least one of said first and second type members is sewn to golf club head covers.

7. The severable holding device of claim 6, wherein the severable holding device type member sewn to golf club head covers is in the form of a tab extension sewn at one end to the covers.

8. The severable holding device of claim 2, wherein the mounting member of said first and second type mating members mounted on said supporting means is materially larger than the relative size of mounting members subject to mating therewith fastened to said golf club head covers to enable simultaneous mating held retention of a plurality of said covers.

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