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Fig.1

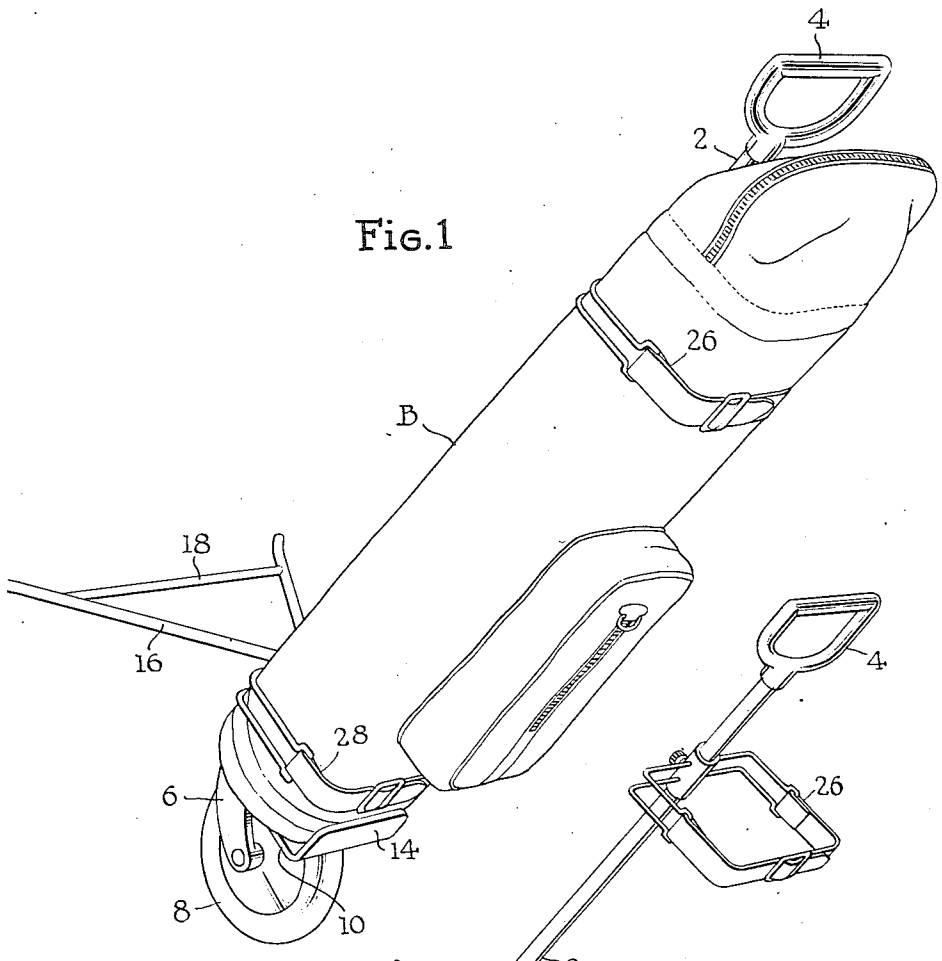


Fig.1A

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Fig. 4

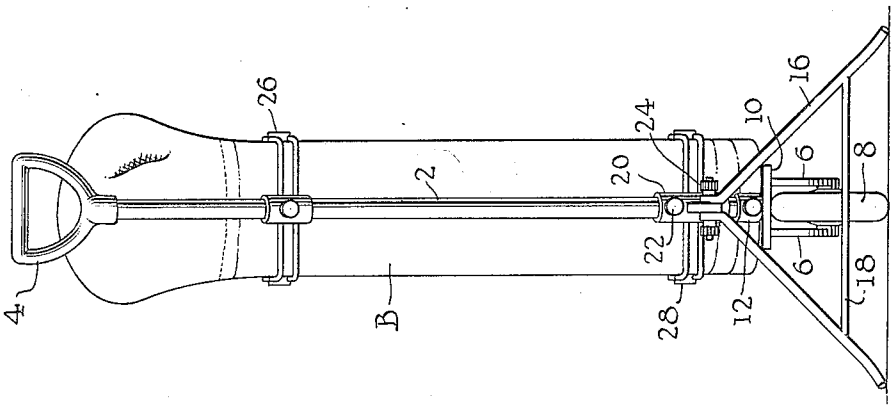


Fig. 3

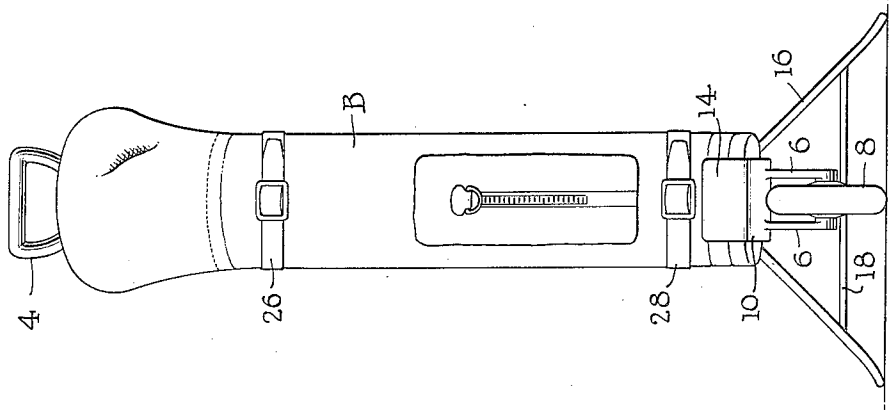
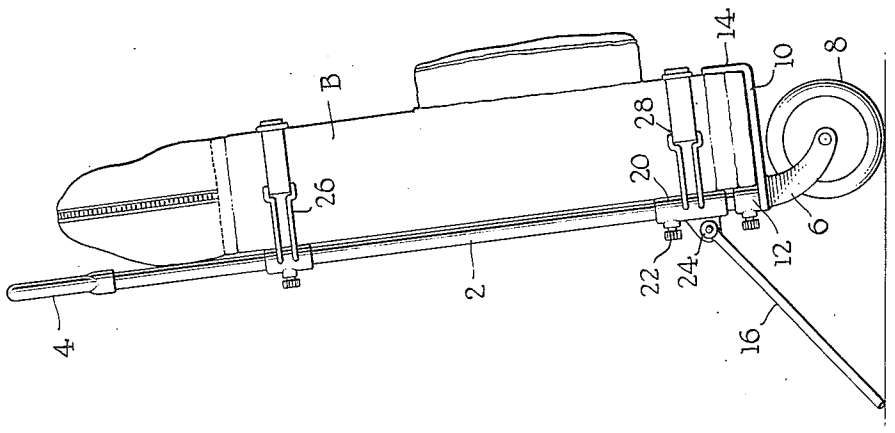


Fig. 2



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This invention is a single wheel golf bag carrier, capable of carrying any type of golf bag. Cooperating with the single wheel is a pair of ground engaging spreader rods, these two rods and the single wheel providing a three point support for supporting the bag in standing position, for selection of the appropriate club. When the player is ready to move on, the carrier is tilted onto the wheel, the spreader rods thereby being lifted out of contact with the ground.

An important object of the invention is to provide a single wheeled golf bag carrier comprising a main support, extending for the length of the golf bag, the bag being suspended below this support as it rolls along on its single wheel. This positioning of the bag keeps the center of gravity low, and nearer the wheel, so that the carrier is easily balanced on its single wheel.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a single wheeled carrier, which at its lower end is provided with a wheel extending to one side, and with diverging ground engaging spreader rods, extending to the other side; the wheel and the two spreader rods provide a three-point support for the carrier, for holding the golf bag in nearly vertical position, as the player makes his shot; when the player is ready to move on, he simply tilts the bag toward the single wheel, which automatically lifts the ground engaging spreader rods away from the ground, so that the carrier rolls along on its single wheel. When ready to stop for the next shot, the player tilts the carrier in the opposite direction, to put it back on its three-point support.

The invention will be described in more detail, in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the golf bag carrier of this invention, with a golf bag in place on the carrier.

Fig. 1A is a view similar to Fig. 1, on a smaller scale, showing the carrier with the golf bag removed from the carrier.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the carrier.

Fig. 3 is a front view of the carrier.

Fig. 4 is a rear view of the carrier.

Referring now to these drawings, the carrier comprises a longitudinal extending support, such as the rod or tube 2, preferably a little longer than a golf bag. The term "rod" as used herein, is intended to cover a hollow rod, namely, a tube.

The rod or tube 2 is provided at its upper end with a carrying handle 4, preferably laterally extending, as in Fig. 3. At its lower end, the rod

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2 carries a forked bracket 6, which is curved downwardly and toward one side of rod 2, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

A single wheel 8 is journaled in bracket 6, preferably in any known type of ball bearings. Wheel 8 is preferably a rubber-tired disc wheel.

Longitudinally extending rod 2 is also provided with a light metal rest plate 10 rigidly secured to rod 2 in any convenient way, as by collar 12. Rest plate 10 extends laterally and is positioned just above the wheel 8. Plate 10 is preferably provided with a bag engaging outer lip or flange 14.

Rod 2 is also provided with a pair of ground engaging spreader rods 16, braced apart by rod 18 and secured in any desired way to rod 2, as, for example, by a sleeve 20 held by set screw 22 on the support and a threaded pin 24 passing through cooperating extensions of 20 and legs 16. When in standing position, as in Figs. 2, 3 and 4, the carrier is supported by wheel 8 and by the two outer ends of spreader rods 16, thus giving a three-point support, the bag then being in nearly vertical position. When the player is ready to move on for the next shot, he simply grasps handle 4, tilts the bag to the position of Fig. 1, thereby rocking the spreader rods 16 clear of the ground, and rolls the carrier along on the wheel 8.

The golf bag B is held in place on rod 2 by upper and lower straps or clamps 26 and 28 of any desired type.

As shown in Fig. 1, the bag B is suspended below carrier rod 2, which keeps the center of gravity low and puts it nearer the supporting wheel 8, making for easier balance and travel, even over rough terrain.

While the invention has been described in some detail it should be understood that the invention is not limited to the precise details shown, but may be carried out in other ways.

I claim:

A carrier for a golf bag comprising a longitudinally extending support, a laterally extending forked bracket secured at the lower end of said support, a single wheel journaled in said bracket, a shelf for the lower end of a golf bag, carried near the lower end of said support and extending in the same general direction as said bracket, for thereby positioning said shelf over said wheel, a pair of straps carried by the upper and lower parts of said support for encircling a golf bag and detachably securing the golf bag to the support with its lower end on said shelf, a carrying handle at the upper end of said support,

whereby the golf bag is suspended in an inclined position below the support with the center of gravity of the golf bag below the support when the carrier is tilted forwardly and is rolled along on its single wheel, a pair of diverging ground engaging legs, carried near the lower end of said support and extending downwardly and outwardly from said support, and on the opposite side of said support with respect to said golf bag supporting shelf, said legs cooperating with said single wheel for providing a three point support for positioning the carrier in a substantially vertical position, said ground engaging legs being normally rigidly secured to the support, whereby when the carrier is tilted forwardly to the rolling position, said legs are lifted away from engagement with the ground, and engage the ground automatically when the carrier is tilted backwardly to the stationary position.

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