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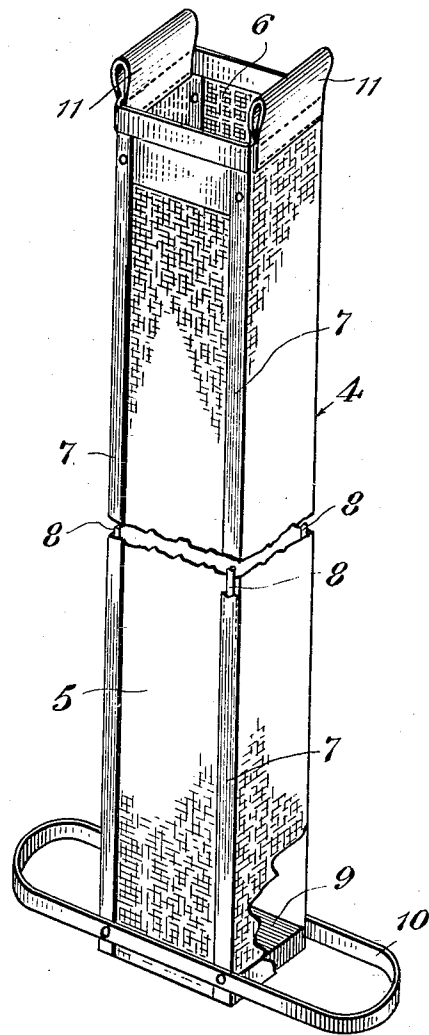
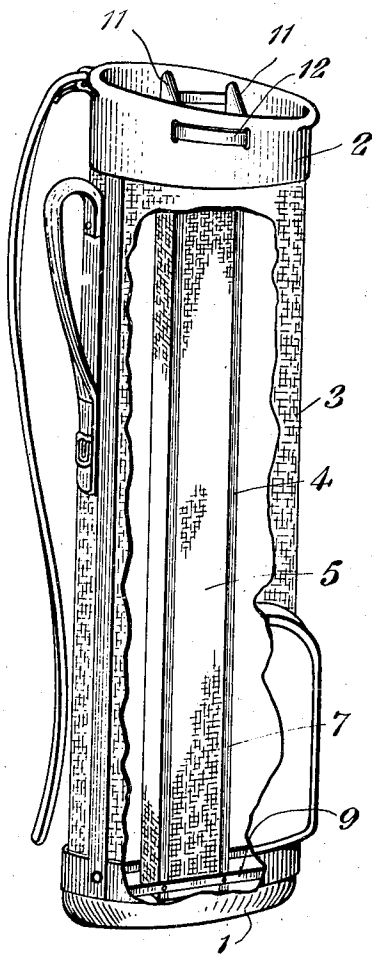
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1 Claim. (Cl. 150—1.5)

This invention relates to golf bags.

It is an object of the invention to provide an improved golf bag construction having an interior compartment which makes possible a more efficient use of the space in the interior of the bag.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear hereinafter.

A preferred embodiment of the invention selected for purposes of illustration is shown in the accompanying drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a golf bag embodying the invention, the side wall of the bag being broken away to show the interior, and

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the interior compartment.

In the manufacture of golf bags it has been common practice to provide dividing members or partitions extending transversely across the open upper end of the bag. Such partitions are commonly made of leather, folded on itself and stitched opposite the fold to provide two spaced plies. Such partitions are ordinarily held in place by straps passed through suitable slots in the sides of the bag, which said straps also pass through the space between the plies of the partitions. Thus, when the clubs are inserted in the bag in the usual manner, the partitions serve to separate the club heads. By removing the strap, however, the partitions may be removed to provide an unobstructed opening.

According to the present invention an interior compartment extending the full length of the bag is provided, which said compartment has many uses and advantages.

Referring to the drawing, a golf bag of conventional construction is illustrated, said bag having a bottom 1 of any suitable construction, an upper rim 2, the bottom of the rim being connected by the usual tubular body portion 3. The bag shown is of the conventional oval shape.

Mounted within the bag, extending longitudinally thereof, is the compartment 4, which in the preferred embodiment illustrated is rectangular in shape, and of a length substantially equal to the length of the bag. The longitudinal walls of the compartment may be made of any suitable material, such as duck, and the opposite wall panels 5 and 6 which lie contiguous to the inside walls of the bag may, if desired, be protected at their edges by longitudinal strips 7 of leather. The compartment may also be stiffened longitudinally by metal rods 8 placed at each corner, and held in place by the strips 7.

The compartment may be closed at its lower

end by a bottom member 9, secured therein in any suitable manner, and in order to center the compartment at the bottom of the bag, a bail 10 is secured to the bottom, the said bail being made of metal strip shaped to conform to the contour of the inside of the bag.

In the embodiment illustrated the compartment is also provided at the top with folded leather members 11, similar to the partitions previously described, the edges of said members being stitched to the compartment as shown so as to allow the folded portion to project above the upper edge of the compartment. In this manner a strap 12 may be passed through slots in the rim 2 and through the members 11 so as to hold the compartment firmly in place in the bag. By removing the strap, the compartment may be removed from the bag, and the compartment may be used separately for carrying a few clubs for practice, or for putting. Instead of the strap 12, the compartment may be secured to the rim in any other suitable manner, as by snap fasteners, or in cases where it is not desired to remove the compartment, by permanent rivets.

The above described compartment has several uses and advantages. For example, while the ordinary partitions separate the club heads, the grip ends of the shafts are not separated and consequently, while there is much unused space at the bottom of the bag, it is not feasible to stow other articles therein because to do so interferes with the removal and replacement of clubs as desired. With the present compartment, on the other hand, it is entirely possible to place all of the clubs in the compartment, leaving the spaces outside of the compartment free from the stowage of other articles such as sweaters, shoes, etc., or the clubs may be placed in the other spaces and the compartment may be used for stowage of other articles.

It will be understood that the invention may be variously modified and embodied within the scope of the subjoined claim.

I claim as my invention:

An insert for dividing a golf bag of generally oval cross section into several separate compartments, said insert comprising opposite side walls that fit against the sides of the golf bag but that are of substantially less extent than the long dimension of the oval cross section of the bag, opposing transverse walls connecting the sides of the insert and forming with said sides a compartment of a width that extends across the full width of the golf bag, at least a portion of the

walls of the insert being stiff enough so that the insert will stand upright, a frame connected with the bottom portion of the insert and extending beyond the transverse walls of the insert, in the direction of the long dimension of the oval cross-section of the bag, for holding the bottom portion of the insert in an intermediate position at the bottom of the bag, and fastening means at

the top portion of the insert for connecting the insert with the golf bag and holding the top portion of the insert in substantially the same intermediate position as the bottom portion with respect to the oval cross section of the bag so that the insert forms a center compartment in the golf bag.

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