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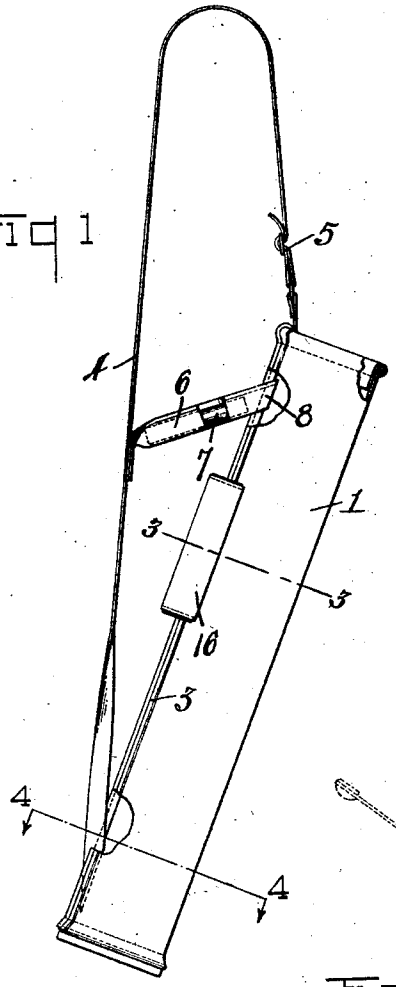


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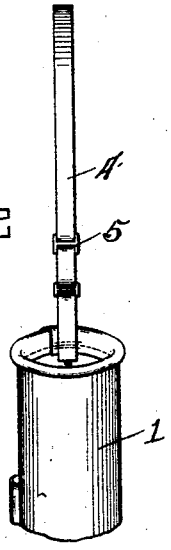


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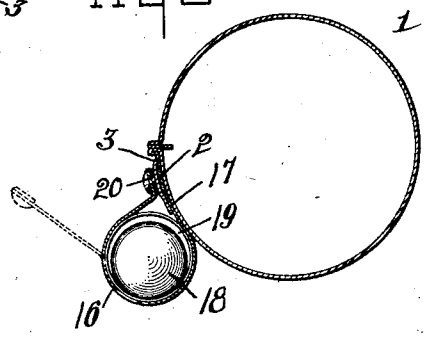


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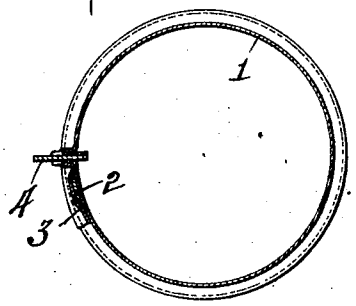
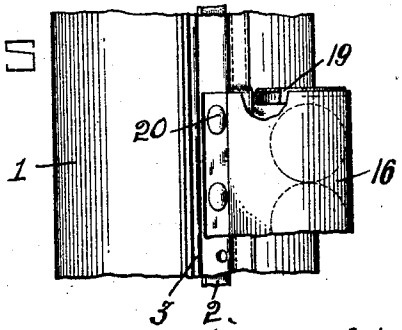


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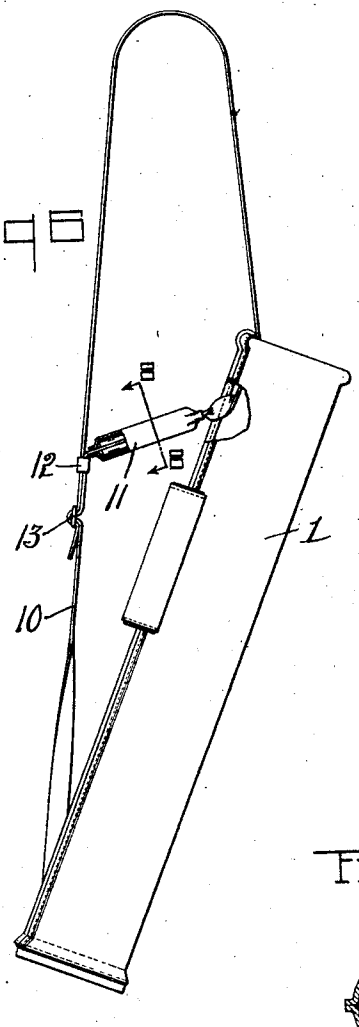


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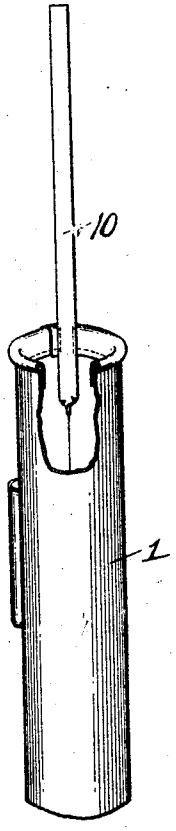
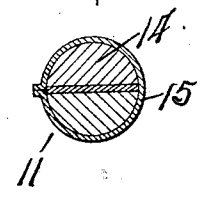


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This invention relates primarily to golf bags, and has for its object to provide a new, improved and balanced carrying means for the bag, whereby to facilitate a carrying of the same, and prevent a tipping up and accidental spilling of the clubs from the bag while carrying.

A further object of the invention resides in the arrangement and manner of attaching the extra-ball carrying pocket to the bag.

The invention is fully described in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which,—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a bag embodying the invention with parts broken away and with the bag in carrying position. Fig. 2 is a different elevation of the upper end portion of the bag. Figs. 3 and 4 are enlarged cross-sections on the lines 3—3 and 4—4, respectively, in Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is an enlarged side elevation of a fragmentary portion of the bag showing a portion of the ball carrying pocket. Fig. 6 is a side elevation of a bag with a slightly modified form of carrying means and with parts broken away. Fig. 7 is a different view of the upper end portion thereof, with a part broken away, and Fig. 8 is an enlarged cross-section on the line 8—8 in Fig. 6.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a golf bag of the usual or any suitable construction. The bag is shown, in the present instance, as having a single stiffening bar or strip 2, which is disposed within a single longitudinal seam 3 of the bag and extends throughout substantially the entire length thereof.

The shoulder strap 4, for use in carrying the bag from the shoulder, is connected at one end to the bag near its lower end and is connected at its other end to the top of the bag. This strap is provided with a suitable longitudinal adjustment, as shown at 5, to facilitate enlarging the shoulder engaging top portion of the strap and is attached to the bag adjacent to the stiffening bar 2, the lower end at least thereof being preferably secured to the bag by sewing or securing in the seam 3.

The carrying handle 6 is of a stiff nature and is disposed obliquely to the back side so that it stands in substantially a horizontal plane when the bag is in normal carrying position, as shown in Fig. 1. One end of the handle is secured to the bag near its upper end and the other end of the handle is secured to the strap 4 so that the carrying strain from such end is distributed to the lower end of the bag through the strap. The handle 6 is preferably provided with a stiffener or core-piece 7 disposed within an enclosing strip of fibrous material, one end of which latter, in the present instance, is secured to the bag within the seam 3, as shown at 8, while the other end thereof is secured to the strap 4.

The provision of the handle 6 and its manner of connection with the bag provides a carrying means for the bag which enables it to be carried in slightly inclined balanced position, so that there is no danger of the bag tipping up and spilling the clubs therefrom while being carried. The carrying of the bag is also rendered easier by the use of this carrying means, as the handle fits the hand and during carrying assumes a natural unstrained position in the hand.

In Figs. 6, 7 and 8 the carrying means is shown as being slightly changed over that above described, as the carrying strip of this form, which is designated 10, extends up from the lower portion of the bag, thence through the handle which is designated 11 and through the seam of the bag 1. It then continues upward through the open end of the bag and after forming the shoulder engaging loop extends through a loop 12 fixed to the lower portion of the strip adjacent to the outer end of the handle. The strip after passing through the loop 12 has sliding adjustable connection with the lower portion of the strip, as shown at 13. The handle is stiffened by placing pieces 14 at opposite sides of the portion of the strip forming the same and then enclosing the same with a covering 15.

Another feature of the invention resides in the pocket 16 for carrying extra balls and in its manner of attachment to the bag. This pocket is preferably made by looping an elongated strip of canvas or other flexible material upon itself and securing one side edge of the strip to the bag adjacent to the reinforcing bar 2 and preferably by sewing such edge within the seam 3, as shown at 17. The opposite edge of the strip forms the closure flap of the pocket and is adapted to have releasable snap engagement with the side of the bag over the reinforced strip 2 so that the studs of the fastening means may

be secured to said reinforcing strip. The bag thus formed is of elongated form to carry a plurality of balls 18 in single file relation lengthwise of the bag and its ends are closed by end-pieces 19 or in any other suitable manner. The fastening means for the closure flap is designated 20.

It is apparent that the pocket hangs freely and in a swinging manner from the upper side edge portion of the bag and is disposed at a point where it is convenient of access by the person carrying the bag. The pocket also exposes all of the balls when the closure flap is open, so that any ball may be selected without taking all of the balls out of the pocket to find the one desired.

I wish it understood that my invention is not limited to any specific arrangement or form of the parts, as it is capable of numerous modifications and changes without departing from the spirit of the claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A golf bag having a shoulder-engaging carrying-strap secured at one end to the upper end of the bag and at its other end to the lower end portion of the bag, and a carrying handle attached at one end to the bag and at its other end to the strap.

2. A golf bag having a shoulder-engaging carrying-strap secured at one end to the upper end portion of the bag and at its other to the lower end portion of the bag, and a handle secured at one end to the bag and projecting laterally therefrom near its upper end and connected at its outer end to said strap, whereby the bag, handle and lower end portion of the strap form a triangular figure.

3. A golf bag having a shoulder-engaging carrying-strap connected at one end to the upper end portion of the bag and at its other end to the lower end portion of the bag, and a handle member projected obliquely from a side of the bag near its upper end and attached to the strap whereby the bag may be carried in balanced inclined position.

4. In a golf bag, a handle projected laterally from the upper end portion of the bag, and a strap forming a shoulder engaging loop and being connected at one end to the lower end portion of the bag and at its other end to the upper end portion of the bag and having connection with the outer end of said handle to cooperate therewith to carry the bag in balanced position, the portion of the strap above the handle being adjustable to vary its length.

5. The combination with a golf bag of a pocket for holding a plurality of extra golf balls in single file order lengthwise of the bag, said pocket being composed of a strip of material doubled upon itself and having its inner free edge secured to the bag lengthwise thereof and having its other free edge forming a flap which is movable to render access to the pocket, and means for detachably engaging the flap to the side of the bag to retain the flap closed.

6. The combination with a golf bag having a longitudinally extending stiffening member in a side thereof of a pocket for carrying a plurality of extra golf balls in a single-file order lengthwise of the bag, said pocket comprising a strip of material doubled upon itself with one side edge secured to the bag adjacent to said stiffener and with its other side edge forming a flap for closing the pocket, and cooperating means on the flap and stiffener for releasably holding the flap in closed position.

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

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