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Fig. 1

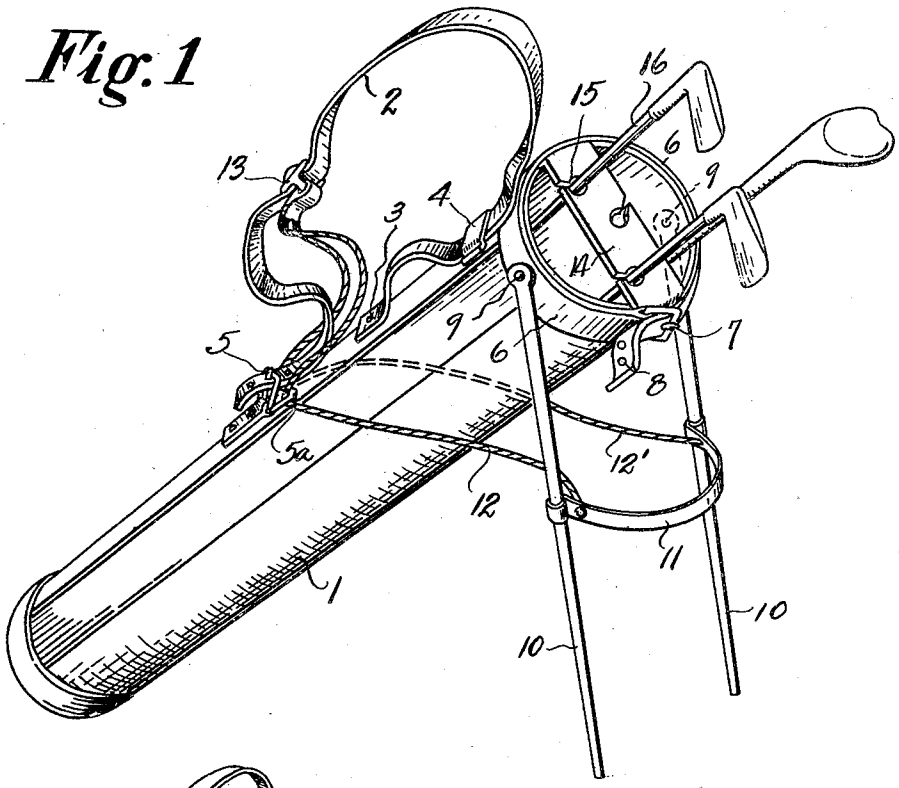


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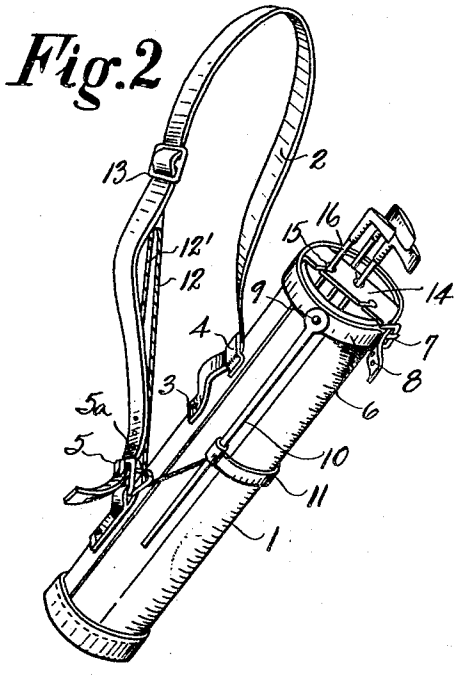
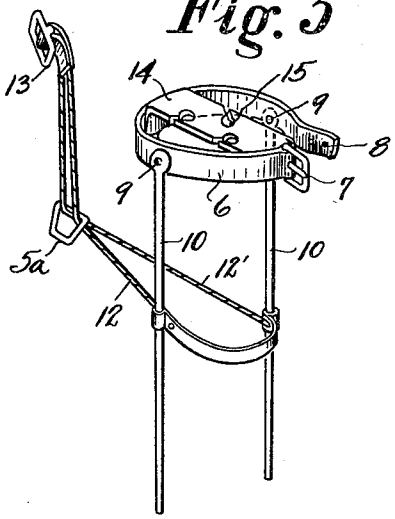


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to golf club bags, and has reference in particular to means for supporting a bag in an upwardly inclined position whereby the clubs may be more easily removed from, or placed in the bag, and which avoids the wear and damage to the bag that results from its ordinarily being thrown down upon the ground.

It is also an object of the invention to provide means of the above character in the nature of an attachment that can be easily and readily applied to golf bags of various kinds and sizes.

More specifically stated, the invention resides in the provision of a golf bag support comprising a pair of legs pivotally attached to a collar that may be attached about the open end of the bag; the said legs being adapted to be adjusted to a position for supporting the bag in an upright or upwardly directed position, and also being adapted, when not in use, to be folded against the bag and out of the way for carrying, by means of cables attached to the legs and to the shoulder strap of the bag.

It is also an object of the invention to provide means in connection with the bag support for holding the clubs within the bag to prevent wear thereon, or on the rim of the bag, and to hold the clubs in position for ready selection and removal.

Other objects of the invention reside in the various details of construction, and in the combination of parts, and in their mode of operation, as will hereinafter be described.

In accomplishing the various objects of the invention, I have provided the improved details of construction, the preferred forms of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the attachment as applied to a bag in use.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the attachment with the legs folded against the bag.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the attachment removed from the bag.

Referring more in detail to the drawing—

1 designates what may be a golf bag of the usual form or type of construction, and provided at one side with the usual shoulder strap 2, which at one end is attached to the bag as by the rivet 3, and is extended slidably through a loop 4 to form the intermediate handle portion. From the loop 4, it extends as a sling for application over the shoulder for carrying the bag, and at its lower end, it is attached to the bag through the medium of a buckle 5 which permits of adjusting the effective length of the sling.

The present bag supporting attachment comprises a collar portion 6 which is applied about the open end of the bag as illustrated. The collar may be a strap and is provided at one end with a buckle 7 and at its opposite end has a series of holes 8 which makes possible the ready application and fitting of the device about bags of different size, and permits the collar to be securely tightened in place.

Pivotally connected to the collar at diametrically opposite sides by rivets, or the like, 9 are paired legs 10—10, somewhat shorter than the length of the bag and adapted to swing from positions at the sides of the bag, to the supporting positions shown whereby the bag is held in an upwardly inclined position. A radially curved strap 11 connects the legs to hold them properly spaced, and when the legs are folded against the bag, the strap conforms to the side of the bag.

Connected with the two legs are flexible cords or cables 12 and 12′, which extend therefrom across opposite sides of the bag and through a loop 5a that is formed as a part of, or in connection with the buckle 5 and after passing through this loop, they are connected with a buckle 13 which is adjustable along the shoulder strap.

In using the device, slackening of the sling strap and cables 12—12 permits the legs to be swung outwardly from the bag in position for supporting the latter for ready removal, or placement of the golf clubs. When the bag is picked up by means of the shoulder strap, the cables are drawn taut by reason of their connection by buckle 13 with the strap and this draws the legs inwardly against the bag, therefore, it is unnecessary that the

user do more than pick up the bag by the shoulder strap in order that the legs will be automatically folded against the bag. Proper adjustment of the buckle 13 along the strap is made in accordance with the length of the cables, or to compensate for adjustment of the sling strap in the buckle 5.

In addition to the supporting means, I also provide the attachment with a cross plate 14, which is fixed at its ends to collar 6 to extend diametrically across the bag end. This plate is provided with a series of inset open notches 15 within which the golf clubs, as designated at 16, may be placed to hold them from rubbing together and from rubbing on the bag edges, thereby preventing wear on the bag and on the clubs and making it possible to more easily select and removed a desired club.

A device of this character supports the bag and eliminates the usual wear on the bag that is incident to throwing it on the ground. It also makes possible an easier and readier placement of clubs, or their removal, and is automatic in so far as the folding of the legs against the bag is concerned.

It is apparent that changes of minor details of construction might be made without departing from the spirit of the invention therefore, it is not desired that the claim limit the device to the details shown, but that it be liberally interpreted in accordance with the invention disclosed.

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

In combination, a golf bag having a sling strap, and supporting means for the bag comprising a pair of legs pivotally attached to the upper end of the bag at opposite sides thereof to swing outwardly at one side to support the bag in an upwardly inclined position, a cable guide loop attached to the bag a substantial distance below its upper end and on the table opposite that to which the legs open, cables attached to the legs and extended about opposite sides of the bag and through said loop and attached to the sling strap whereby the legs will be drawn against the bag incident to supporting the bag by the sling.

Signed at Tacoma, Washington, this 17th day of July, 1930.

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