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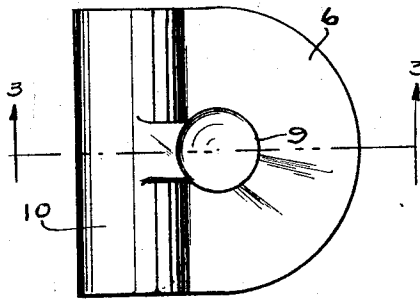


FIG. 1

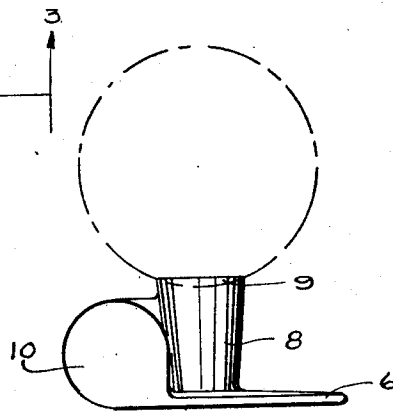


FIG. 2

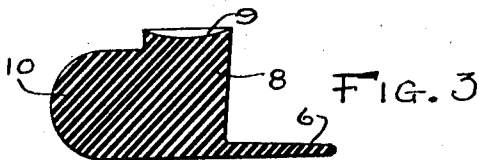


FIG. 3

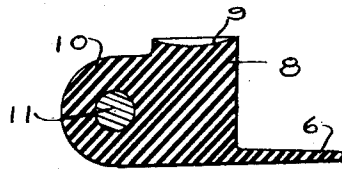


FIG. 5

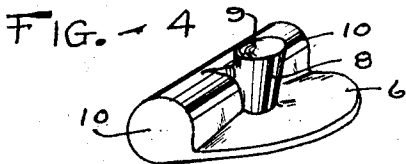


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## TEE FOR GOLF BALLS.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in tees for supporting golf balls.

One object of this invention is to provide a device of the character set forth, which can be readily set in position and which will form an ample support for the golf ball and at the right distance above the ground.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device of this character which will not impede the stroke of the player in case the club comes into contact with the device, and which will in no way mar or injure the club when struck thereby.

With these objects in view and with the intention of securing other advantages which will hereinafter appear, this invention consists of the features of construction and combination of parts described in the specification, particularly pointed out in the claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Fig. 1 is a top plan view of a tee embodying my invention,

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same,

Fig. 3 is a section on line 3—3 Fig. 1,

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the device on a reduced scale,

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 3 but showing a slightly modified form of my device.

Again referring to the drawings, 6 represents the base portion of my device which is preferably formed of rubber or rubber composition. This base portion is made quite flat and is preferably semicircular in form. The surface of the base portion is inclined or beveled toward the outer edge or rim thereof.

On the base 6 is mounted a flexible shank portion 8 which is also preferably formed of rubber or rubber composition.

The shank portion 8 carries at its upper end a cup or socket 9 for receiving the golf ball.

On the base 6 to the rear of the shank portion 8 and in contact with said shank portion is an abutment forming member 10. This abutment member 10 reinforces the shank portion 8 and prevents the shank portion from being torn from the base 6.

The rear and bottom surface of the member 10 is curved or rounded in order that the said member 10 may serve as a rocker for the device. The purpose of providing this rocker member is to reduce to a minimum the resistance the device will offer in case the driving club comes into contact with the shank portion 8 when striking the ball. With my construction if the club hits the shank portion 8 the device will just rock backward on the member 10 removing the shank portion 8 from the path of the club. In such a contingency the device will offer much less resistance to the stroke of the club than if the device had to be bodily removed by the club from its path.

To insure this rocking of the shank portion of the device out of the path of the club after being struck, the member 10 may be weighted with a bar 11 of lead or other suitable material so that the member 10 just about counter-balances the rest of the device and therefore a very slight impulse will cause the device to roll over.

In production the device will be molded as a unit from rubber or a rubber composition and will therefore be very serviceable and can be readily carried in the pocket of the player.

What I claim is:

1. A tee for supporting golf balls comprising a base member, a shank portion extending upwardly from said base member, and provided with a ball receiving socket, and a combined rocker member and a reinforcing abutment for said shank portion at the rear side of said base member and in contact with said shank portion.

2. A tee for supporting golf balls comprising a base member, a shank portion extending upwardly from said base member and provided with a ball receiving socket, and a counter-balancing rocker member extending along the rear edge of said base member, the arrangement being such that a slight impulse will cause the tee to rotate on said rocker member.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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