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Fig. 1

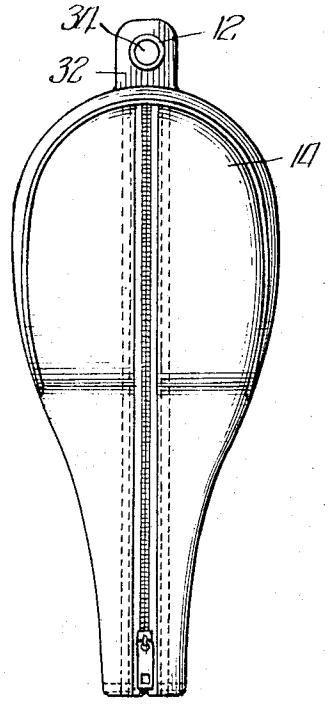


Fig. 2

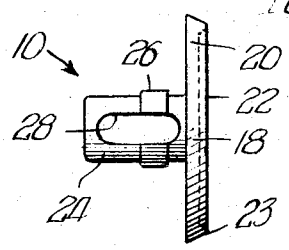


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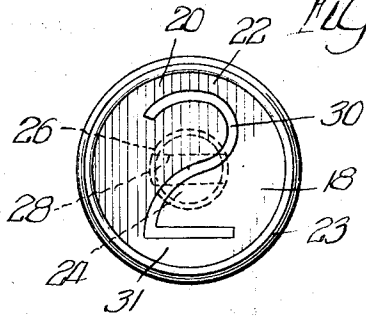
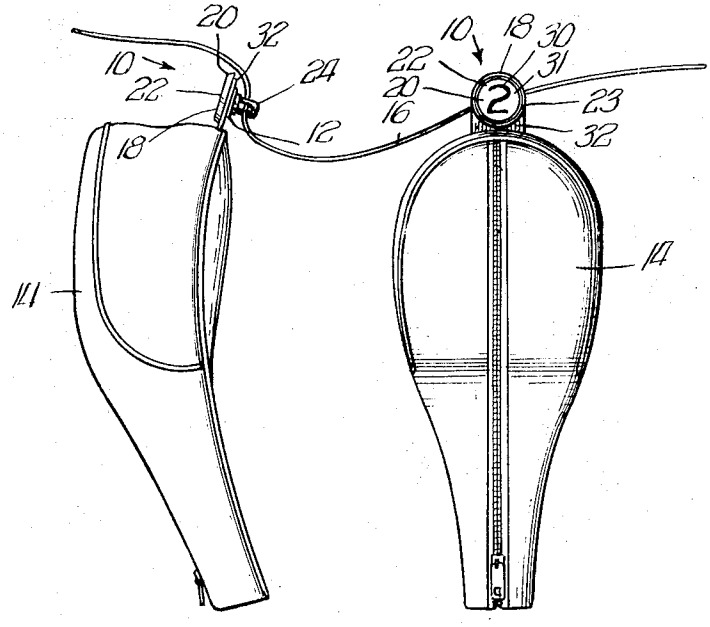


Fig. 4



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The invention relates to golfing accessories, and more particularly to a golf club head cover marking device.

It is an object of the present invention to provide golf club head cover marking devices for identification of golf clubs.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide golf club head cover marking devices which are removably secured to golf club head covers and may be readily transferred from one golf club head cover to another.

It is another object of the present invention to provide durable, lightweight, and inexpensive golf head cover marking devices that are fabricated so that the club identifying indicia thereon can be readily changed.

An additional object of the present invention is to provide golf club head cover marking devices that provide means for securing a series of head covers together.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following detailed description and the drawing forming a part thereof, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a front elevational view of a typical golf club head cover having an apertured head cover tie string receiving tab provided thereon;

FIGURE 2 is a side elevational view of a marking device constructed in accordance with the present invention, which marking device is particularly suited for use with golf club head covers of the type depicted in FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 3 is a front elevational view of the marking device shown in FIGURE 2; and

FIGURE 4 illustrates a pair of joined head covers adapted with the marking devices shown in FIGURES 2 and 3.

Turning now to the drawings, there is shown therein a golf head cover marking device **10** in accordance with the invention, comprising generally a disk-shaped portion **20** having a number indicia thereon, and an elongate stem-shaped apertured projection **24** which is adapted to fasten within an aperture in the type of golf club head cover shown in FIGURE 1, thereby providing identification of the golf club and means for stringing a number of head covers together.

FIGURE 1 shows the type of golf club head cover **14** to which the device of the invention is particularly adapted to be secured. It will be noted that this golf club head cover **14** has a relatively thin tab **32** at the top thereof of leather, plastic, or other suitable material. The tab **32** has fastened to it by riveting or the like a thin eyelet **12** of metal, plastic, or other suitable material providing a central hole or opening **34**. Preferably the eyelet **12** is of substantially rigid construction so that its hole **34** maintains a substantially constant diameter. This type of golf club head cover **14** is in widespread use. It is designed so that a cord **16** may be threaded through each eyelet **12** of a number of the head covers **14**, securing all of the head covers together. Thereby any one golf club head cover may be removed from its golf club and yet be retained by the cord **16**, thus easily replaced on its proper golf club. The marking device of the invention makes use of the existing construction in the head covers **14** in a novel manner by fastening the device through the eyelet **12**.

Referring in detail to the specific embodiment of the device shown in FIGURES 2 and 3, the device **10** is preferably constructed as an integral, generally button-

shaped body **18**, preferably of plastic or other suitable material. The body **18** preferably includes an enlarged disk-shaped portion **20** having a plane surface **22** on one side thereof. Around the edge of the plane surface **22** there may be provided an annular ridge **23**. Centered on the disk portion **20** opposite from the plane surface **22**, extending at right angles from the disk portion, is the elongate stem projection **24**. The projection **24** preferably has an extended and generally cylindrical shaped configuration and is integral to the disk portion **20**. An annular ring **26** is provided in the form of a protrusion or extended ridge around the projection **24**, concentric with the longitudinal axis of the projection **24**. This annular ring **26** is preferably spaced from the disc portion **20** but in close proximity thereto.

The projection **24** on the body **18** is further provided with a hole **28** in the form of an elongate slot transversely extending in depth completely through the projection **24**, providing a passageway therethrough. The width of the hole **28** is, of course, less than the diameter of the projection **24**. However the length of the hole **28** (i.e., its dimension along the longitudinal axis of the projection **24**) preferably encompasses the principal portion of the entire projection **24**. Thus the length of the hole **28** may be greater than the diameter of the projection **24**.

A large readily visable number indicia **30** is shown on the plane surface **22** in FIGURE 3. This number indicia **30** is preferably a thin sheet **31** of plastic, paper, or other suitable material having a number printed thereon, which sheet of material **31** is preferably removably fastened to the plane surface **22** by a coating of pressure-sensitive adhesive or other suitable means. The golfer is preferably supplied, for example, with a thin sheet of adhesive backed material having numbers thereon, the sheet being partially scored around the numbers so that round disks of approximately the same size as the surface **22** may be readily removed from the sheet and pressed against the surface **22**. However the number indicia **30** may also be provided on the surface **22** in a permanent form; as by hot pressing, printing, or painting a number directly onto the plastic surface, or by other suitable means.

To provide for the securing of the device **10** within the eyelet **12**, the projection **24** on the body **18** preferably has a diameter slightly less than the diameter of the hole **34** through the eyelet. Thus, most of the projection **24** is adapted to pass freely through the eyelet **12**. However, the annular ring **26** preferably has an outside diameter slightly greater than the diameter of the hole **34**. The application of sufficient pressure to the body **18** allows the projection **24** to be forced further into the eyelet **12** so that the annular ring **26** may be pressed or snapped through the eyelet **12**. The somewhat flexible nature of plastic materials as well as the hole **28** (which preferably is long enough to extend through the portion of the projection **24** upon which the annular ring **26** is formed) provides the slight compressibility needed to accomplish this fastening. In the fastened position, the device **10** is securely but removably retained within the eyelet **12** by the annular ring **26** abutting one side of the eyelet **12** and the enlarged disk portion **20** abutting the other side of the eyelet.

When the device **10** is in the fastened position, secured through the eyelet **12**, the principal portion of the projection **24** is fully exposed on the far side of the eyelet **12**. Thus the hole **28** through this projection is also generally exposed and on the far side of the eyelet. The hole **28** is therefore available to provide the function previously provided by the hole **34** in retaining the cord **16**, even though the hole **34** is now fully occupied by the projection **24**.

The operation and employment of the marking device **10** is simple and rapid, which is one of the chief advan-

tages provided by the invention. Upon the selection of the golf club head cover **14** to be used with a particular club, the person then either selects the prenumbered device **10** whose number corresponds to that of the club or selects the appropriate decal or other number indicia and attaches this number indicia to the surface **22** of an unmarked device, as described previously, fitting it inside the ridge **23**.

The device **10** is easily inserted into the eyelet **12**. As described above, the principal portion of the projection **24** is adapted to slide easily into the hole **34** in the eyelet **12**. Then a slight force may be applied to the disk portion **20** to force the annular ring **26** through the eyelet, so as to removably but tightly secure the device **10** within the eyelet.

If it is desired to connect the golf club head covers together by means of the cord **16**, this cord is simply threaded through the hole **28** of each of the devices **10**, as shown in FIGURE 4, once the devices are in place.

Forces applied by the cord **16** to the projection **24** will tend to pull the disk portion **20** against the eyelet. The disk portion being preferably larger than the eyelet **12** cannot be pulled through the hole **34**, and thus the head cover **14** is securely fastened to the cord **16**.

The number upon any of the devices **10** may be changed (so as to allow the club carried within the particular head cover **14** to be changed without unstringing the series of head covers) simply by substituting or superimposing a new number indicia.

In view of the foregoing disclosures, it is clear that there has been provided herein a novel marking device for golf club head covers having improved convenience and simple and rugged construction, which is highly flexible in operation and allows the rapid adaption of golf club head covers to different golf clubs. Further it is clear that there has been provided a golf club head cover marking device which provides a convenient means for fastening a series of gold club head covers together.

It is contemplated that numerous further variations and modifications within the purview of those skilled in the art may be made herein, and it is intended to cover in the appended claims all such variations and modifications as fall within the true spirit and scope of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. In combination with a golf club head cover having a tab with an eyelet thereon, said eyelet having a hole therethrough extending through said tab, a golf club head cover marking device which comprises: a disk-shaped member substantially larger than said eyelet having a number indicia thereon; an integral elongate stem projecting from said disk-shaped member, said stem having a maximum diameter slightly less than the diameter of said hole in said eyelet and having an elongate hole transversely through the principal portion thereof adapted to receive a head cover tie string; an integral resilient annular protrusion formed on said stem in spaced relation to said disk-shaped member, said protrusion having a maximum diameter greater than the diameter of said hole in said eyelet; said stem extending through said hole in said eyelet so that said annular protrusion thereon and the principal portion of said elongate hole therethrough are on opposite sides of said tab from said disk-shaped member, whereby said marking device can be removably secured to said golf club head cover and the selective individual identification and joining of a plurality of head covers are readily effected.

2. In combination with a golf club head cover having a tab with an aperture through said tab, a removable golf club head cover marking device which comprises:

a generally planar disk-shaped member substantially larger than said eyelet and adapted to receive a removable adhesive indicia label thereon;

an elongated stem projecting perpendicularly from the plane of said disk-shaped member, said stem being removably insertable through said aperture;

integral retaining means on said stem spaced from said disk-shaped member for retaining said stem in said aperture with a substantial portion of said stem projecting from the opposite side of said tab from said disk-shaped member.

said projecting portion of said stem having a hole transversely therethrough being adapted to receive a head cover tie string,

whereby said marking device can be removably secured to said golf club head cover and the selective individual identification and joining of a plurality of head covers readily effected.

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