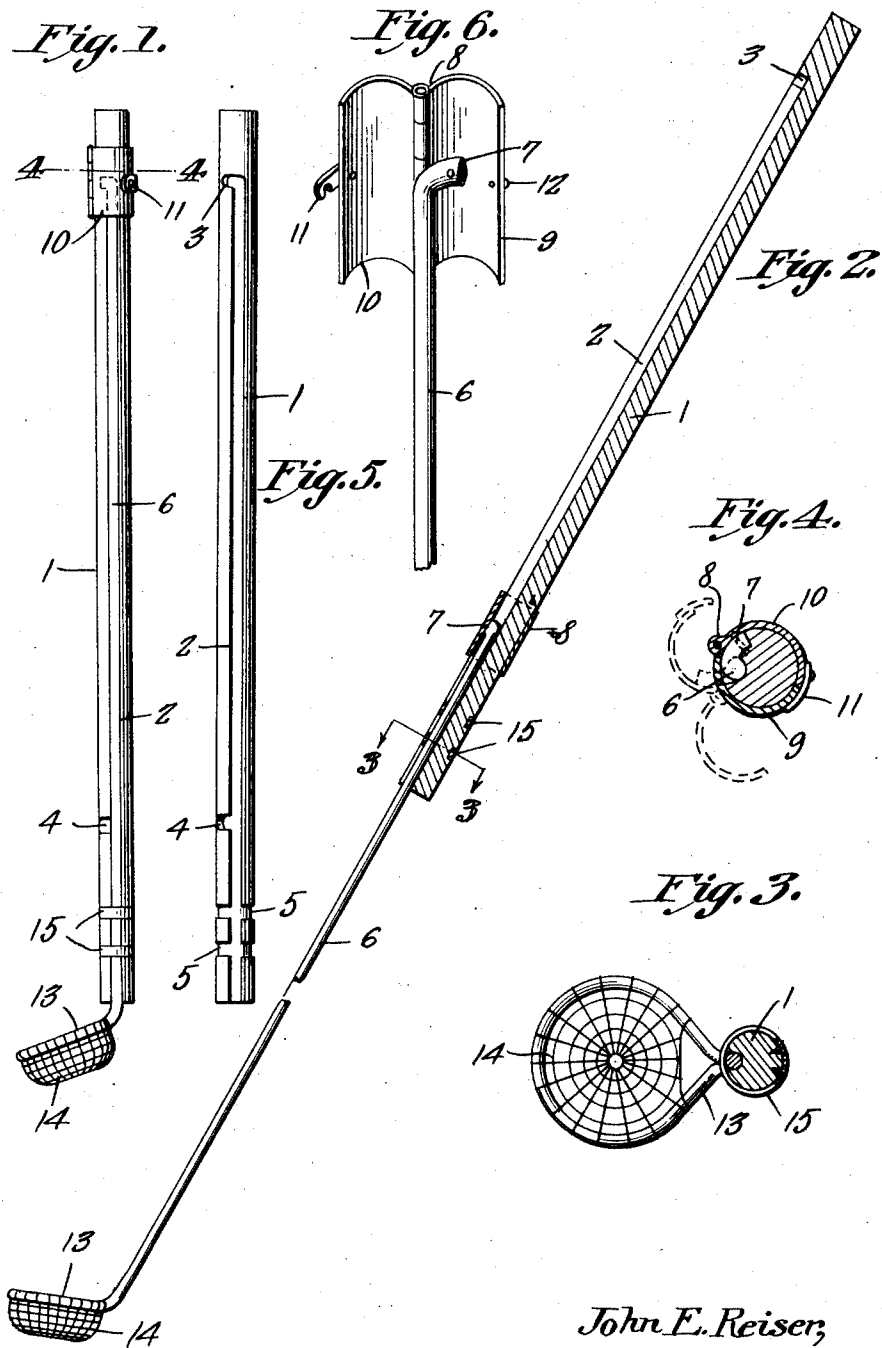


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GOLF BALL RETRIEVER

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GOLF-BALL RETRIEVER.

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This invention relates to golf apparatus, and its general object is to provide a golf ball retriever for recovering balls from bodies of water and like hazards, in an easy and expeditious manner with very little effort, with the result, a golfer will have no fear of losing a ball that is driven into a water hole.

A further object of the invention is to provide a golf ball retriever that can be conveniently carried in a bag with clubs and is adjustable to a relatively long length when it is desired to use the same.

Another object of the invention is to provide a golf ball retriever that is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture and efficient in operation and service.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In describing my invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device forming the subject matter of the present invention, and showing the same in folded position.

Figure 2 is a similar view of the device in extended position.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken approximately on line 3—3 of Figure 2, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken approximately on line 4—4 of Figure 1, and illustrates the collar in closed position in full lines and open position in dotted lines.

Figure 5 is a view of the body or handle of the device.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary view of the collar in open position and showing the manner of securing the shaft thereto.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the reference numeral 1 indicates the body or handle of the retriever, which as shown is provided with a longitudinally disposed slot 2 extending from adjacent the upper end thereof and terminating with its lower end as best shown in Figure 1. The slot 2 is arranged in communication with a recess 3 at its upper end and a recess 4 adjacent its

lower end. The body is further provided with annular grooves 5 arranged adjacent its lower end.

Arranged in the slot 2 is a shaft 6 which as shown is in the nature of a rod having a diameter whereby the shaft will be free to slide in the slot 2 as will be apparent.

The free end of the shaft 6 is bent at an angle with respect to the remaining portion thereof and this end which is indicated by the reference numeral 7 is secured to a collar 8 which is likewise mounted for slidable movement on the body or handle 1 as suggested in Figure 2 of the drawings. The collar 8 includes a pair of hinged secured semi-cylindrical sections 9 and 10, and the shaft 6 is secured to the section 10 as shown. The section 10 has pivotally secured thereto one of the ends of a latch arm 11 which is notched for receiving a headed stud 12 for securing the collar in folded position about the body or handle.

The free end of the shaft 6 is looped upon itself to provide a rounded frame 13 having secured thereto a reticulated member 14 which as shown is in the form of a basket adapted for receiving one or more golf balls as will be apparent.

Secured in the annular grooves 5 so as to be disposed flush with the outer surface of the body 1 are annular bands 15 which act to guide and hold the shaft 6 with respect to the body.

From the above description and disclosure of the drawings, it will be obvious that I have provided a golf ball retriever for recovering balls from water holes and the like, and when the device is arranged as shown in Figure 1, it can be conveniently carried in a golf bag. When it is desired to use the same, the collar is opened to the position as shown in Figure 6, for moving the angle end out of the recess 3, the shaft is then moved to the position as shown in Figure 2, and the collar is then closed in a manner to position the angle end in the recess 4.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of my invention will be readily apparent.

I desire it to be understood that I may make changes in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A golf ball retriever of the character described comprising a handle having a slot longitudinally arranged therein, said slot being disposed in communication with a recess formed in the handle adjacent the upper end thereof, and also with a recess formed in the handle adjacent its lower end, a shaft having one end bent at an angle with respect thereto, a sectional collar having connection with the angle end and being adapted to secure said end in either of the recesses, annular bands secured to said handle and disposed about said slot for retaining the shaft in said slot, and a basket for the free end of said shaft. 15
2. A golf ball retriever comprising a handle, a shaft having one end bent at an angle with respect thereto, a collar secured to said end and being mounted for slidable movement on said handle, bands secured to said handle and cooperating with said collar for securing the shaft to said handle and a reticulated member secured to the opposite end of said shaft. 20 25

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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