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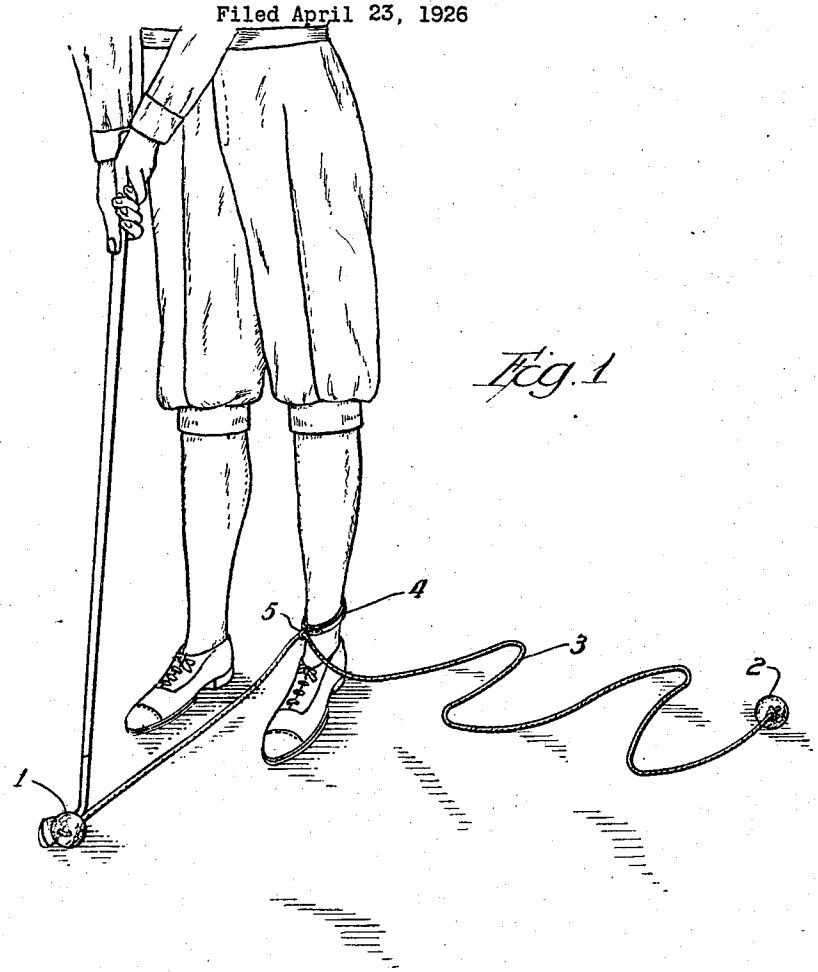
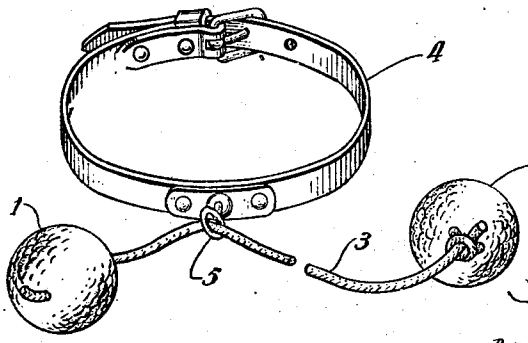


Fig. 1

Fig. 2



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This invention relates to devices for practicing and perfecting a golf-player's stroke and stance and for training the eye of the player, and more particularly, to a device whereby the player may practice with a tethered or captive ball.

The main objects of this invention are to provide a device whereby a golf player may practice in a comparatively small space, such as indoors or on the porch; to provide a device which is readily portable and which may be conveniently carried in the pocket of the player so as to be adapted for use on the links for practice while the player is awaiting his turn at the tee; and to provide a device of this kind having an improved arrangement of tethered twin balls, whereby the player is enabled to make any number of successive strokes without being required to stoop over to tee or adjust the position of the ball before each stroke.

An illustrative embodiment of this invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 shows the device attached to the ankle of a player.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the improved device, part of the cord being broken away.

In the specific form shown, the improved device comprises a pair of twin balls 1 and 2, tethered by means of a cord 3, and anchoring element 4.

The balls 1 and 2 may be made of any suitable material, but are preferably similar to those commonly known as pom-pons which are made of woolen yarn or other soft material.

The ends of the cord 3 are laced through the respective balls and securely fastened to the balls.

In the specific construction herein illustrated, the anchoring element 4 comprises an adjustable strap or anklet suitable for attachment to the ankle of the player. Swiveled on the strap 4 is a fairleader or ring 5 which loosely embraces the running part of the cord 3 so as to permit the cord to freely slip through the anchor when one of the balls is struck, thereby pulling the other ball back to a position at or close to the player's feet.

In using the device for practicing and perfecting the player's stroke, the anklet may be attached to the left leg of the player. One ball is placed in position by means of the player's golf club and its twin placed laterally and slightly to the rear of the player. When the "teed" ball is driven, its flight will be checked by its twin and by the friction of the cord running through the ring. The driven ball falls into a position similar to that formerly occupied by its twin and the twin ball is pulled into a position close to the player ready to be "teed" or placed for the next "drive." The swiveled ring, through which the cord runs, adjusts itself to the cord and enables the player to make any number of successive strokes without the cord becoming tangled or wrapped around the legs of the player.

It will thus be seen that the player may practice in any space large enough to permit him to freely swing his club, so that the weight and size of the device is such that it may be conveniently carried in a pocket or golf bag and taken to the links for use in practice while the player is awaiting his turn to drive off, and, that the device may be cheaply manufactured and sold.

Although but one specific embodiment of this invention has been herein shown and described, it will be understood that details of the construction shown may be altered or omitted without departing from the spirit of this invention as defined by the following claims.

I claim:

1. A device for practicing golf comprising twin balls, an anchoring element, and means connecting said balls together, said means slippingly embraced by said anchoring element.

2. A device for practicing golf comprising twin balls, a cord connecting said balls, and an anklet to which said cord is slippingly connected.

3. A device for practicing golf comprising twin balls, a cord connecting said balls together, an anklet, a ring swiveled on said anklet, said ring slippingly embracing said cord.

4. A device for practicing golf comprising twin pom-pons, a cord connecting said pom-pons together, a collar adapted to be detachably secured to the person of the player, and a ring on said collar, said cord having a running part running through said ring.

Signed at Chicago this 20th day of April, 1926.

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