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Fig. 1.

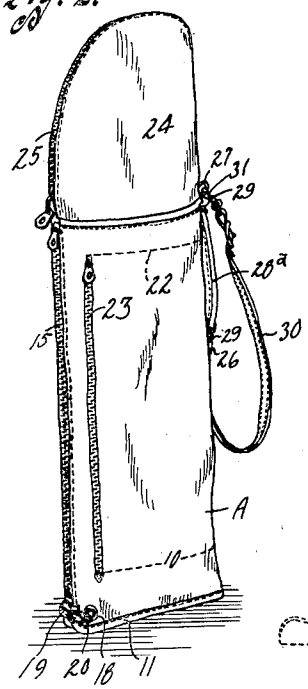



Fig. 2.

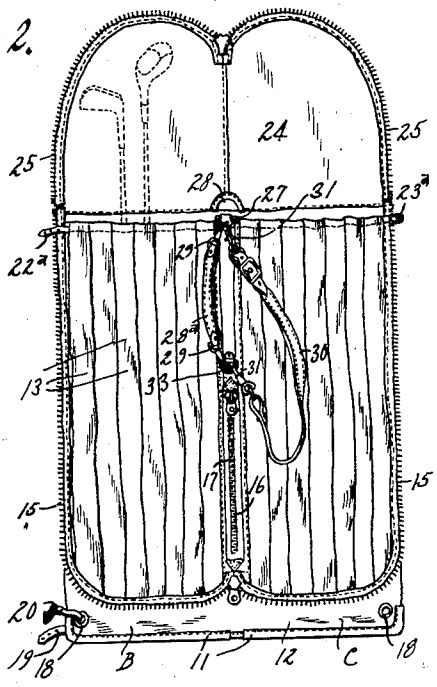



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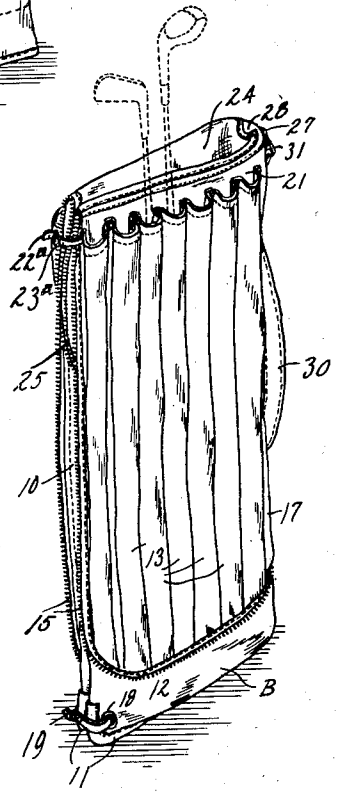
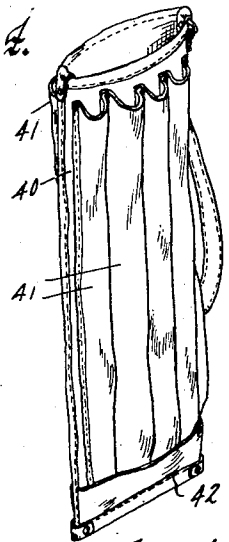



Fig. 4.




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The object of my invention is to provide a golf bag of simple construction, which may be used for wholly enclosing the clubs or may be used for carrying the clubs in separate compartments on the outside of the inverted bag. The bag may be made so that it may be inverted to carry with the club pockets inside or outside.

With this and other objects in view, my invention consists in the construction, arrangement and combination of the various parts of my structure, whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a golf bag embodying my invention in position for wholly enclosing a set of clubs.

Figure 2 shows the bag opened up and turned half way to its inverted position.

Figure 3 shows the bag in its wholly inverted position; and

Figure 4 shows a perspective view of a slightly modified form of my bag.

In the accompanying drawing, I have used the reference character A to indicate generally a golf bag. This bag may be provided with various pockets to receive balls, garments and so forth.

The bag is made of a single sheet **10** as shown or from a plurality of pieces. The lower edge thereof is reinforced as at **11** and is provided on the inside with a lining **12** secured to the sheet at the bottom and at the sides and at the center to form two pockets B and C.

On the inside of the bag, it is provided with a series of vertical compartments **13** open at their upper ends and having their lower ends received in the pockets B and C. The pockets **13** are narrow and are adapted to receive the different clubs. Any suitable number may be provided. I preferably provide fourteen, eight or ten.

Any suitable means may be provided for fastening the opposite side edges of the bag together when they are folded over to the position shown in Figure 1. As illustrated, I have used the ordinary slide fastener **15** and have arranged the fastening to extend down the sides and across the upper edges of the lining **12**, so that when the bag is folded over to form a closed bag, it will be closed at the sides and at the bottom.

Along the center inside of the sheet **10** above the lining **12**, I provide a pocket **16** with a Zipper closure **17** for holding balls.

At the edges of the bag at the bottom, I provide grommets **18**. I provide straps **19** with buckles **20** which straps may be inserted through the grommets for fastening the bag with either side out. At the top of the bag at the side edges, straps and buckles **22***a* and **23***a* are provided for fastening the bag when it is inverted. The club pockets **13** may be secured to a suitable lining **21** and a large pocket **22** indicated by dotted lines in Figure 1 may be provided on what is normally the outside of the bag. The pocket **22** may have the slide fastener **23**.

Secured to the top of the bag is a hood member **24**, preferably provided with a slide fastener **25**.

Secured outside of the bag near the middle thereof from top to bottom is a ring **26**. Secured at the middle of the bag on the top thereof on the inside is a ring **27**. The hood **24** is provided with a hole **28** through which the ring **27** may extend. When the bag is closed as shown in Figure 1 for general transportation, the ring **27** is extended through the hole **28**.

I provide a detachable handle **28***a* having snaps **29** at its ends adapted to be fastened to the rings **26** and **27**.

I also provide a longer shoulder strap **30** likewise detachable having snaps **31** at its ends adapted to be fastened to the rings **26** and **27**.

When it is desired to invert the bag for playing the fastening means for holding it in closed position are released and the bag is pulled over from position shown in Figure 1 through the position shown in Figure 2 to the position shown in Figure 3.

Before inverting the bag, the handle **28***a* and shoulder strap **30** are removed.

On the inside of the bag above the pocket **16** is a ring **33**, and when the bag is inverted as shown in Figure 3, the handle and shoulder strap are snapped to the rings **33** and **27** as shown in Figure 2. The straps **19** and **22***a* may then be fastened to the buckles **20** and **23***a*, whereupon the bag may be carried for playing with all the clubs conveniently exposed where they can be readily and easily selected for use. The clubs are thus held in position considerably more convenient for selection and use than when the bag is in closed position.

When the bag is in inverted position, the hood is, of course, opened, and stuffed down between the sides of the bag as shown in Figure 3.

The advantages of a bag of this kind are largely obvious from the foregoing description.

The bag can be used as any ordinary bag with all the advantages thereof. It is obvious that locks can be provided for placing the bag in storage or for shipment. On the other hand, the bag has the great advantage that it can be in-

verted and the clubs will then be on the outside in their respective compartments or pockets where they are more convenient of access.

The arrangement for reversing the handle and shoulder straps is simple and convenient.

By attaching the fastening means for holding the bag in closed position to the tops of the pockets B and C and to the sides of the bag, the fastening means at the bottom are protected when the bag is in the position shown in Figure 1 against being marred or worn or distorted by the handling of the bag.

It will, of course, be understood that the bag as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3 may be used for playing without inverting it and with the club pockets on the inside of the bag.

In Figure 4, I have shown a slightly modified form of my bag, which does not have the reversible feature, but comprises a bag 40 with club pockets 41 on the outside extending substantially the full length of the bag and closed at their lower ends as in the case of the pockets 13. The form of the bag shown in Figure 4 has a reinforcing strip 42 extending upwardly from the bottom of the bag and covering the lower ends of the club pockets 41.

Changes might be made in the construction and arrangement of the parts of the bag and the type of fasteners used and in the design of the parts without departing from the spirit and purpose of my invention, and it is my intention to cover by my claim any modifications in structure which may be reasonably included within its scope.

I claim as my invention:

In a golf bag structure, a member adapted to be folded on a vertical median line so that either side may be outside and to fold on a horizontal line so that the upper portion may be extended or folded down against one side of the member, means on the other side of the member for holding golf clubs comprising a series of vertical pockets, means for fastening the side and top edges of the upper portion of said member when extended in closed position, a second means for fastening the side and bottom edges of the lower portion of said member in closed position when folded with the golf club pockets inside and means for fastening the upper and lower ends of the side edge of said lower portion of said member together when folded with the golf club pockets outside which renders said second fastening means inoperative, the means for fastening the lower end of said side edge also being operable when the bag is folded with the golf club pockets inside.

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