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FIG. 1.

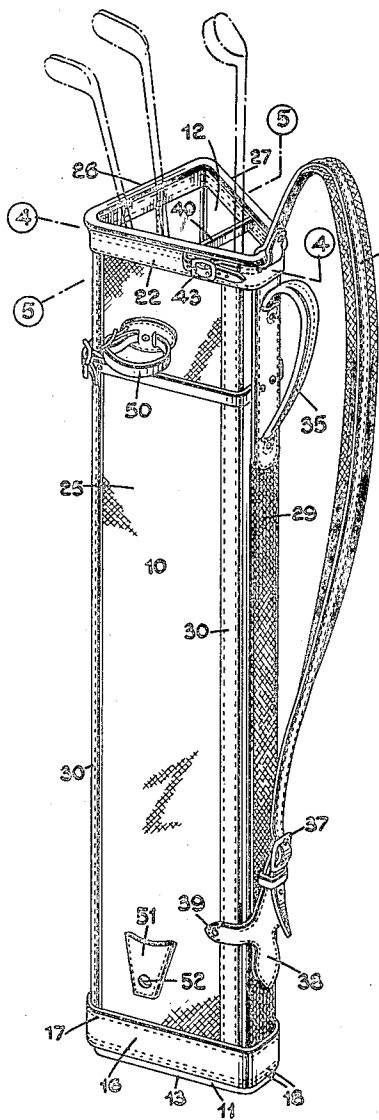


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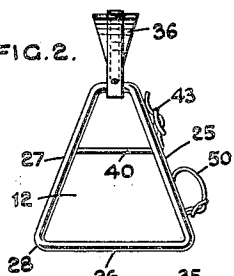


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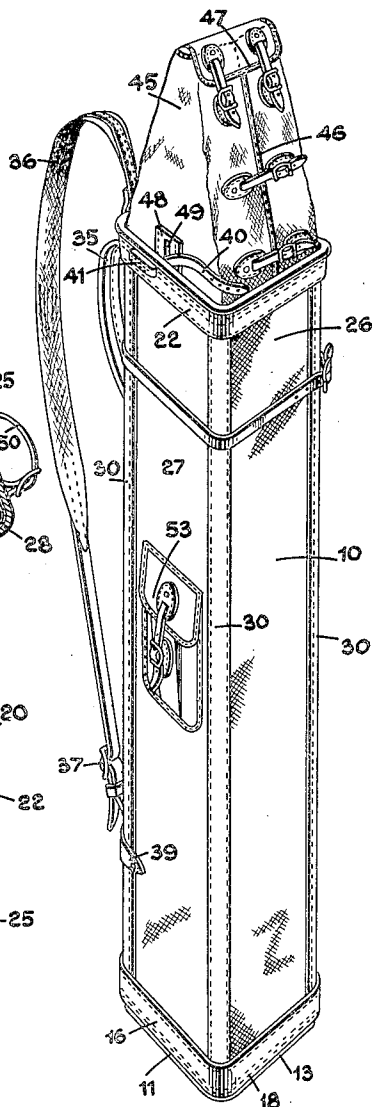


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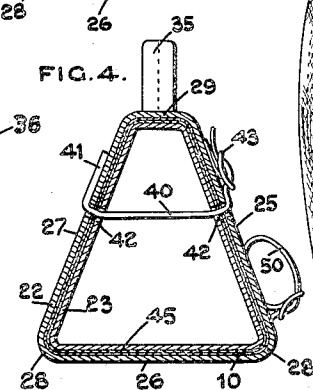
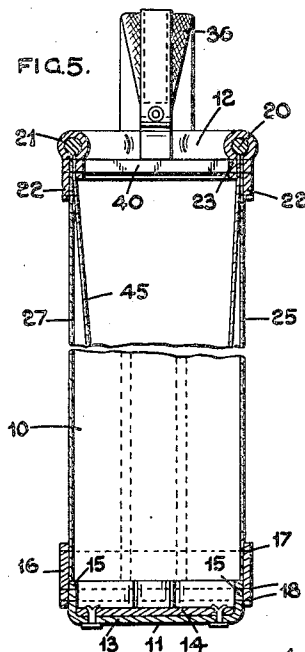


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This invention relates to bags for carrying golf clubs and has for its object to provide a generally improved construction which will render the bag more convenient in use and will at the same time present a neat and attractive appearance.

One particular object of the present invention is to provide a bag which is of wedge shape or angular form with a shoulder strap or carrying means attached at the apex of the wedge so that when it is carried under the arm in a substantially vertical or slightly inclined position with the strap over the shoulder, the sides of the bag will fit conveniently and comfortably between the side and arm of the person carrying the bag.

As hitherto constructed such golf bags have been made relatively wide at the side or part in which the shoulder strap is fixed, and usually with circular or curved sides, with the result that the bag does not fit at all comfortably when carried from the shoulder.

A further particular object of the invention, in order to render the bag more comfortable for carrying, is to more equally distribute the weight of the bag on each end of the carrying strap, and accordingly one end of the shoulder strap is secured near to the base or lower end of the bag or container, that is to say, it is secured substantially below the halfway line of the bag, and preferably three quarters or more of the way down the bag. By this means the carrying member of the bag is rendered considerably more comfortable, as the weight is equally distributed on the ends of the strap by reason of the smaller angle between the lower or greater portion of the strap and the axis of the bag, and consequently the lower end of the bag does not tend to work forwardly and upwardly so that the mouth of the bag falls downwardly from the shoulder of the carrier to an undesirable extent.

A further particular object of the present invention is to provide an effective means of partitioning or dividing the mouth of the bag so that wooden clubs can be separated from iron clubs, and to this end a strap is utilized for a partitioning member so that the use of spring or snap fastenings, which are liable to become detached during play by the withdrawal of the clubs, is obviated, the one end of the strap being secured permanently to one side of the bag, and the

other side being detachably secured by a buckle, in order to provide for the partial detachment of the strap when it is desired to raise a hood covering or for any other reason.

A further particular object of the present invention is to secure said partitioning strap in a more convenient and effective manner by passing its ends through slots or openings in the sides of the bag and securing its ends externally. By this means the tension on the strap will not tend to cause the stitching, by which the permanently secured end is fastened, to pull undone and also the buckle can be fastened or unfastened with considerably greater ease than if it were positioned in the interior of the bag.

It will be appreciated that a further advantage accruing from the triangular shaped bag or container is that the partitioning member or strap will provide a straight edge for receiving the wooden clubs, which edge is substantially shorter than the straight edge for receiving the iron clubs. By this means it will be seen that the partitioning of the mouth of the bag is more advantageously proportioned to the number of clubs they are to contain, and that a straight edge will be provided for receiving the wooden clubs, so that they do not all bunch together, and at the same time the said straight edge is not of an unnecessary length such as would tend to increase the rattling of the wooden clubs when the bag is being carried.

Further objects obtained by the present invention will be readily appreciated from the following description relative to the accompanying drawings, which show a preferred method of carrying the invention into effect, and in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a golf bag.

Figure 2 is a plan view.

Figure 3 is a perspective view taken from a different angle and showing the hood raised.

Figure 4 is a horizontal section on line 4—4 of Figure 1, and

Figure 5 is a vertical section on line 5—5 of Figure 1, and looking towards the smaller side of the bag.

The bag illustrated comprises an elongated container 10 or bag proper formed from a suitable waterproof canvas or leather

and having a closure 11 at its lower end, and an open mouth 12 at its upper end.

The closure 11 is formed from a blocked or shaped piece of leather 13 or hide having a flat base within which is riveted a stiffening or reinforcing member 14. Upstanding flanges 15 on the member 13 are secured to the lower edges of the bag proper 10 by an encircling band of leather 16 which is sewn at 17 to the canvas of the bag, and at 18 to the flanges 15.

The mouth of the container is reinforced and shaped by a stiffening member 20 which is formed from stout wire, and around this member is located a leather strip 21 which has its edges 22 and 23 sewn one to the outside and one to the inside of the container 10.

The closure 11 and stiffening member 20 are both of substantially triangular form. They have three major sides 25, 26 and 27. The sides 25 and 27 are joined to the front side 26 by curved portions at 28, while the sides 27 and 25 are joined by a short straight portion 29 which forms a minor side at the rear of the bag. These members 11 and 20 cause the canvas container or bag 10 to assume a substantially triangular form, i. e., with three major flat sides 25, 26 and 27, and a fourth rearward side 29, which is considerably narrower. At its four corners the bag 10 is provided with longitudinal leather edgings or bindings 30 which form pockets for containing stiffening members of cane or metal.

The handle 35 and suspension strap 36 for carrying the bag are secured to the minor side 29. By this means it will be seen that when the bag is carried in the horizontal or inclined position the clubs will rest against the straight edge 26 of the mouth, and consequently there will be no tendency for them all to bunch together, as would be the case if the mouth were circular in cross section, and thereby the selection of the desired club for playing can be easily made. Further, it will be seen that when placed upon the ground the front side 26 being flat will cause the bag to remain in the position into which it has been put, and thus the position of the clubs will not be disturbed and the bag will not roll so that the handle will remain uppermost, and the other sides will not become dirty or wet. When carried upon the back the flat sides 25 and 26 are found to fit more comfortably in position with the apex or minor side 27 extending between the carrier's arm and body.

The suspension strap 36 comprises a strip of leather or strap proper having a backing of canvas and its upper end passed through a slot in the flanges of the leather 21 and around the part of the leather which covers the stiffening member 20. The lower end

of the strap 36 connects with a buckle 37 carried by an attachment piece or lug member 38 which is secured for the greater part on the minor side 29 of the bag but has extensions 39 extending onto the sides 25 and 27 for greater strength. This member 38 is secured near to the lower end of the bag, and thus improves the balance when it is carried by the strap 36, and enables the head and shoulders to be passed through the strap if desired.

Thus, it will be seen that the narrow minor side 29 forms a convenient facing for securing the carrying means for the bag. It is to be understood, however, that this side 29 may be rounded, if desired, or entirely dispensed with in some cases.

A short strap 40 has one end 41 permanently secured to the outer flange 22 of the leather 21 and passes through a slit 42 in the flanges 22 and 23 to extend across the mouth of the bag. The other end of the strap extends through a similar slit 42 in the leather 21 and can be attached to a buckle 43 secured on the other side of the mouth. This strap divides the mouth of the bag into two parts or compartments by a straight edge which extends parallel to the front edge 26. The compartment which is nearer the strap 36 or minor side 29 is intended for wooden clubs, the strap serving to separate them from the iron clubs so that they do not become damaged, and at the same time providing a straight edge so that they do not tend to bunch together. It will be seen that the triangular shape of the bag readily lends itself to be divided into larger and smaller compartments in this manner.

The buckle secured to the end of the strap enables the division to be dispensed with when desired, and also enables a hood 45 to be raised or extended into the protecting position, as shown in Figure 3, or to be lowered so that it forms a liner within the bag and is in an inoperative position, as shown in Figures 1 and 5. The hood has longitudinal edges down one side at 46 and a transverse opening 47 at the top which can be secured together by straps and buckles. If desired, at the part of the hood adjacent the slits 42 leather reinforcements 48 may be provided and formed with slits 49 through which the strap 40 can be passed when the hood is in the extended position, thereby enabling the wooden clubs to be kept separate from the iron clubs while the hood is extended.

On the side 25 the bag is provided with a strap 50 at its upper end for carrying the handle of an umbrella, and near the lower end with a converging pocket 51 for receiving the lower end of an umbrella, the bottom of this pocket being provided with a hole 52 through which the point of the umbrella can be extended. On the side 27 the

bag may be provided with a pocket 53 for balls and the like.

What I claim then is:—

5 A golf bag comprising an elongated container of substantially triangular cross section having carrying means attached oppositely to one of the three flat sides, a partitioning member which divides the mouth of the container and which is parallel to and
10 shorter than the said side opposite the carrying means, said partitioning member comprising a strap having its ends normally passed through openings in the two sides

of the container, one end of the strap being permanently secured on the exterior of the container, the other end of the strap being adapted for fastening by a buckle provided on the exterior of the container, said carrying means including a loop for passing over the shoulder which has one end attached
20 near to the bottom of the container, the other end of said loop being attached to the mouth of the container.

In witness whereof I affix my signature.

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