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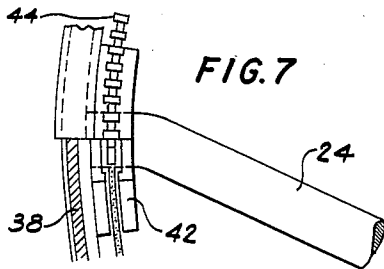


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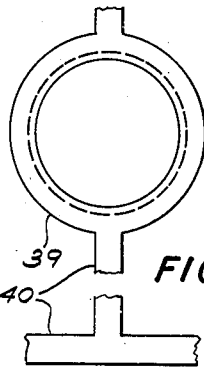


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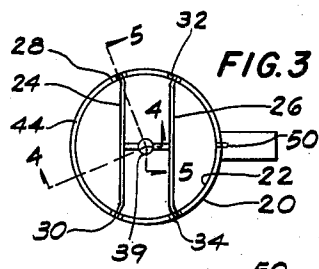


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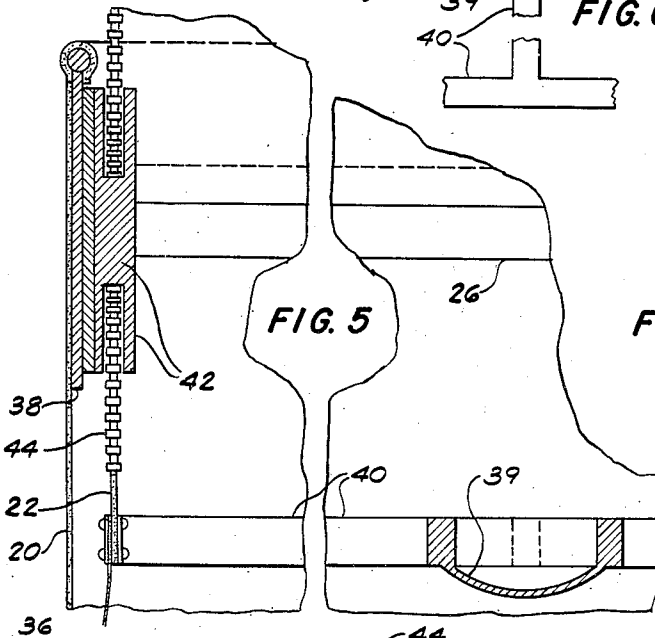


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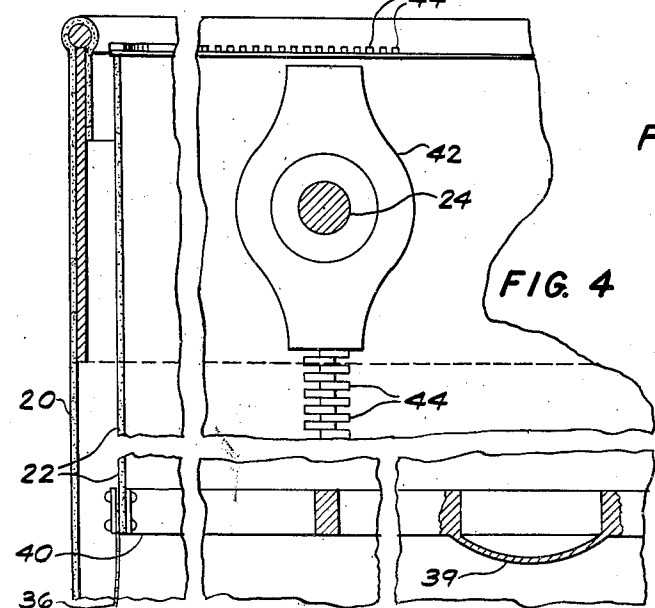
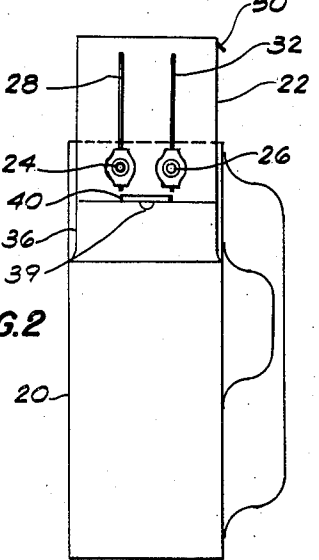
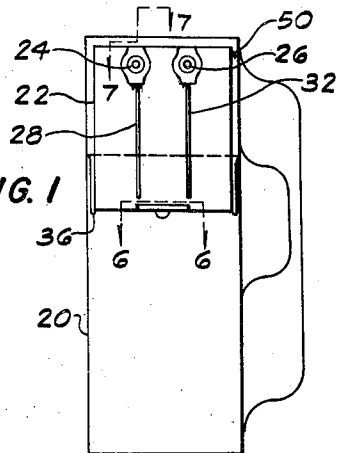


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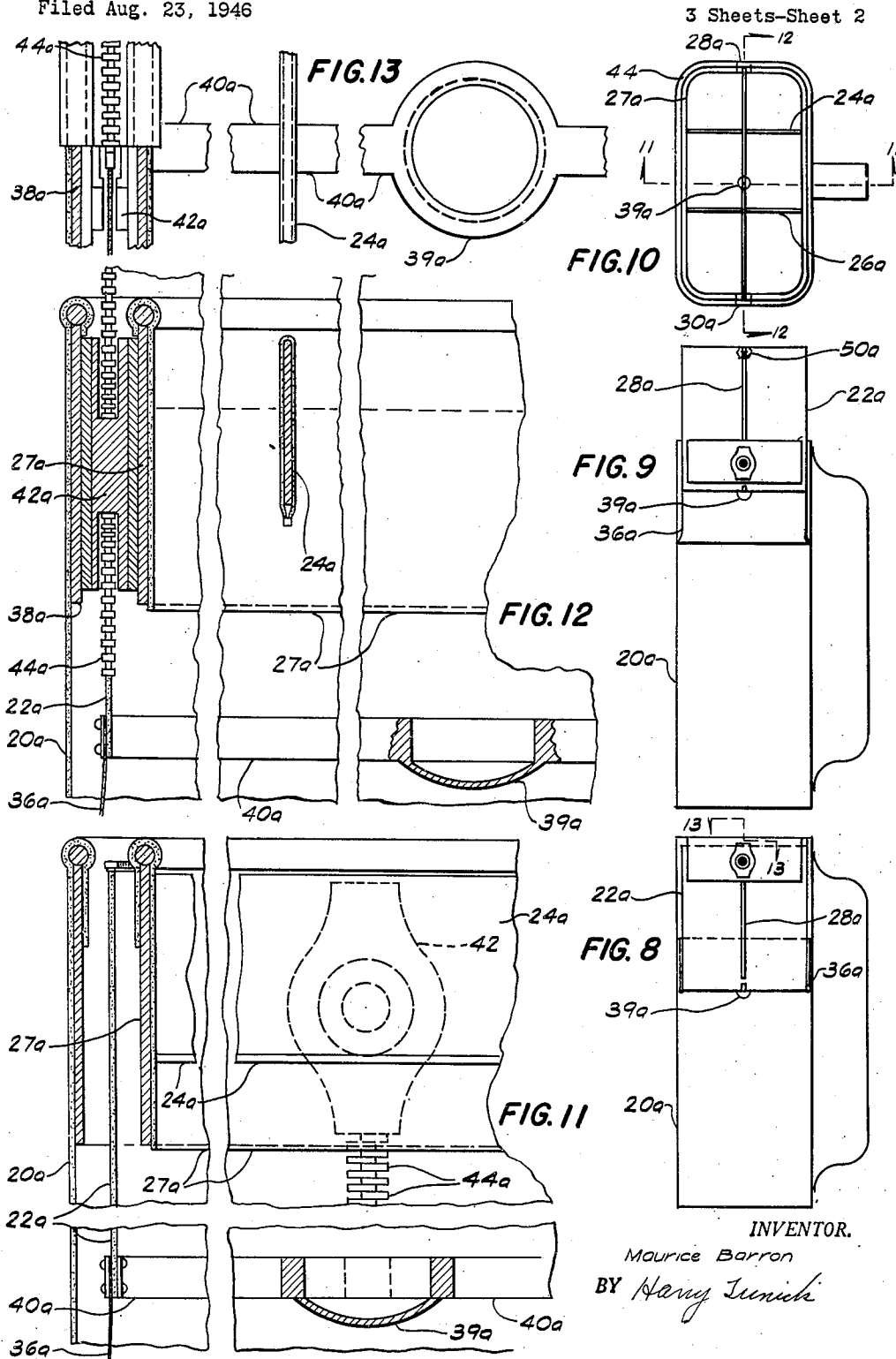
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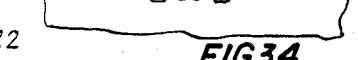
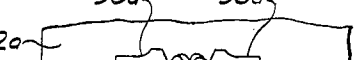
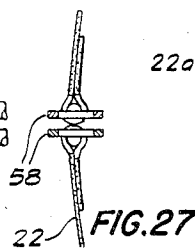
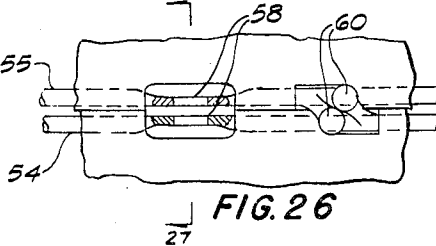
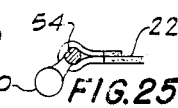
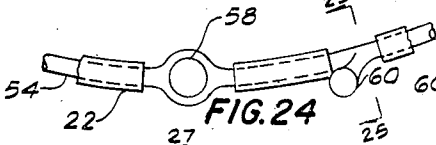
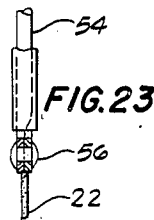
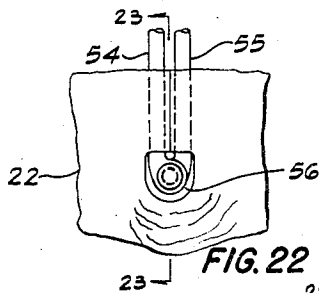
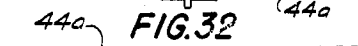
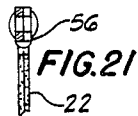
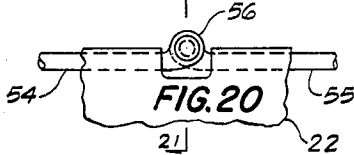
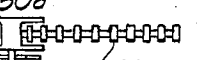
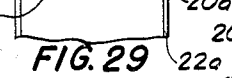
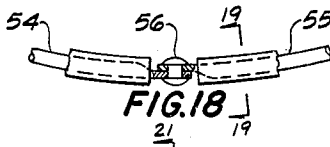
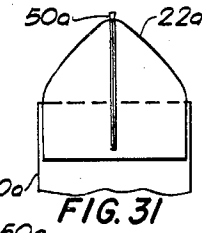
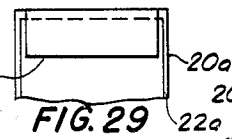
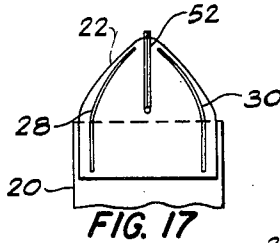
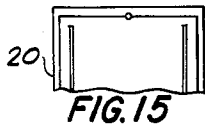
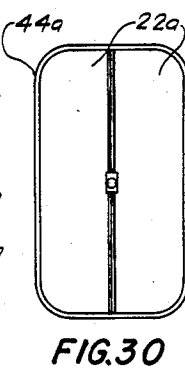
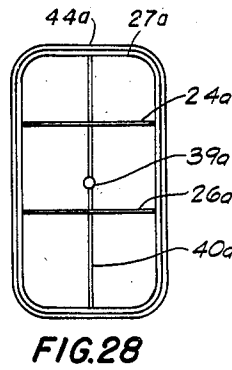
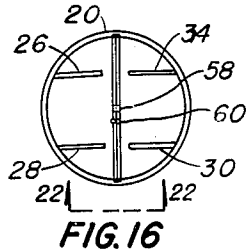
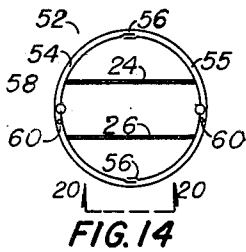
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This invention pertains to golf bags. More particularly it has to do with a golf bag construction wherein an extensible hood is provided within the open end of the bag so that it may readily be withdrawn to cover and protect the ends of the clubs without removing or disturbing either the golf club separators in the end of the bag or the arrangement of the various clubs within their individual bag separations.

The ordinary golf bag regularly carries a dozen or more clubs of different sorts and it has long been standard practice to subdivide, as by means of straps or cross bars, the end opening of the bag so that individual types of clubs may be kept classified in separate bag sections. It has also long been standard practice, at least in the better golf bags, to include an extensible hood, normally turned downwardly into the end of the bag, which might be withdrawn by turning it inside out so that it completely covers the clubs. The outermost end of the hood has usually been provided with a slide fastener or some other closure means whereby unintended access to the interior of the bag and its contents might be barred. These prior constructions have suffered the disadvantage that in combining the club separators with the extensible hood some provision had to be made for removing the separators before the hood could be turned inside out and withdrawn to cover the ends of the clubs. This difficulty has commonly been resolved in the past by forming the separators of straps, each provided with a buckle whereby it might be loosened and pushed to one side, all of the clubs being indiscriminately mixed in the central end opening thus remaining. The hood was then withdrawn from the interior of the bag leaving the separators on the outside. Other resorts have also been suggested and discarded.

I have devised a construction whereby the hood and separators are so combined that the hood may be withdrawn at will without disarranging the clubs or the separators between them. Further, my hood, when withdrawn, may easily be restored to its hidden location within the bag, without dumping out the contents of the bag and without much pushing and stuffing of heavy fabric or leather as were heretofore so often necessary in returning prior hoods to their out of service positions.

It is an object of my invention to provide a golf bag construction of the character described having to a notable extent the characteristics and capabilities set forth. Another object is the provision of a golf bag which overcomes the dis-

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advantages inherent in the structures previously known and which is feasible to manufacture and simple and pleasant to use. A further objective resides in the provision of a practicable golf bag having operational advantages over those formerly known. Other objects will be in part pointed out as the description proceeds and will in part become apparent therefrom.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, arrangements of parts and methods of operations as will be exemplified in the structures and sequences and series of steps to be hereinafter indicated and the scope of the application of which will be set forth in the claims.

In this specification and the accompanying drawings, I have shown and described a preferred embodiment of my invention and various modifications thereof; but it is to be understood that these are not intended to be exhaustive nor limiting of the invention, but on the contrary are given for purposes of illustration in order that others skilled in the art may fully understand the invention and the principles thereof and the manner of applying it in practical use so that they may modify and adapt it in various forms, each as may be best suited to the conditions of a particular use.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a schematic representation of a golf bag embodying my invention with the hood telescoped into the interior of the bag;

Figure 2 is a view similar to that of Figure 1 showing the hood extended from the bag;

Figure 3 is a schematic representation of the bag shown in Figure 1 as viewed from above looking downwardly into the bag;

Figure 4 is a fragmentary sectional detail view taken along the broken line 4—4 of Figure 3 on an enlarged scale;

Figure 5 is a similar view taken along the broken line 5—5 of Figure 3;

Figure 6 is a similar view taken along the line 6—6 of Figure 1;

Figure 7 is a similar view taken along the broken line 7—7 of Figure 1;

Figures 8, 9 and 10 are views similar to those of Figures 1, 2 and 3, respectively, but showing a modified form of golf bag embodying the invention;

Figure 11 is a fragmentary sectional detail view taken along the line 11—11 of Figure 10 on an enlarged scale;

Figure 12 is a similar view taken along the line 12—12 of Figure 10;

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Figure 13 is a similar view taken along the broken line 13—13 of Figure 8;

Figure 14 is a schematic plan representation of a modified closure mechanism which may be incorporated in the hood of the golf bag shown in Figures 1-7;

Figure 15 is a side elevation of the mechanism illustrated in Figure 14;

Figure 16 is a view similar to that of Figure 14 but with the hood in its closed relationship;

Figure 17 is a side elevation of the arrangement shown in Figure 16;

Figure 18 is a fragmentary plan detail view of a hinge used in the structure of Figure 14 on an enlarged scale;

Figure 19 is a view taken along the line 19—19 of Figure 18;

Figure 20 is a fragmentary detail view taken along the line 20—20 of Figure 14 on an enlarged scale and shows in elevation the hinge shown by Figure 18 in plan;

Figure 21 is a view taken along the line 21—21 of Figure 20;

Figure 22 is a fragmentary detail view taken along the line 22—22 of Figure 16 on an enlarged scale;

Figure 23 is a view taken along the line 23—23 of Figure 22;

Figure 24 is a fragmentary detail plan view of a part of the construction illustrated in Figure 14 on an enlarged scale;

Figure 25 is a view taken along the line 25—25 of Figure 24;

Figure 26 is a fragmentary detail plan view on an enlarged scale of the lock mechanism used in the hood illustrated in Figure 17;

Figure 27 is a view taken along the line 27—27 of Figure 26;

Figure 28 is a representation similar to that of Figure 14 but showing the hood closure construction illustrated in Figures 8-13;

Figure 29 is a side elevation showing some of the parts of Figure 28;

Figure 30 is a view similar to that of Figure 28 but showing the hood in its closed relationship;

Figure 31 is a side elevation of the hood portions illustrated in Figure 30;

Figure 32 is a fragmentary plan view of a slide fastener used in closing the hood;

Figure 33 is an elevational view of the parts shown in Figure 32;

Figure 34 is a view showing a pair of slide fasteners which may be used on a hood closure; and

Figure 35 is an elevational view taken through the slide fastener arrangement shown in Figure 34.

In Figures 1-3 a golf bag 20 is shown provided with an extensible hood 22. The bag and hood may be made of canvass, leather or other conventional materials and appropriately reinforced. Across the top of the end opening of the bag are fixed a pair of golf club separators 24 and 26. In the present embodiment these take the form of a pair of steel straps covered with leather. Hood 22 is provided with four lengthwise clearance slits 28, 30, 32 and 34. As viewed in Figure 3 the upper end of separator 24 passes through slit 28 and the upper end of separator 26 passes through slit 32; the lower end of separator 24 passes through slit 30 and the lower end of separator 26 passes through slit 34. These slits extend (see Figures 1 and 2) from near the upper edge of hood 22 downwardly sufficiently far that the hood may be pulled from the bag without interference from the separators. The lower end of the hood is permanently attached to the in-

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terior side wall of bag 20 by a flexible skirt 36 (see Figures 1 and 2). Upward movement of hood 22 with respect to the bag is limited, as shown in Figure 2, by skirt 36. Skirt 36 makes a tight seal between the bottom of the hood and the bag.

In pulling the hood from the bag it is necessary only to grasp it adjacent its upper portions, without reaching into the bottom of the bag as was heretofore necessary. The hood may easily be extended telescopically from the bag until it is brought to a stop by the limiting action of skirt 36. With previous constructions the hood could be returned to its out of service position only with some difficulty for it had to be tucked progressively into the bag. Often this could not be done unless the clubs were first removed from the bag. My hood can be easily returned to its position within the bag with the aid of a cup 39 and a frame 40, which frame is permanently affixed to the lower part of the hood where it joins the upper part of skirt 36 (see Figure 4). By placing the end of a golf club handle in cup 39 the hood can be pushed into the bag merely by force applied to the club. The supporting cross pieces of frame 40 advantageously are positioned directly below the separators so that they will not interfere with the clubs but rather will aid in keeping them properly grouped.

In order to maintain the clearance slits closed above and below separators 24 and 26 I have provided a double slide fastener shuttle 42 around each separator where it joins the bag and I have fitted the side edges of the various clearance slits with slide fastener links 44. The slide fasteners are normally closed and are of the known type which may be opened from either direction when closed and closed from either direction when open. As viewed in Figure 1, when the hood is pulled upwardly the lower portion of each shuttle 42 (see also Figure 4) opens the closed slit so as to give clearance around the separator and the upper portion of the double shuttle immediately closes the slide fastener above so that as the hood is pulled upwardly the slit is always closed on the top side of the separator. Correspondingly, when the hood is in extended position, as shown in Figure 2, and is then pushed down into the bag, the top portion of each shuttle 42 opens the slide fastener and the bottom shuttle portion immediately recloses it. When the hood is in extended condition the opening which remains at its top may be closed by means of another slide fastener, indicated at 50 (see Figure 2), whereby the upper edge portions of the hood are drawn together and there held.

In Figures 8-13 I have shown a modified embodiment of my invention wherein the number of clearance slits required in the hood is reduced to two regardless of the number of separators which may be present. Corresponding parts of the modified bag bear reference characters similar to those used in describing the first embodiment except for the addition of an *a*. Thus, the bag is generally indicated at 20*a* having a hood 22*a* and being provided at its upper end with a pair of separators 24*a* and 26*a*. These separators, in the present embodiment, are permanently fastened across a separator ring 27*a*. Ring 27*a* is fashioned of sheet metal, covered with leather or the like, and secured between a pair of opposing double slide fastener shuttles 42*a*. Each such shuttle is secured at its outer face to the interior surface of the reinforcement at the end of the bag. The two shuttles 42*a* are bypassed by a pair of separator slits 28*a* and 30*a*.

The upper edges of the hood are provided with

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slide fastener links 44a (see Figure 13) around each side thereof and with an individual slide fastener shuttle 50a (see Figure 9) so that shuttle 50a may be drawn across the end of the hood to the top end of separator slit 30a and there locked in place as by a small pad lock. Slit 30a, as well as slit 28a, alternatively might also be provided with a second individual slide fastener shuttle 50a whereby the two shuttles might be drawn together and locked at the end of the hood as described hereafter in connection with Figures 34 and 35.

Figures 14-27 show a modified type of hood closure construction in the form it would take for incorporation in the hood embodiment of Figures 1-7. It might also be adapted to the hood embodiment illustrated in Figures 8-13. It includes a frame 52 comprising a pair of generally U-shaped members 54 and 55. For the present embodiment these U-shaped members are substantially semicircular in configuration. They are joined at their ends by hinges 56 (see also Figures 18 and 20). Frame 52 is sewed within the periphery of the hood so that when the hood is withdrawn from the bag the two members 54 and 55 may be closed together about hinges 56 to the relationship indicated in Figure 17 (see also Figure 22). Members 54 and 55 each include a locking opening 58 (see Figure 26) whereby the members may be locked together to seal the hood. They are also provided with a pair of locking snap prongs 60 (see Figure 26) for temporarily catching the members together.

Figures 28-35 illustrate the hood of the embodiment of Figures 8-13 whereby when the hood is withdrawn from the bag a single shuttle 50a may be used to bring and hold the hood end edges together, or, alternatively, whereby a pair of shuttles 50a (see Figures 34 and 35) may be used to bring and hold the hood end edges together.

From the foregoing it will be observed that golf bag constructions embodying my invention are well adapted to attain the ends and objects hereinbefore set forth and to be economically manufactured, since the separate features are well suited to common production methods and are subject to a variety of modifications as may be desirable in adapting the invention to different applications.

As many possible embodiments may be made of the above invention and as many changes might be made in the embodiments above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter hereinbefore set forth or shown in the accompanying drawings is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limited sense.

I claim:

1. A golf bag construction of the character described including: a bag having an end opening, golf club separator means fixed across and subdividing said opening, an extensible golf club protecting hood telescopically disposed within said end opening, and closure means provided in the open end of said hood whereby said end can be closed to protect the contents of the bag; said hood comprising slit means therein affording lengthwise clearance around said separator means whereby the hood may be telescoped within the bag or withdrawn therefrom while said separator means remains fixed through said slit means, and said slit means being provided with fastener means for sealing said slit means above and below said separator means.

2. A golf bag construction of the character described including: a bag having an end open-

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ing, golf club separator means fixed across and subdividing said opening, an extensible golf club protecting hood telescopically disposed within said end opening, and closure means provided in the open end of said hood; said hood being extensively vertically slitted to afford lengthwise clearance around said separator means whereby the hood may be fully telescoped within the bag or fully withdrawn therefrom while said separator means remains fixed through said slitted hood, said slitted hood being provided with fastener means for sealing said slitted hood above and below said separator means, and said closure means including a pair of generally U-shaped members hinged together at their extremities whereby in open position they conform substantially to the shape of said end opening and in closed position they may be used to bring together and lock the end portions of said hood.

3. A golf bag construction of the character described including: a bag having an end opening, golf club separator means fixed across and subdividing said opening, an extensible golf club protecting hood telescopically disposed within said end opening, and closure means provided in the open end of said hood; said hood comprising slit means therein affording lengthwise clearance around said separator means whereby the hood may be telescoped within the bag or withdrawn therefrom while said separator means remains fixed through said slit means, said slit means being provided with slide fastener means for sealing said slit means above and below said separator means, said closure means also including slide fastener means for securing together the edges of the hood opening whereby the end of the hood can be closed to protect the contents of the bag, and said various slide fastener means being of the type which can be opened or closed in either direction and being integrally joined into one continuous slide fastener extending down opposite sides of the hood and across its outer end.

4. A golf bag construction of the character described including: a bag having an end opening, a separator ring fitted within the rim of said end opening, holding means between said ring and the end of said bag permanently spacing said ring therewithin, golf club separator means fixed across said ring and subdividing said opening, and an extensible golf club protecting hood telescopically disposed within the space outside of said ring and inside of said end opening; said hood comprising slit means therein affording lengthwise clearance around said holding means whereby the hood may be telescoped within the bag or withdrawn therefrom, and said slit means being provided with fastener means for sealing said slit means above and below said holding means.

5. A golf bag construction of the character described including: a bag having an end opening, a separator ring fitted within the rim of said end opening, a plurality of holding means between said ring and the end of said bag permanently spacing said ring therewithin, golf club separator means fixed across said ring and subdividing said opening, and an extensible golf club protecting hood telescopically disposed within the space outside of said ring and inside of said end opening; said hood comprising a plurality of slits therein disposed one extending upwardly and downwardly from each holding means whereby the hood may be moved upwardly and downwardly within the bag, and each slit being provided with a slide fastener above and below

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each holding means for keeping the slit closed except where the holding means passes therethrough.

6. A golf bag construction of the character described including: a bag having an end opening, a separator ring fitted within the rim of said end opening, a plurality of holding means between said ring and the end of said bag permanently spacing said ring therewithin, golf club separator means fixed across said ring and subdividing said opening, and an extensible golf club protecting hood telescopically disposed within the space outside of said ring and inside of said end opening; said hood comprising a plurality of slits therein disposed one extending upwardly and one downwardly from each holding means whereby the hood may be moved upwardly and downwardly within the bag, each slit being provided with a slide fastener above and below each holding means for keeping the slit closed except where the holding means passes therethrough, a frame secured to said hood at its inner end and directly underlying said separator means, and a cup carried by said frame centrally of the bag adapted to receive the handle end of a golf club for pushing the hood downwardly into the bag.

7. A golf bag construction of the character described including: a bag having an end opening, a separator ring fitted within the rim of said end opening, a plurality of holding means between said ring and the end of said bag permanently spacing said ring therewithin, golf club separator means fixed across said ring and subdividing said opening, and an extensible golf club protecting hood telescopically disposed within the space outside of said ring and inside of said end opening; said hood comprising a plurality of slits therein disposed one extending upwardly and downwardly from each holding means whereby the hood may be moved upwardly and downwardly within the bag, each slit being provided with slide fastener means of the type which can be opened or closed in either direction for sealing said slit above and below said separator means, and each holding means having a double slide fastener shuttle fixedly associated therewith for keeping said slide fastener means closed above and below the holding means.

8. A golf bag construction of the character described including: a bag having an end opening, a separator ring fitted within the rim of said end opening, a plurality of holding means between said ring and the end of said bag permanently

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spacing said ring therewithin, golf club separator means fixed across said ring and subdividing said opening, an extensible golf club protecting hood telescopically disposed within the space outside of said ring and inside of said end opening, and closure means provided in the open end of said hood; said hood comprising a plurality of slits therein disposed one extending upwardly and downwardly from each holding means whereby the hood may be moved upwardly and downwardly within the bag, each slit being provided with slide fastener means for sealing said slit above and below said holding means, said closure means also including slide fastener means for securing together the edges of the hood opening whereby the end of the hood can be closed to protect the contents of the bag, each holding means having a double slide fastener shuttle fixedly associated therewith for keeping said slide fastener means closed above and below the holding means, and said various slide fastener means being of the type which can be opened or closed in either direction and being integrally joined into one continuous slide fastener extending down opposite sides of the hood and across its outer end.

9. The invention of claim 8 wherein said closure means further includes a pair of generally U-shaped members hinged together at their extremities whereby in open position they conform substantially to the shape of said end opening and in closed position they may be used to bring together and support the end portions of the hood.

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