

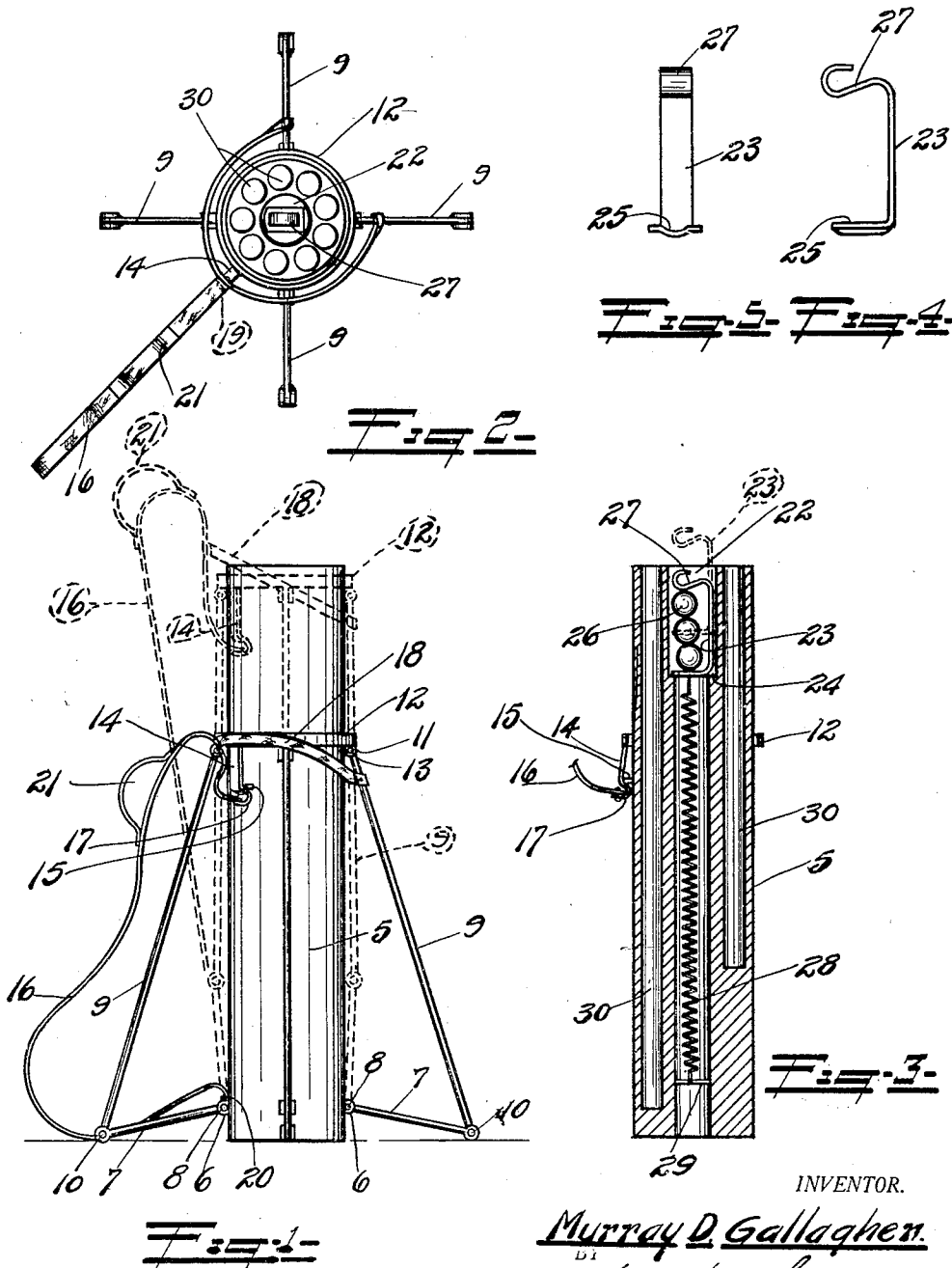
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The invention relates to golf bags, and more specifically to means for supporting the bag in an upright position on the ground when the player is executing a stroke.

5 One of the objects of the invention is to design a golf bag provided with foldable legs, which, when the bag is lowered to the ground, automatically open to brace the bag in upright position, and which fold snugly  
10 against the bag when it is picked up and being carried.

Another object is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and convenient bag having a plurality of individual openings in which the  
15 respective golf clubs are inserted, and provided simple and convenient means in the bag for carrying extra balls which can be readily removed when desired.

A further object is to design an inexpensive golf bag which can be formed of any  
20 suitable material, which will be of neat and pleasing appearance, which obviates the necessity of stooping down to raise the bag after a shot has been made, and which provides a separate socket for each individual  
25 club.

The above and other objects will appear as the specification progresses, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in  
30 which I have shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, and in which like reference numerals indicate like parts throughout the several views thereof.

In the drawings.

35 Fig. 1 is a side elevation of my improved golf bag in a self-standing position.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view thereof.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view.

40 Fig. 4 is an enlarged edge view of the ball cage.

Fig. 5 is a front view thereof.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, the numeral 5 indicates the golf bag, this can be of pressed fiber, wood, metal,  
45 or merely a plurality of tubes suitably secured together in proper relation. Spaced apart ears 6 are formed integral with or can be secured to the bag, and arms 7 are pivotally secured thereto by means of pins 8, the outer  
50 end of said arms being bifurcated and one

end of a leg member 9 is pivotally secured therebetween by means of a pin 10, the opposite end of said legs being pivotally secured between spaced apart ears 11 provided on a sleeve 12 by means of pins 13, any desired  
55 number of legs can be provided, but I find the four as shown provide a very stable and convenient support.

A latch 14 is formed integral with the sleeve 12, the free end being formed as clearly shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, and when  
60 the legs are in position as shown in Fig. 1, this latch engages a pin 15 and secures the sleeve in proper position.

A flexible bag strap 16 is riveted to the  
65 turned lip 17 of the latch, thence being secured to a throat strap 18 at the point 19, the ends of the throat strap being anchored to the legs 9, the opposite end of the strap 16  
70 thence leads to the lower end of the bag and is secured thereto at the point 20, a handle 21 being provided in position as shown, and it will be clearly obvious that when the golfer grasps the handle and raises the bag, that  
75 the legs will fold neatly and snugly against the side walls thereof, and as clearly shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

A centrally disposed opening 22 is provided in the bag, and a ball cage 23 is mounted  
80 therein, the lower end of said opening being of reduced diameter and forming a shoulder 24 on which the cage rests, said cage being formed as clearly shown in Figs. 4 and 5 of the drawings, the lower end 25 being slightly  
85 disked so that the golf balls 26 nest thereon, the upper end 27 overhanging the balls and has a turned lip to facilitate the manipulation thereof.

One end of a spring 28 is anchored to the lower end of the cage holder, the opposite  
90 end being anchored to a transversely disposed pin 29, provided in the bag, so that the cage is resiliently held in position, and when it is desired to remove a ball, the cage is pulled up as indicated by the dotted lines in  
95 Fig. 3, and when released the spring draws it back into position.

A plurality of sockets 30 surround the opening 22 and are adapted to receive individual clubs, the sockets being of various  
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depths to suit the lengths of the club. There are no sharp projections on the bag or legs to gouge or mar the greens, and the bag readily lends itself to storage without tangling or mixing of clubs.

From the foregoing description it will be obvious that I have perfected a very simple, practical, neat, and inexpensive self-supporting golf bag.

10 What I claim is:—

1. The combination with a golf bag, of a sleeve slidably mounted thereon, legs pivotally connected to said sleeve and foldable against said bag, a resilient latch depending  
15 from the sleeve and adapted to engage a pin on the bag, and a bag strap anchored to the said latch and the bag for automatically releasing said latch when the bag is raised.

2. The combination with a golf bag having  
20 a plurality of individual club sockets therein, a sleeve slidably mounted thereon, legs pivotally connected thereto to brace the bag in an upright position on the ground, a resilient locking member depending from the  
25 sleeve, a pin on the bag and engageable by said locking member, and a flexible bag strap anchored to said locking member and to the bag respectively for automatically releasing the locking member raising the sleeve and  
30 folding the legs when the bag is raised from the ground.

3. The combination with a golf bag having a plurality of individual club sockets therein, a sleeve slidably mounted on said bag and  
35 provided with a resilient locking member, a projection on the bag and adapted to be engaged by said member, legs pivotally secured to said ring and to the bag, and a flexible bag strap anchored to said locking member and  
40 bag respectively for automatically disengaging said locking and folding said legs against the bag when it is raised from the ground.

4. The combination with a golf bag, of  
45 a sleeve slidably mounted thereon, spaced apart legs pivotally connected to said sleeve and bag and adapted to brace said bag in an upright position on the ground, a resilient latch depending from the sleeve, a pin on  
50 the bag and engageable by said latch, a throat strap anchored to said legs, and a bag strap anchored to the latch throat strap and bag respectively for folding said legs against the bag when it is raised from the ground.

55 In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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