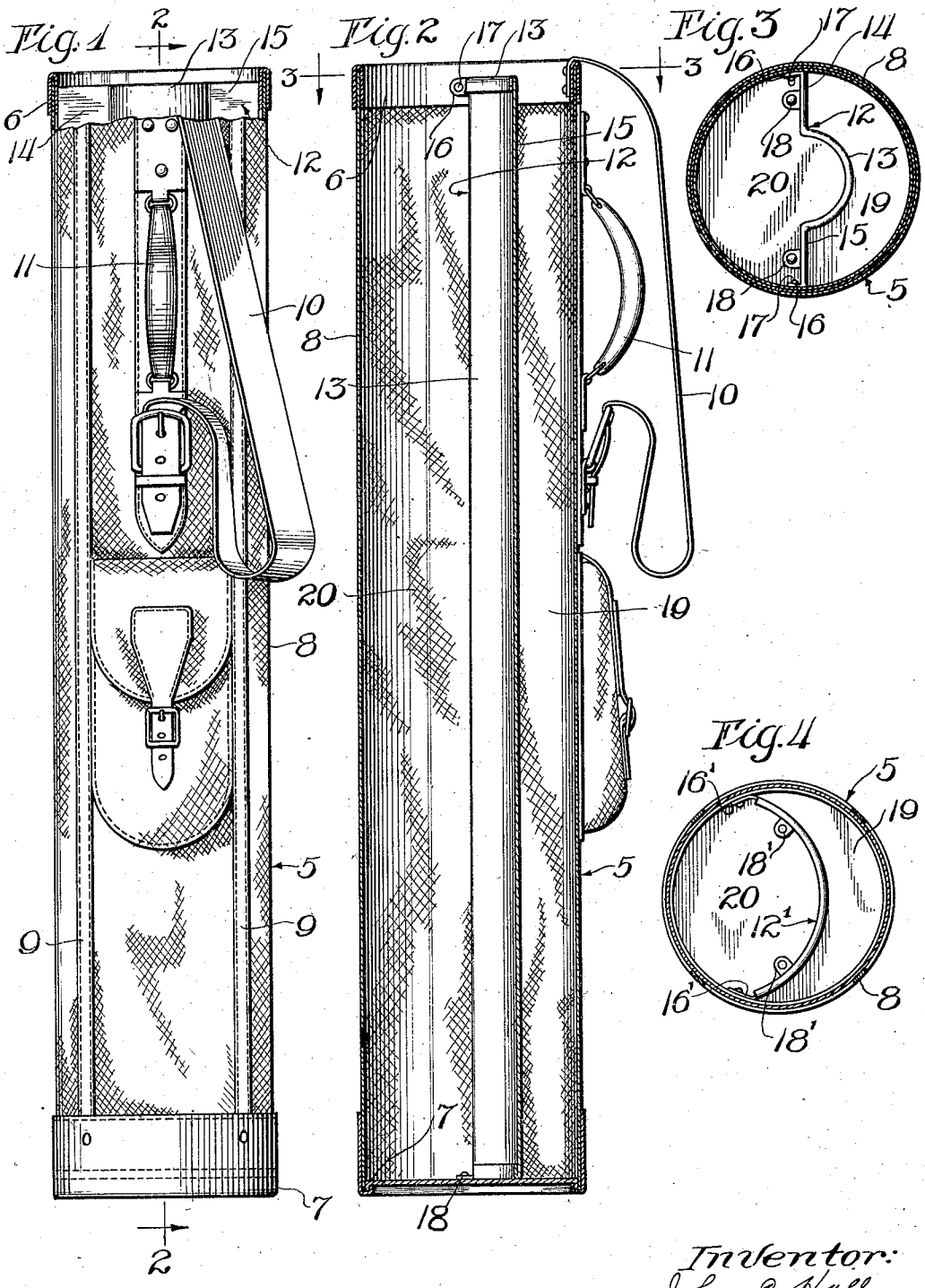
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This invention relates to golf bags and it has for its object to provide a bag having a division wall to form a compartment to hold the golf clubs and a separate compartment to hold articles, such as clothing and the like.

The invention also has for its object to provide a division wall of novel construction and configuration which permits easy access to the compartment which is provided to hold the clothing.

The accompanying drawings illustrates a selected embodiment of the invention and the views are as follows:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation, partly in section, of a golf bag and embodying the invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view of a golf bag embodying the invention in a modified form.

Referring to the drawings, particularly Figs. 1 to 3 thereof, 5 designates a golf bag generally, having a reinforced ring or collar 6, a bottom 7 and the conventional cylindrical body portion 8. Reinforcing stays 9 are arranged in the body portion and connected to the collar and base in the usual manner. The bag may aso be provided with the usual strap 10 and handle 11, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

Arranged within the bag and extending substantially throughout its entire length is a division wall 12 which may be made of fiber, sheet metal or any other kind of material which is preferably rigid. This wall has a rounded body portion 13 and outwardly extending longitudinal flanges 14 and 15 integral with the body 13. Inturned ears 16 are provided at the top of each of the flanges for fastening the wall to the collar 6 by any convenient means, such as by rivets 17. These ears are preferably made integral with the flanges and are substantially at right angles thereto and are slightly rounded to conform with the slope of the collar. The bottom edge of each of the flanges is provided with integral laterally extending ears 18 for fastening the wall to the bottom 7 in any convenient manner.

The wall 12 provides separate compartments 19 and 20. The compartment 19 is relatively narrow to accommodate golf clubs which may be conveniently arranged about the periphery of this compartment. The compartment 20 is relatively large and the concave side of the body 13 provides ample space for a person to reach into the bag. In bags five inches in diameter and larger the concave portion of the body and the side flanges allow a person to insert his arm down into the bag in a free and easy manner.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a modification which is applicable to any size bag, but which is designed primarily for bags under five inches in diameter. The division wall 12′ is substantially semi-cylindrical in shape to permit easy access to the compartment 20, and while the compartment 19 is relatively small, there is ample room to receive five or six clubs which is the usual number of clubs carried in the conventional four inch bag. The walls 12′ is similar in all respects to the one shown in Figs. 1 to 3 except in shape. This wall is also provided with top ears 16′ on each side thereof and a pair of ears 18′ at its lower end for fastening it to the bag.

Golf bags of the conventional type are provided with a strap across the mouth of the bag which is used to separate the wood clubs from the iron clubs, but no provision is made for storing articles, such as a sweater or a raincoat, which is a great inconvenience. Ofttimes a golf player starts out wearing a sweater and after playing for some time becomes warm and wishes to remove his sweater. He then either hangs it on the strap or through the handle and when the bag is laid down the sweater becomes soiled or wet, or he lays it down where it may become lost or stolen. Also, a player very rarely includes a raincoat when he goes on the links and later during a shower and being a considerable distance from shelter of any kind, he must either continue to play in the rain or go back to the club house, in which case his clothes will become wet and in all probabil-

ity he is in no condition to continue his game.

The purpose of the improvement forming the subject of the present invention is to avoid these inconveniences by providing means whereby the golfer may include a rain coat and a sweater or other articles as part of his regular golfing equipment. The compartment 20 provides ample room for holding the additional apparel, as well as extra golf balls, or any other article he desires to take along. By providing the separate compartments, the clubs extend all the way to the bottom of the bag and there is no danger of the clothes carried in the bag becoming tangled around any of the clubs.

The present invention provides a novel arrangement for including articles to the golfer's present equipment without interfering in any way with the arrangement of his clubs.

Changes in the form, construction and arrangement of the parts may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof, and I reserve the right to make all such changes as fairly fall within the scope of the following claim.

I claim:

In a golf bag, a tubular casing closed at its lower end, a partition wall within the casing extending the length of the casing with its longitudinal edges disposed substantially diametrically opposite to divide the casing into two independent compartments, the wall having flat diametrical portions extending from its longitudinal edges being curved intermediate these flat portions with the curved portion extending into one of the compartments to render said compartment substantially arc-shaped in cross-section, and means securing said wall in position.

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