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GOLF TEE.

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Fig. 1.

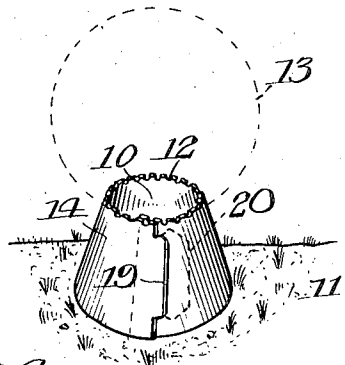


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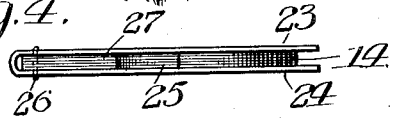


Fig. 2.

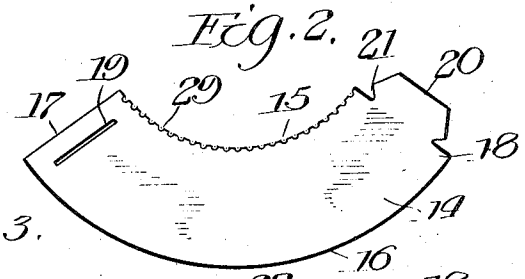
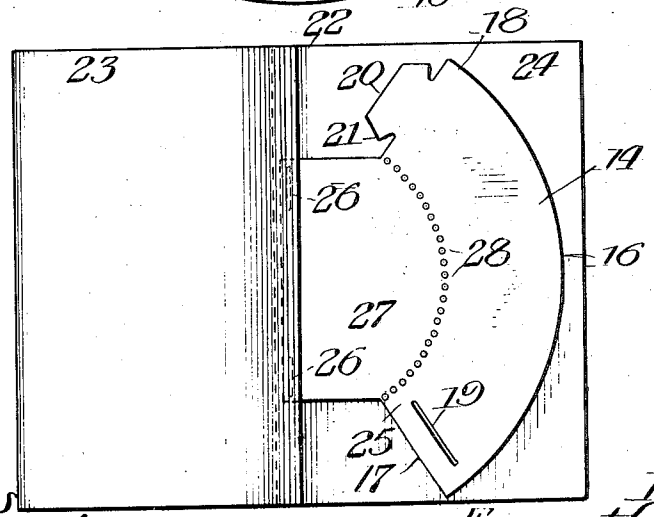


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST C. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Hoosick Falls, county of Rensselaer, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf-Tees, of which the following is a specification and which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

The invention relates to devices adapted to provide a raised seat for the golf ball at the beginning of play for each hole.

The object of the invention is to provide the player with improved means for constructing such a seat from material carried with him, as distinguished from constructing the tee from sand or like material, a supply of which is located adjacent the place where the tees are to be constructed.

The invention contemplates a golf tee constructed from a paper sheet and a packet containing a supply of paper sheets, properly formed for this purpose.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a golf tee of a form provided by the invention; Fig. 2 is a plan view showing the form of a paper sheet which may be used for constructing the tee shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a plan view of a packet containing a supply of sheets of the form illustrated in Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is an end view of the packet shown in Fig. 3.

The golf tee provided by the invention preferably takes the form of a hollow truncated cone, 10, formed from a paper sheet. In the use of the device the larger end of the cone will rest upon the ground as at 11, Fig. 1. The smaller end of the cone provides an annular seat 12 for the ball, as 13.

The tee illustrated at 10 in Fig. 1, is conveniently produced from a paper sheet, 14, having the form illustrated in Fig. 2. As shown, this sheet has parallel sides, 15, 16, curved about a common center, and has its ends, as 17, 18, constructed for hooked engagement. Preferably one of the ends, as 17, of the sheet 14, is provided with a transverse slot, 19. When formed in this way, the other end, as 18, of the sheet may be provided with a tongue, 20, adapted to enter the slot, 19, and having overhanging sides, 21. In constructing the tee from a sheet of this shape, the sheet is rolled to form a truncated cone and the ends of the sheet are connected by slipping the end of the tongue, 20, into the slot, 19. The sheet, 14, is preferably made of soft paper in order that it may not interfere with the movement of the ball or club, it being intended that it shall serve for the construction of but a single tee, which tee will be destroyed in use.

In order that sheets of the form represented at 14 in Fig. 2, may be readily available, they are conveniently supplied in packets, as 22 (Figs. 3 and 4). Most desirably these packets are of a form which may be conveniently carried in the pocket and sold in automatic vending machines, if desired. As shown, the packet, 22, is of book form, having front and rear covers, 23, 24. A plurailty of sheets, 25, are bound between the covers, 23, 24. The sheets 25, and the covers 23, 24, are secured together along one edge by means of any convenient form of binding, a plurality of staples, 26, passed through the sheets and covers being shown for simplicity of illustration. Each of the sheets, 25, comprises an outer portion having the form of one of the sheets, 14, and an inner portion or stub, 27. To permit the outer portion to be conveniently removed for use, the sheet is ruled on a perforated line, 28, indicating the outer end of the stub portion 27. The tearing of the sheet along the perforated line 28, serves to provide the inner edge 15 of the part 14 with serrations of the form indicated at 29, Fig. 2. The seat 12 provided for the ball 13 by rolling the sheet to a truncated cone, is accordingly rendered yielding and readily conforms to the outline of the ball.

The number of sheets, 25, in the packet 22, will preferably be determined by the length of the course at which the tees are intended to be used and will usually be nine or a multiple of nine.

I claim as my invention,

1. A sheet for constructing a golf tee in the form of a hollow truncated cone comprising a stub and a strip having curved sides and ends of complementary hooked shape, the said two parts being connected upon a perforated line coincident with one of the curved sides of the strip.

2. A packet for constructing golf tees in the form of a hollow truncated cone made from a paper strip adapted for sale in vending machines and the like comprising a plurality of sheets bound together along one edge in book form each sheet consisting of a stub and a strip having curved sides and

ends of complementary hooked shape, the said two parts of each sheet being connected upon a perforated line coincident with one of the curved sides of the strip.

3. A packet for constructing golf tees in the form of a hollow truncated cone made from a paper strip adapted for sale in vending machines and the like comprising a plurality of sheets and a pair of covers bound together along one edge in book form each of the said sheets consisting of a stub and a strip having curved sides and ends of complementary hooked shape, the said two parts of each sheet being connected upon a perforated line coincident with one of the curved sides of the strip.

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