

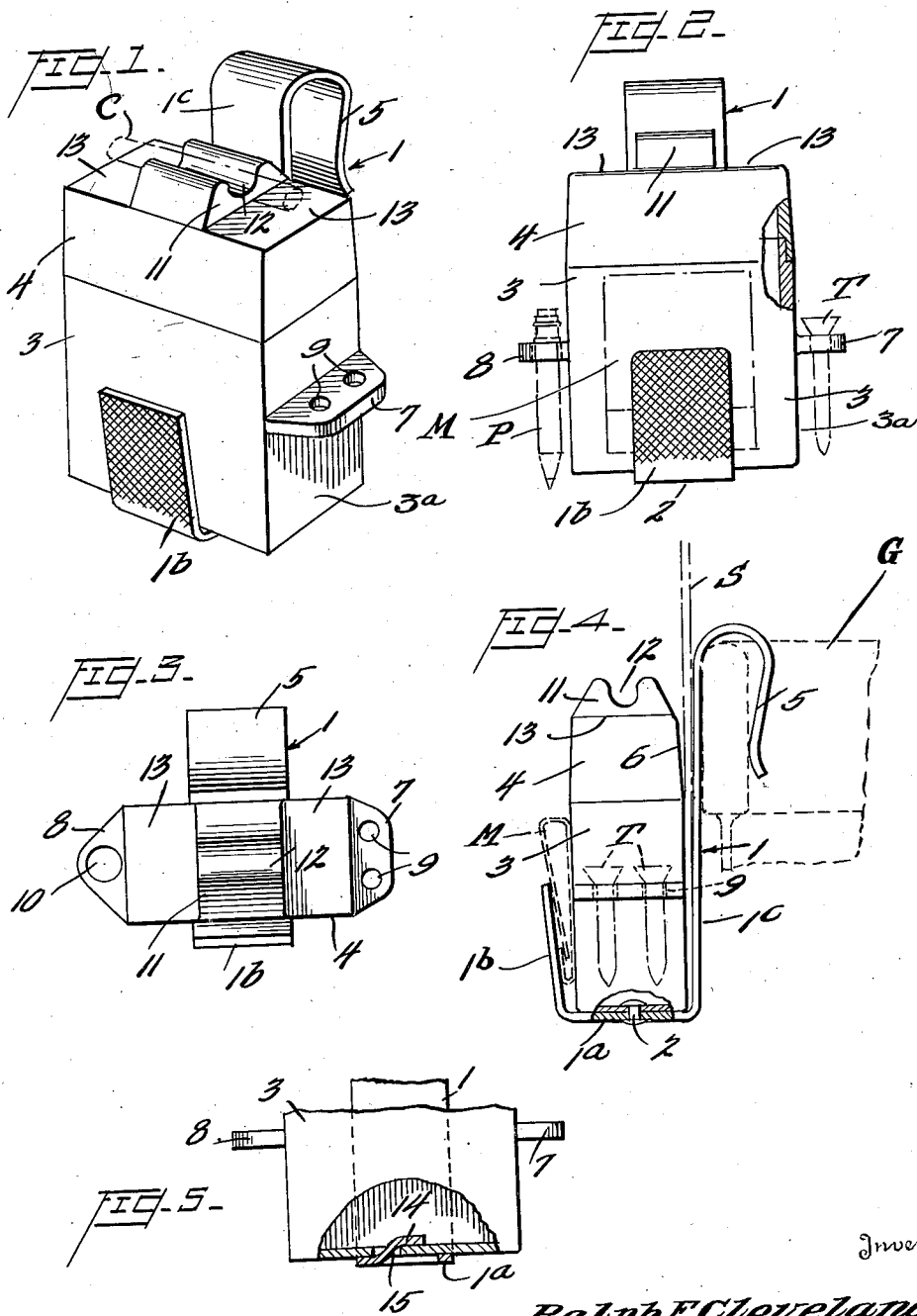
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This invention relates to a portable carrier for small articles, such as smokers' and golfers' supplies and accessories, which is capable of being attached to a golf bag so that these articles are made conveniently available for the use of the golfer as he moves about the golf course.

An important object of my invention is to provide a portable article carrier of the above character made from springy sheet material, such as sheet metal, in such a manner as to form a bracket for supporting a cigarette box or other receptacle and providing in conjunction with the receptacle clips for yieldingly retaining score cards, pencils, match books or similar articles in handily accessible position.

Another object of my invention is to provide a portable article carrier of the above character in which the bracket is formed of a single strip of sheet material, one end of the strip being shaped so as to hook over the rim of a golf bag and hold the article carrier firmly in place on the golf bag.

A further object of my invention is to provide a portable article carrier of the above character in which the receptacle is so constructed and arranged relative to the bracket as to support a lighted cigarette so that the lighted end of the cigarette lies a safe distance away from the golf bag and from the articles supported on the carrier.

Still another object of my invention is to provide an article carrier of the above character which is so constructed and arranged as to provide a rack for accommodating a pencil, a golf tee or tees, or similar slender articles.

Another object of my invention is to provide a portable article carrier of the above character capable of being rapidly and economically manufactured with a minimum of material and principally by a simple stamping or moulding operation.

The invention will be better understood from the following detailed description of a preferred embodiment of the invention, reference being had to the annexed drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portable article carrier which is adapted to be associated with a golf bag;

Figure 2 is a front view of the article carrier;

Figure 3 is a top view of the article carrier;

Figure 4 is a side view of the article carrier;

and

Figure 5 is a front view, partly in cross-section, showing a slightly modified form of article carrier in which the cigarette receptacle is

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detachably associated with the bracket of the article carrier.

The portable article carrier shown in Figs. 1 through 4 comprises a relatively narrow flat elongated strip of sheet metal bent into generally U-shape so as to form a bracket 1 having a transverse portion 1a, and two terminal legs 1b and 1c extending upwardly from the horizontal portions at each of its ends. Supported upon the transverse portion 1a of the bracket with its bottom firmly secured thereto by means of a rivet 2 is a cigarette receptacle 3 of rectangular outline in cross-section and this receptacle has a removable cover 4 which fits over and closes its upper end.

The end walls 3a of the receptacle 3 project beyond and overhang the lateral edges of the transverse portion 1a, and the receptacle is mounted in relatively closely-spaced relation to the legs 1b and 1c of the bracket so that the flat forward and rearward sides of the receptacle extend generally parallel to the opposed flat faces of the legs. The leg 1b is of a length such as to project upwardly for a distance of approximately one-half the height of the receptacle and is slightly sprung away from the adjacent wall of the receptacle so as to define therewith a spring clip adapted to receive and frictionally retain a paper match book M. Desirably the outer face of the leg 1b is roughened, as indicated at 1d to form a match-striking surface.

The other leg 1c of the bracket extends upwardly to an elevation slightly above the top of the cover 4, and is doubled back upon itself to define a spring hook 5 capable of being slipped over the rim of a golf bag G for removably holding the bracket firmly in place. The leg 1c which extends in closely spaced relation to the adjacent flat face of the receptacle 3 constitutes a spring clip for frictionally retaining a score card or pad S. The cover upon its side opposing the leg 1c is downwardly and outwardly inclined, as indicated at 6, and serves as a guide-way directing the score cards or pads into engagement with the clip 1c.

Projecting horizontally outwardly from opposite ends of the receptacle 3 are racks 7 and 8. The rack 7 is formed with holes 9 for supporting a plurality of golf tees T in vertical position, these holes being made somewhat oversize with respect to the tees so that the tees may slip downwardly through the holes with their heads coming to rest against the rack. The rack 8 is formed with a hole 10 adapted to simi-

larly accommodate a pencil P such as may be used in filling out the score cards S.

The cover 4 upon the top face is fashioned so as to define an elevated rest 11, grooved as indicated at 12, adapted to support a lighted cigarette C so as to lie transversely of the bracket with its lighted end a great enough distance away from the leg 1c to prevent its contact with the score card or with the golf bag to which the article carrier is attached. The rest 11 does not extend the full length of the receptacle but is intermediately located relative thereto so that the end portions 13 of the cover are adapted to serve as trays for receiving the ashes from the cigarette.

The cigarette receptacle may be made of sheet metal, plastic or any other suitable material and its size and shape, which may be largely a matter of choice, are preferably such as to accommodate a standard size package of cigarettes. The receptacle is attached only to the transverse portion 1a of the bracket 1, which affords complete freedom for springing movement of the legs 1b and 1c. Instead of being riveted to the bracket the receptacle may be welded, cemented or otherwise affixed.

Under some conditions it may be found desirable to mount the receptacle 3 so as to be detachable from the bracket, as shown in Fig. 5, thus permitting the receptacle to be carried in the pocket of the golfer when he is not on the golf course. In this modified form of carrier the transverse portion 1a of the bracket is formed with an upstruck spring tongue 14 bent so as to lie transversely of and parallel to the upper face of the portion 1a. The tongue 14 is arranged to slip through a slot 15 in the bottom of the cigarette receptacle and yieldingly clamp the receptacle to the bracket. To remove the receptacle from the bracket, it is only necessary to slide the receptacle crosswise of the bracket to disengage the tongue from the slot. The tongue snugly fits between the side edges of the slot thus preventing side play such as would interfere more or less with the clamping action of the legs 1b and 1c in holding the score card and match book in place.

It will be apparent that the article carrier may

take other forms than that described above without departing from the spirit of my invention as defined by the following claim.

I claim:

- 5 An article carrier adapted to be detachably clipped to the rim of a golf bag, said article carrier comprising a flat narrow strip of sheet metal defining a bracket constituted of a transverse intermediate portion and spring legs extending upwardly from opposite ends of the intermediate portion, said spring legs being unrestricted in flexibility throughout their entire length, a receptacle secured at its bottom to the transverse intermediate portion of the bracket and having
- 10 flat side walls located in opposed, closely-spaced relation to said legs, whereby the spring legs are adapted to function as clips for frictionally retaining articles between the legs and the receptacle, one of said legs being shorter and the other
- 15 of said legs being longer than the height of the receptacle and the longer leg terminating in a rebent portion defining a hook adapted to clip over the rim of a golf bag, a cover for the receptacle having a sloping face in opposed relation
- 20 to the longer leg and defining a downwardly tapered guideway for directing articles between said longer leg and the receptacle, and means for detachably securing the receptacle to the bracket, said means comprising an elongated spring tongue
- 25 integral with and disposed parallel to the intermediate portion of the bracket and a slot in the bottom of the receptacle providing a passageway for said tongue whereby the tongue overlies the bottom face of said receptacle and yieldingly
- 30 clamps the receptacle to the bracket.

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