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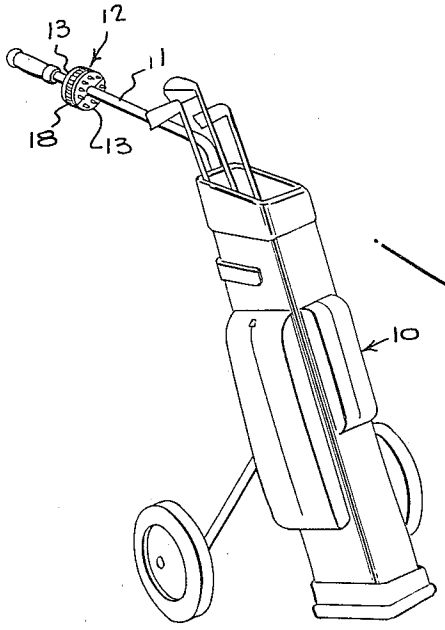


FIG-1

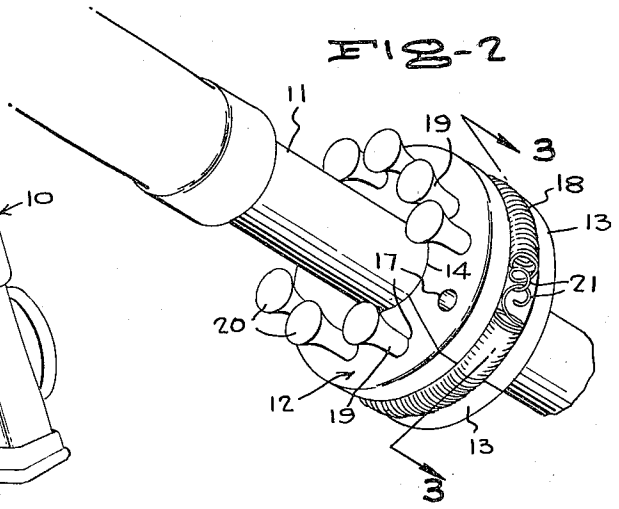


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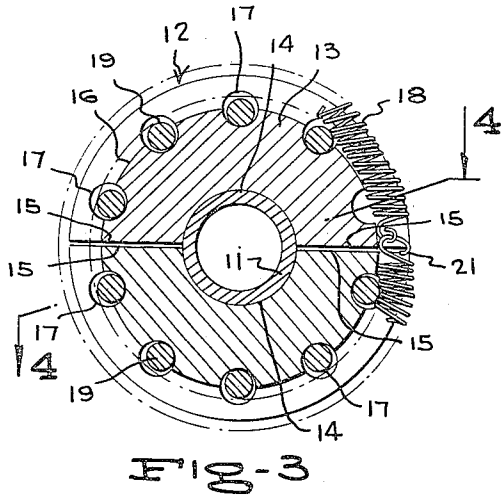


FIG-3

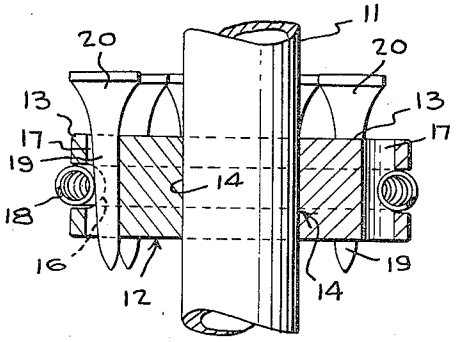


FIG-4

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This invention relates to a holder for golf tees and it consists in the constructions, arrangements and combinations herein described and claimed.

It is the principal object of the invention to provide a golf tee holder which may be readily attached to a handle of a golf cart employed in transporting golfing accessories during the playing of a course; the holder being readily attachable to and securely retained upon handles of various diameters, the holder having a means for securing and retaining a plurality of golf tees for individual removal as required.

More specifically, it is an object of the invention to provide a golf tee holder formed from a pair of similarly shaped body members, each body member having an arcuate axial opening which when assembled upon a handle of a cart will embrace or partly embrace the handle; each body member being provided with a groove or passage around the periphery of each body member and forming a continuous passageway when assembled for seating of a continuous elastic member for retaining the body members assembled upon the handle; each body member having a series of spaced openings so positioned as to extend transversely across the bottom wall and a substantial portion of the groove or passage of the body members, the elastic member being of a diameter to extend partially across said openings for frictionally engaging shank portions of golf tees positioned in said openings.

Additional objects, advantages and features of invention will be apparent from the following description, considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, wherein,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a golf cart having my tee holder installed upon the handle thereof.

Figure 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the holder and a portion of the handle.

Figure 3 is a cross section on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a cross section taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Reference is now made to Figure 1 of the drawing, wherein a conventional construction of golf cart **10** is shown having a handle **11** for propelling the same around a golf course, and upon the handle of which my tee holder **12** is secured.

The holder **12** comprises a pair of half disk body members **13** formed from any suitable material and of identical construction and as here shown, are preferably of semi-cylindrical formation and of a thickness suitable for the purposes intended, which when assembled form a circular disk. Each body member has a semi-cylindrical opening **14** extending longitudinally of the body members and laterally extended planiform flat faces **15**.

In the actual production of the holder, the semi-cylindrical openings **14**, when the half disks are assembled form an annular opening of a diameter of approximately seven eighths of an inch which will accommodate the shaft or handle diameter of standard golf carts. However, the assembly of the two half disk members is such as to accommodate handles of greater diameters, as will be apparent as the description of the construction proceeds.

Each of the half disk members **13** are formed with a peripheral groove or passage **16**, which when the half disks are assembled form a continuous passageway and are of a depth to intersect respective vertically extended tee-receiving openings **17** formed in the half sections, the openings being evenly spaced around the periphery of the disk members **13**.

An annular steel coiled spring **18** having a peripheral diameter to freely seat in the groove or passage **16** is employed for retaining the two half disks in assembled relation upon the handle or shaft **11**, as well as to frictionally engage respective shanks **19** of the tees **20**, when positioned in the openings **17**, and to also retain the half disk members assembled prior to placement upon the handle **11**.

The circumferential diameter of the spring **18** is such as to firmly seat in the base of the groove **16** and draw the half sections together, and as clearly shown at the right of Figure 2, (with the tee removed) a portion of the spring will intersect the tee receiving openings **17** so that upon insertion of a tee in the opening, said portion of the spring will be displaced by the shank of the tee with consequent frictional contact with the shank for retention thereof, yet readily removable for use.

The spring **18** may be formed from a single length, the terminal ends being formed with inter-engaging ends **21** or it may be a continuous annular elastic ring; and while the retaining ring has been defined as formed of steel, it is obvious that a heavy elastic ring of rubber or composition thereof may be employed in place thereof.

The holder **10** may be readily attached to the handle **11** of the cart by positioning the half disks **13** so that the semi-cylindrical openings **14** are in opposed relation and circumscribing the handle with the flat faces **15** in opposed relation. The spring **18** is then secured within the groove **16**, which may be accomplished by positioning the spring in the groove and connecting the ends **21**; or the spring may have the ends secured and by slightly expanding the spring it may be rolled into the groove.

Obviously, where a handle of a diameter greater than that employed in standard golf carts, the half disks **13** would be applied as just described, but the disks would be slightly more separated at the flat faces **15** to accommodate the difference in diameters of the handle or shaft.

While I have shown and described a preferred form of the invention, this is by way of illustration only, and I consider as my own all such modifications in construction as fairly fall within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A golf tee holding device comprising a pair of half disk members constructed to embrace a handle or the like of a golf cart, each half disk member having a plurality of openings formed therethrough and positioned a distance inwardly of the outer periphery of the half disk members, each half disk member having a peripheral groove adapted to be in circumferential alignment when the half disks are assembled upon the handle or the like and an annular elastic member seated in said peripheral groove for retaining said half disks in assembled relation, said groove being of a depth to intersect the openings of said half disks, whereby a portion of said annular elastic member will occupy a position across each of said openings for engaging the shanks of golf tees inserted through said openings.

2. A golf tee holder comprising a body member composed of a pair of half disk members, each half disk member having an arcuate axial opening which when assembled

in opposed relation upon the handle of a golf cart will embrace or partly embrace the same, each half disk member being provided with a groove around the periphery thereof when arranged in alignment, forming a continuous passageway, an annular elastic member engaged in said passageway for securing said half disk members upon the handle, and each of said half disk members being provided with openings extended therethrough and intersecting a major portion of said passageway to expose a portion of the annular elastic member at each of said openings for engaging the shanks of golf tees inserted through said openings.

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