

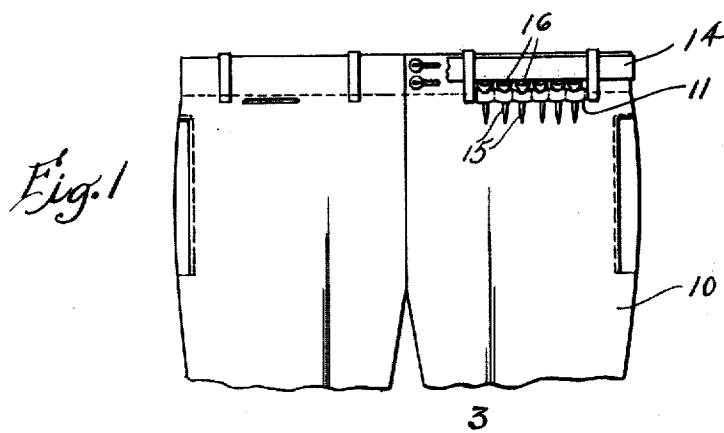
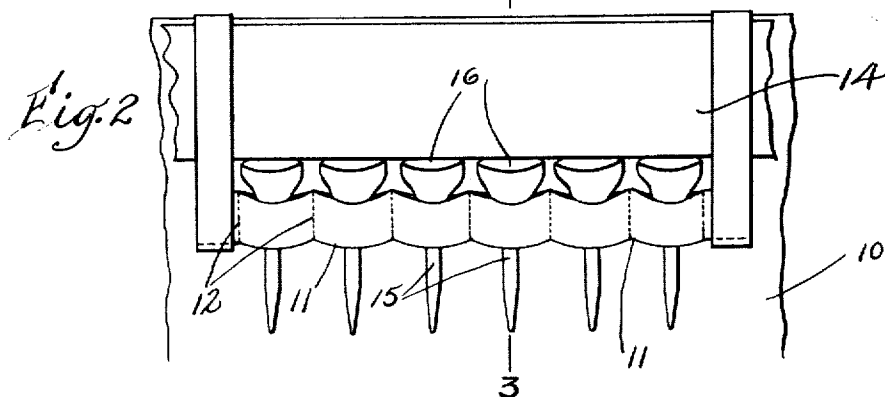
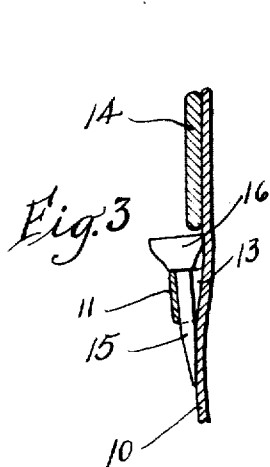
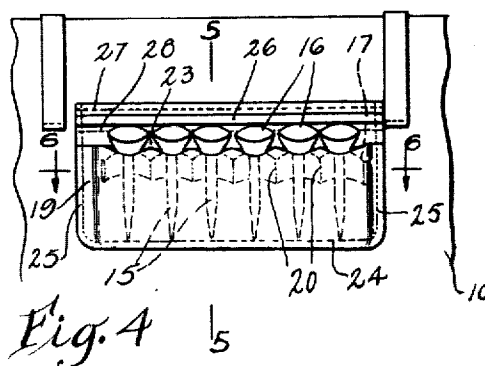
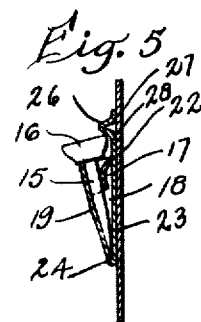
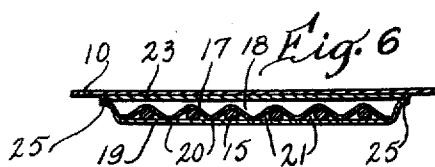
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This invention relates to tee holders for trousers and has particular reference to devices of that general character adapted to be made or attached as a unit to a golf player's garment.

Among the objects of this invention is to provide a tee holder for trousers or other garment of a golf player which is of particularly simple and inexpensive construction, and can be readily attached as desired, said tee holder being arranged in a novel manner to insure retention of the tees therein against unintended or accidental removal or loss, and at the same time holding said tees with the heads thereof in exposed position to facilitate the gripping of a tee with maximum convenience by the player when the same is to be removed.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists in the arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed, and while the invention is not restricted to the exact details of construction disclosed or suggested herein, still for the purpose of illustrating a practical embodiment thereof reference is had to the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters designate the same parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a portion of a pair of golf trousers with my tee holder attached.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged view showing the tee holder and the arrangement thereof.

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

Fig. 4 is a view on a reduced scale of a modification.

Figs. 5 and 6 are sectional views taken on lines 5—5 and 6—6 of Fig. 4.

Referring now more specifically to the drawings, I show my invention as comprising a suitable supporting member such as a pair of golf trousers 10 or the like, which have suitable cooperation with a piece or strip of material such as the flexible member 11, which consists preferably of a piece of tape or the like for the sake of simplicity and inexpensive construction. Said flexible member is secured to the golf trousers at a plurality of points spaced along the member, as by means of lines of stitching 12, whereby a plurality of pockets 13 are formed between said member and the golf trousers, said pockets being preferably open-

ended, though any other arrangement can be made in this regard within the scope of this invention.

The tee holder or flexible member 11 is arranged in such position upon the trousers as to suit the convenience of the player. Preferably, however, I position the same adjacent to the belt 14 which supports the trousers in a conventional manner and in substantially spaced parallel relation thereto. In this position, the belt projects somewhat over the pockets 13, as is clearly shown in Fig. 3. Now the pockets 13 receive shanks 15 of the tees, while the heads 16 thereof lie in convenient relation without said pockets and rest upon the edges thereof whereby the tees are supported. The heads 16 of said tees slip in beneath the belt 14, whose lower edge lies in abutment relation with a portion of each of the tee heads to prevent unintended or accidental removal or loss of a tee.

It will be seen that the tape 11 can be rapidly secured to a pair of trousers, and forms a unitary structure which is both simple and effective for its purpose. The shanks of the tees are engaged reliably thereby while the heads of the tees are in exposed position to facilitate the convenient gripping and removal thereof by a player with no trouble or loss of time.

The invention also comprises the additional feature of the belt 14 which is, in effect, any member movable with respect to the tape strip and arranged in spaced parallel relation thereto and so as to project thereover to engage the heads of the tees as stated hereinbefore. Thus a new and novel co-operation between the tee holder proper and the belt is indicated. Attention is called particularly to the fact that the simplicity and low cost of the device is retained, while the effectiveness thereof is increased.

When the tees are inserted into the holder, the heads are merely sprung into abutment relation beneath the belt and similarly the tees can be with readiness removed.

The modification shown in Figs. 4, 5, and 6 illustrates an arrangement wherein a tape or holder 17, which may be of substantially similar construction to that of the preferred form of the invention, is secured within a pocket 18 to the patch 19 thereof. The patch pocket is likewise secured to a golf

player's trousers in such position as may suit the wearer's convenience. The tee holder 17 extends lengthwise of the pocket and adjacent to the top edge of the patch, or generally, the opening of the pocket. Said tee holder is secured to the patch in any suitable manner as by a plurality of lines of stitching 20 forming a plurality of open ended pockets or loops 21 extending along the opening of the main pocket. The flexible member or tape 17 is preferably sewn to the rear portion or face of the main pocket 18 at a plurality of points, each of which is central with respect to a pocket 21 and adjacent to the outer opening of said pocket 21 as shown at 22 in Fig. 5. The strip 17 is sewed to the rear member of the pocket at the upper edge thereof only whereby the tee shanks are more easily inserted and are better gripped after they are inserted. This results in that the pockets 21 are retained continually in open position, thus facilitating insertion of shanks 15 of the tees thereinto. Moreover, the tee holder thus provides in effect a member spanning the mouth of the main pocket and securing the patch or front portion of the pocket to the rear portion thereof at a plurality of points, thus preventing the main pocket from being opened to more than a predetermined degree, and in any event insuring that the patch 19 will lie continually in substantially flat or parallel relation to the front of the trousers.

The main pocket 18 may be constructed as a unit, to be rapidly attached to a pair of trousers, and with maximum cheapness. Thus the patch 19 is integral with the rear face or portion 23 of the pocket, a fold line 24 being provided for this purpose at the bottom of the pocket. A line of stitching 24 is provided securing the pocket to the trousers along the bottom thereof, as well as lines of stitching 25 at the sides of said pocket which pass through both the front and rear portions of said pocket.

Means is provided extending in substantially spaced parallel relation to the tee holder and projecting over the pockets 21 of the holder so as to form a flexible or movable abutment above the heads of the tees to prevent accidental removal thereof. Said means is preferably integral with the main pocket, and consists of a bead or ridge 26 projecting forwardly of the trousers, and formed by

a pair of parallel stitching lines 27 and 28 along the top and bottom of said ridge. It will now be seen that said ridge constitutes in effect an abutment member that can readily be sprung or flexed to receive a head of a tee therebeneath and is operative in a similar manner by merely gripping the head of a tee for removal thereof. The heads of the tees rest upon the edges of the pockets of the tee holder. The abutment member 26 can of course be made in any desirable manner within the scope of this invention, this modification providing in any event a neat arrangement.

I claim:

1. In a tee holder for trousers, the combination with a supporting garment, of a main pocket supported upon the garment consisting of a strip of material folded upon itself to provide a top opening for said pocket, said strip being stitched along its side edges to the garment, the fold of said strip adjacent to said garment forming a bead along its upper edge projecting over the pocket opening and in spaced relation thereto, and a narrow strip of material secured to the outer fold of the pocket structure at a plurality of spaced points and along its upper edge forming holding loops to permit of the individual insertion of the shanks of tees therethrough and thence into the main pocket, said bead being arranged to abut over the heads of the tees and guard against unintended removal thereof.

2. A tee holder as set forth in claim 1 wherein the narrow strip of material is secured to the fold adjacent to the garment at spaced points intermediate of the spaced points aforesaid to provide for easier insertion of the shanks of the tees into the loops.

3. A tee holder comprising a pocket structure having front and rear members constituting the pocket, and a narrow strip of material secured at spaced points in alternation to the front and rear members to provide loops for the reception of the shanks of the tees, the strip extending adjacent to the opening of the pocket and being secured to the rear member at points solely at the upper edge of the strip whereby a maximum gripping of the shanks of tees is provided for.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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