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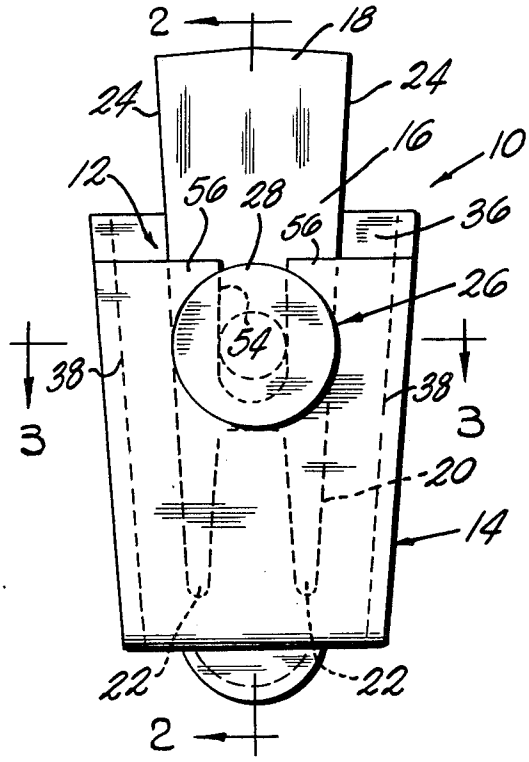
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ABSTRACT: A golf green repair tool and golf ball marker assembly and a carrier therefor wherein the tool and marker assembly consists of a flat body member having a first handle portion and a second prong portion and said ball marker is mounted on said body member between said portions so as to form an annular space between the head of the marker and the body member. The carrier consists of a pocket shaped to receive the body member and provided with a slot which extends into the annular space so that the head of the marker is disposed outside the pocket and the slot acts to retain the body member in the pocket. A spring clip connected to the pocket adapts the carrier for mounting on the golfer's belt and/or an equivalent support.



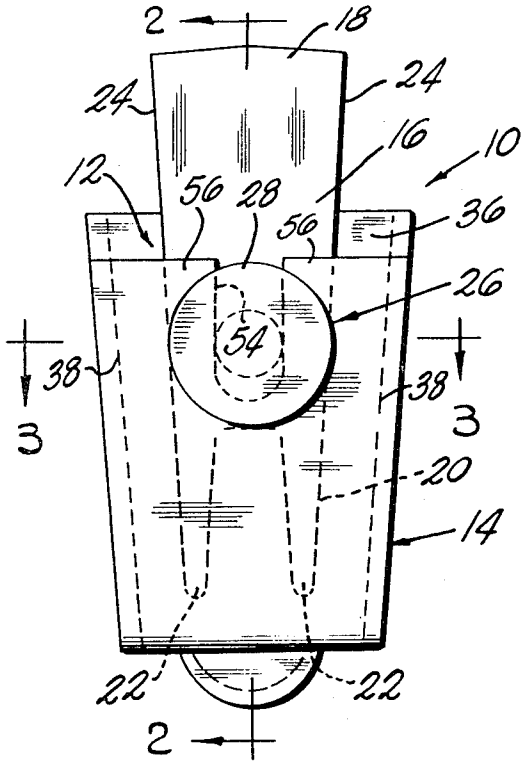


FIG. 1

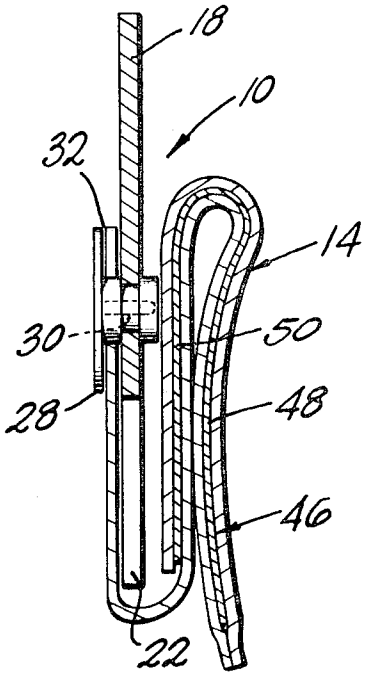


FIG. 2

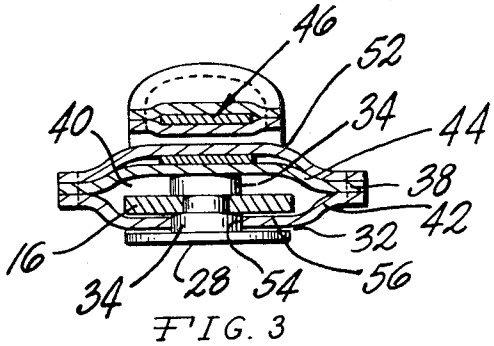


FIG. 3

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GOLF TOOL AND CARRIER THEREFOR

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application discloses a golf green repair tool and golf ball marker assembly which is the subject matter of my copending patent application, Ser. No. 10,88, filed Feb. 12, 1970.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The aforementioned copending application discloses a golf green repair tool and golf ball marker assembly adapted for convenient use by golfers in repairing ball marks on the green and in marking ball positions on the green. However, assemblies of this general type must, in order to achieve maximum use, be conveniently located so that they can be readily used by the golfer. It is an object of this invention, therefore, to provide an improved combination of the above-described assembly and a carrier therefor which enables the assembly to be conveniently located on the person of the golfer or the golfer's cart or bag so that the assembly can be put to maximum use.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The combination of this invention includes a carrier consisting of a pocket and a spring clip connected to the pocket. The pocket is of tapered shape to conveniently receive the repair tool and marker assembly and is provided with a slot which extends into an annular space formed in the assembly between the repair tool body and the head of the ball marker. This utilization of a slot in the front wall of the carrier pocket restrains movement of the assembly on the carrier so that the assembly will remain in a relatively fixed position convenient for use. The spring clip which forms a part of the carrier enables convenient mounting of the carrier on the golfer's belt or on an equivalent support.

Further objects, features and advantages of this invention will become apparent from a consideration of the following description, the appended claims, and the accompanying drawing in which:

FIG. 1 is a front view of the combination of this invention; and

FIGS. 2 and 3 are sectional views of the combination of this invention as viewed from substantially the lines 2—2 and 3—3, respectively, in FIG. 1.

With reference to the drawing, the golf tool and carrier combination of this invention, indicated generally at **10**, is illustrated in FIG. 1 as consisting of a golf green repair tool and golf ball marker assembly **12**, which is described in detail in the aforementioned copending application, and a carrier **14**. The assembly **12** consists of a flat body member **16** having a relatively wide handle portion **18** at one end which can be gripped between the thumb and forefinger of the golfer, and a fork-shaped portion **20** at the opposite end which includes prongs **22** that are inserted in the green to repair a golf ball mark. As shown in FIG. 1, the edges **24** of the body member **16** are tapered so that the body is of a progressively decreasing width in a direction extending from the end portion **18** to the end portion **20**. Intermediate the end portions **18** and **20**, a golf ball marker **26**, which includes a circular head **28** and a stem **30**, is assembled with the body member **16** so as to form an annular space **32** between the head **28** and the body member **18**. In the illustrated form of the assembly **12**, a grommet **34**, formed of a rubber, pliable plastic or similar holding synthetic material, is used to mount the stem **30** on the body member **18**.

The carrier **14** consists of a piece **36** of fabric or equivalent material such as plastic which is folded upon itself and connected at its edges by stitching **38**, or an equivalent attaching means such as glueing or heat-sealing, to form a pocket **40** having a front wall **42** and a backwall **44** (FIG. 3). A conventional spring clip **46**, consisting of a spring metal body **48** that is return bent upon itself is attached to the pocket **40** to enable support of the pocket **40** on a golfer's belt or an equivalent support. The body **48** is assembled with the pocket in the illustrated form of the invention by positioning one leg **50** of the body between the pocket backwall **40** and an auxiliary piece of material **52**, and the material from the pieces **36** and **52** are extended so as to cover the entire clip **46**.

The front wall **42** of the pocket **40** is provided with a slot **54** and portions **56** of the wall **42** are located on opposite sides of the slot **54**. As a result, when the assembly **12** is assembled with the carrier **14**, the tapered body **18** is inserted in the pocket **40**, which is similarly tapered, as shown in FIG. 1, so that the wall portions **56** extend into the annular space **32** between the ball marker head **28** and the repair tool body **18** on opposite sides of the grommet **34**. As a result, the wall portions **56** restrain the body **18** against movement in the pocket **40** with the head **28** of the ball marker **26** located outside the pocket **40** so that the ball marker **26** can readily be removed for use without removing the body **18** from the pocket **40**. As shown in FIG. 1, the slot **54** is of a length to restrict movement of the body member **18** into the pocket **40** and provide for an engagement of the pocket front wall **42** with the grommet **34**. This engagement further restricts movement of the body **18** in the pocket **40**.

In use, the carrier **14** is conveniently mounted on a suitable support by opening the spring clip **46** and snapping it onto the support, such as the golfer's belt. In such a position of the combination **10**, the assembly **12** is firmly retained when not in use and is readily removed when use is desired.

What is claimed is:

1. In combination, a golf green repair tool and golf ball marker assembly and a transport carrier therefor; said assembly comprising a flat body member having a first end portion capable of functioning as a handle and a second fork-shaped end portion having prongs for insertion into the earth, a marker having a circular head and an integral elongated stem, said stem being assembled with said body intermediate said end portions so as to form an annular space between said marker head and said body, said marker being removable from said body for use, said carrier including means forming a pocket having said fork-shaped end portion of said body disposed therein, said pocket having one wall thereof provided with a slot having wall portions disposed on opposite sides thereof and extended into said annular space so as to restrain movement of said body in said pocket, and spring clip means secured to said pocket and adapting said pocket for mounting on a support.

2. The structure according to claim **1** wherein said body member is shaped so that said first end portion is larger than said second end portion and said body member is of a tapered shape therebetween, and wherein said pocket has an open upper end and is of a downwardly tapering shape.

3. The structure according to claim **2** wherein said slot in said pocket is located at the upper end thereof and is of a length to limit insertion of said assembly into said pocket.

4. The structure according to claim **3** wherein said clip means is formed of metal or an equivalent material, said pocket is formed of cloth or an equivalent material, and said pocket forming material extends into a covering relation with said clip means.

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