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Fig. 1

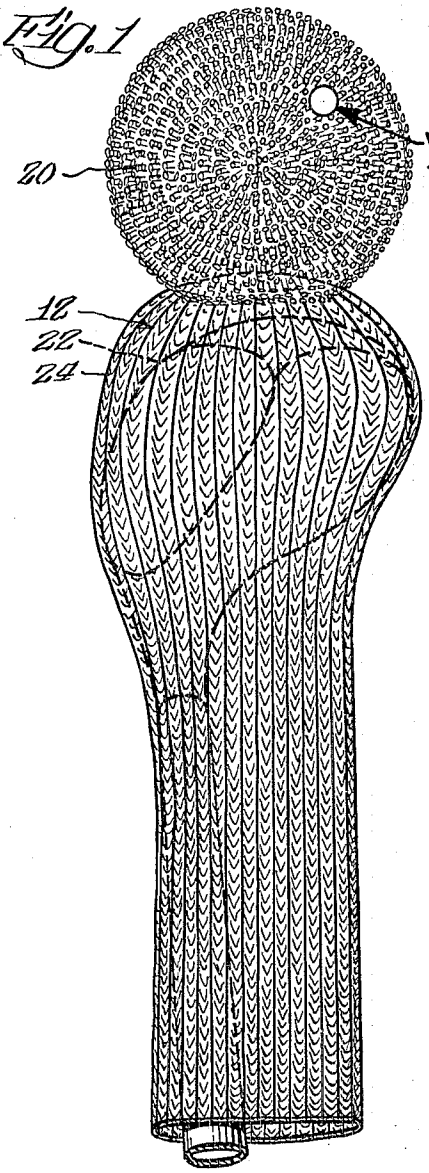


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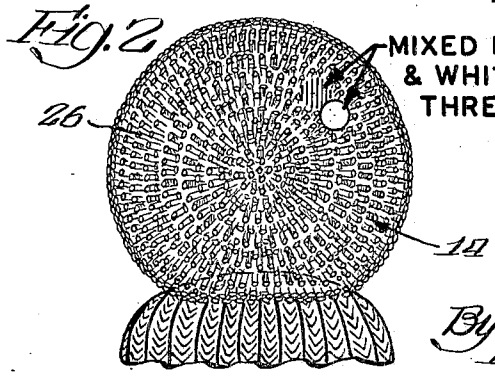


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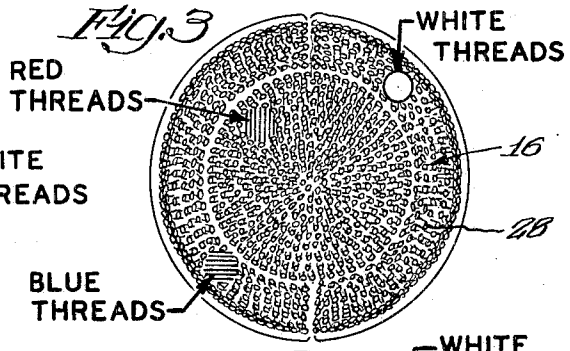


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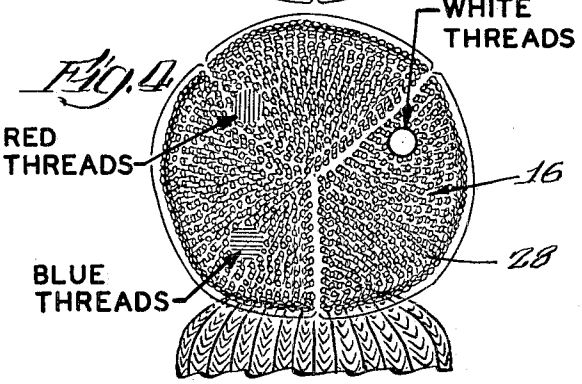


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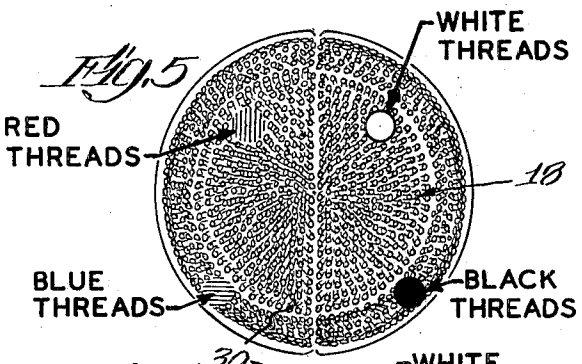
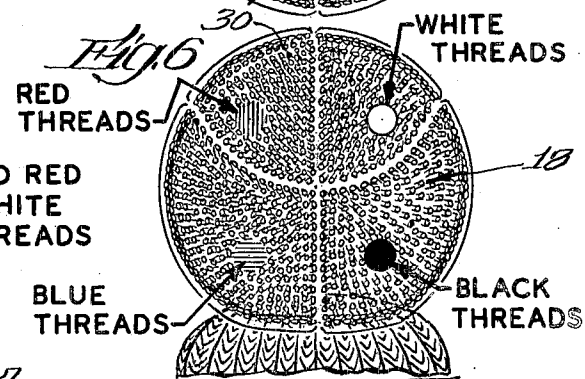


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A set of golf club head covers for golf club woods with each individual cover providing ready visual indication of the number of the club contained therein. Each cover has a distinct large grapsable pompon on its upper end. The pompons are formed with a number of different colors corresponding to the number of the club.

The present invention pertains to golf club head covers and more particularly to golf club head covers having pompons thereon providing a visual color coded indication of the number of the particular covered club therein.

The ready identification of the individual clubs enclosed within golf club head covers has been a longstanding problem. For example, in the Burgett Patent No. 2,110,122, issued Mar. 8, 1938, identifying tabs were suggested and the unsatisfactory but still common practice of painting or printing numerals on the covers was mentioned. Other systems have utilized varying numbers of bands on the covers.

The present invention provides a different and more easily observed indication of each enclosed club's number, which indication is not easily obscured by other covers, dirt or the orientation of the cover with respect to the viewer. Further, the golf club covers of the invention may be manufactured at approximately the same cost as conventional golf club head covers because the manufacturing techniques and equipment required for golf socks with conventional pompons are already available and because the materials required comprise only colored yarns or threads. The identifying pompons of the golf club head covers of the invention are self-supporting, are projecting substantially above their head covers for visibility, and are very resistant to damage or defacement.

Further objects, features and advantages of the invention pertain to the particular arrangement and structure whereby the above mentioned aspects of the invention are attained. The invention will be better understood by reference to the following description and to the drawings forming a part thereof, which are substantially to scale, wherein:

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of an exemplary golf club head cover in accordance with the invention with a pompon of one color for a No. 1 wood;

FIG. 2 is a side elevational view of an exemplary golf club head cover in accordance with the invention with a pompon of two colors for a No. 2 or a No. 5 wood;

FIG. 3 is a top plan view of an exemplary golf club head cover in accordance with the invention with a pompon of three colors for a No. 3 wood;

FIG. 4 is a side elevational view of the golf club head cover of FIG. 3;

FIG. 5 is a top plan view of an exemplary golf club head cover in accordance with the invention with a pompon of four colors for a No. 4 wood; and

FIG. 6 is a side elevational view of the golf club head cover of FIG. 5.

Referring to the drawings, there is shown in FIGS. 1 through 6 a single set **10** of golf club head covers in accordance with the invention. The set **10** includes four distinct individual golf club head covers **12**, **14**, **16** and **18** shown respectively in FIGS. 1, 2, 3 and 4, and 5 and 6.

It may be seen that each of the individual head covers **12**, **14**, **16** and **18** comprises a generally conventional golf sock to which there is affixed at the top a single decorative graspable pompon. While the golf club head covers shown in the drawings are of the woven sock type, it will be appreciated that other types of golf club head covers may be utilized.

Each pompon is preferably formed by a multiplicity of projecting colored threads and is fastened to and projects above the upper end of each head cover. Each pompon readily identifies the number of the particular golf club enclosed by the corresponding number of colors visible on the surface of the pompon. The pompons comprise large generally spherical and self-supporting balls of colored threads overlying the tops of the head covers so as to be readily visible. The number of distinct colored threads corresponds in number to the number of the golf club. Preferably, for those head covers having pompons of more than two distinct colors, the different colored threads are located in distinct and separate areas of the pompon surface and arranged so that all of the colors are visible from at least two opposing sides of the head cover.

Referring individually to the head covers shown in the figures, it may be seen that the pompon **20** of the head cover **12** shown in FIG. 1 is formed from threads of all one color, in this example white threads. Thus, the head cover **12** is readily identified as enclosing a No. 1 wood **22** inside its golf sock portion **24**.

The golf club head cover **14** in FIG. 2 is adapted to enclose and identify a No. 2 wood and accordingly its pompon **26** is formed of threads of two distinct colors, here for example red and white threads. These threads are not separated into separate areas in the pompon **26**, but rather are intermixed in a "salt and pepper" arrangement. This particular arrangement is preferred for the head cover **14** so that it may be used to identify either a No. 2 or a No. 5 wood in the event that a No. 5 wood would be utilized in place of the No. 2 wood. Even though the two colors of threads are intermixed, the pompon is readily identifiable as containing two colors as only two colors of thread are present and as each individual thread is of a solid color.

Referring to FIGS. 3 and 4, the head cover **16** is shown therein in a top and side view respectively. It may be seen that its pompon **28** contains three distinct colors, i.e. red, white and blue, and that these three colors are present only in completely distinct and separate areas of the pompon **28**. It will be further noted that each of the three colored areas of the pompon **28** surface is a single continuous surface area; yet, the three surface areas are arranged so that all three colors are visible on two opposite sides of the head cover. Thus, the appearance of the pompon **28** from the side opposite to that shown in FIG. 4 would be the same as that shown in FIG. 4. Each area of different colored threads in the pompon **28** is a spherical segment extending from a central point at one side of the pompon to a central point on the opposite side and is thus visible on at least two opposing sides.

The head cover **18** of FIGS. 5 and 6 shown in a top view in FIG. 5 and a side view in FIG. 6 has a four color pompon **30** thereon. Accordingly, the golf club head cover **18** is adapted to identify a No. 4 wood enclosed therein. The arrangement of the different colored threads into four distinct areas visible from two opposite sides of the

head cover is similar to that described above for the head cover **16**.

The manufacture of the pompons **20**, **26**, **28** and **30** may utilize conventional manufacturing techniques and equipment presently available for the manufacture of pompons in general, and accordingly these need not be described herein. Further, the golf club head sock **24** or other suitable cover to which the pompons may be affixed may be of conventional manufacture. The pompons may be sewn or bound firmly to the top of the golf socks at little expense by conventional techniques.

It may be seen that there has been described herein an improved set of golf club head covers which may be simply and economically manufactured and which provide highly visible and distinct identification of the golf club contained within each of the head covers. While the golf club head covers presently described herein are presently considered to be preferred, it is contemplated that further variations and modifications within the purview of those skilled in the art, such as changes in the size or colors of the pompons, can be made herein. The following claims are intended to cover all such variations and modifications as fall within the true spirit and scope of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A set of golf club covers comprising:

a plurality of individual golf club head covers,

each of said golf club head covers having an individual decorative graspable pompon formed by a multiplicity of projecting colored threads fastened to and projecting from the upper end of said head cover,

said pompons of each said individual golf club head cover having said colored threads of a number of distinct colors corresponding to the number of the golf club to be covered by said individual golf club head cover so that said pompons are readily visably distinguishable from one another and so that each covered golf club is identifiable by the number of colors visible on the surface of said pompon.

2. The set of golf club head covers of claim **1** wherein each of said pompons comprises a generally spherical and self-supporting large ball of threads overlying the tops of said golf club head covers.

3. The set of golf club head covers of claim **2** wherein pompons having more than two distinct colors of threads have the threads of each distinct color located in separate areas of the surface of the pompons.

4. The set of golf club head covers of claim **3** wherein the number of said separate areas is the same as the number of distinct colors and all of the colors are visible from at least two opposing sides of the golf club head covers.

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