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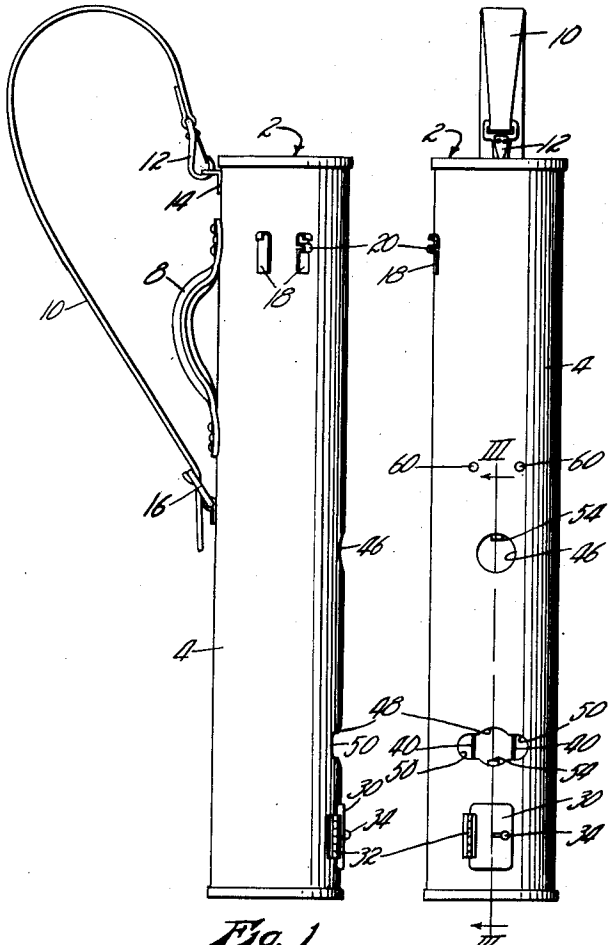


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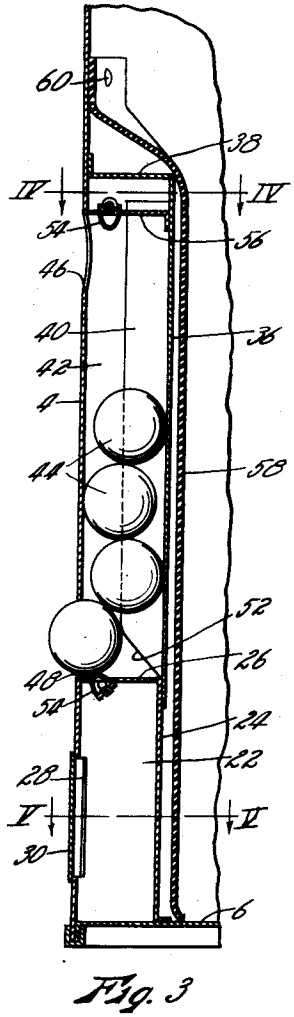


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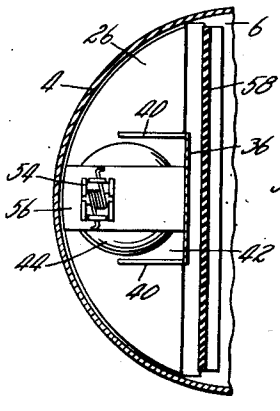


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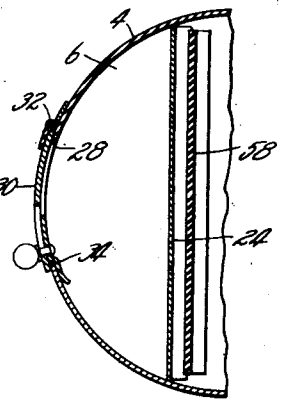


Fig. 5

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a golf bag, and has particular reference to a golf bag having a golf ball holder associated therewith.

The principal object of the present invention is the provision of a golf bag of rigid construction having a member secured to the inner surface thereof and forming in conjunction therewith a substantially tubular golf ball holder, said golf bag having a hold formed in the wall thereof adjacent each end of said holder through which golf balls may be inserted into and withdrawn from said holder, and spring detents normally preventing the passage of balls through said holes.

Another object is the provision, in a golf bag having a ball holder of the character described, of a longitudinal extension of said ball holder to form a compartment adapted to contain golf tees or other objects, said compartment being accessible through a door provided in the wall of the bag.

Other objects are simplicity and economy of construction, efficiency and convenience of use, and pleasing appearance.

With these objects in view, as well as other objects which will appear in the course of the specification, reference will be had to the drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a golf bag embodying the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the golf bag.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary section taken on line III—III of Fig. 2, showing golf balls carried in the ball holder and one of said balls being withdrawn therefrom.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary section taken on line IV—IV of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is an enlarged fragmentary section taken on line V—V of Fig. 3.

Like reference numerals apply to similar parts throughout the several views, and the numeral **2** applies to a rigid golf bag comprising essentially a cylindrical sheet metal body member **4** open at its upper end and closed at its lower end by a rigid floor member **6**. Said bag is provided with a carrying handle **8** rigidly attached to body member **4** adjacent the upper end thereof, and a shoulder carrying strap **10** fixed at one end by means of snap fastener **12** to a lug **14** fixed to body member **4** adjacent the upper end thereof, and at its opposite end adjustably carried in a buckle **16** fixed to body member **4** at a point spaced below lug **14**. A pair of spring clips **18** are fixed to the outer surface of the bag and are

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adapted to frictionally hold a score card. One of said clips is offset outwardly intermediate its ends to present a loop **20** for carrying a pencil.

Referring to Figs. 3 and 5, it will be seen that a compartment **22** is formed by a vertically disposed sheet of metal **24** having its lower edge rigidly secured to bag floor **6** and having its upper end portion bent outwardly to form a segmental flange **26** conforming substantially to the contour of body member **4**. The other walls of said compartment are formed by body member **4** and bag floor **6**. Said compartment is adapted to contain golf tees or other small objects, and is accessible through an opening **28** formed in the wall of body member **4**. Said opening is normally closed by a door **30** hinged to said body member at **32** and secured in the closed position by a sliding latch **34** operable from outside of the bag.

A vertically disposed strip **36** of sheet metal somewhat narrower than wall **24** is rigidly fixed at its lower end to the upper edge portion of wall **24**, and has its upper end portion **38** bent outwardly and welded or otherwise fixed to the inner surface of body member **4**. Said sheet metal strip is provided along its vertical edges with outwardly turned flanges **40** extending substantially the length thereof, and forms in conjunction with body member **4** a golf ball compartment **42** of a size suitable for containing golf balls **44** in stacked relation therein. Balls may be inserted one at a time into said compartment through a suitably dimensioned hole **46** formed in body member **4** adjacent the upper end of compartment **42**, and withdrawn from said compartment as desired through a hole **48** formed in body member **4** adjacent the lower end of compartment **42**. Hole **48** is laterally elongated by bights **50** at each side thereof for permitting insertion of the fingers into compartment **42** to grasp the lowermost ball **44** to withdraw it from the holder. Flanges **40** are cut away at **52** adjacent hole **48** to permit the fingers to grasp said ball firmly.

A pair of spring detents **54**, one carried by an arm **56** having its rearward end rigidly attached to strip **36** and disposed adjacent the upper edge of hole **46**, and the other carried by flange **26** adjacent the lower edge of hole **48**, serve to obstruct said holes partially and to prevent golf balls from passing through said holes accidentally. Said detents must be resiliently depressed as shown in Fig. 3 before a ball may be passed through the adjacent hole. Said detents are of a commercially available type and will be more fully described hereinafter. An

elongated sheet of rubber **58** or other suitable material is fixed at its upper end to the inner surface of body member **4** above the upper end of metal strip **36**, by any suitable means such as rivets **60**, and hangs downwardly adjacent the outer surfaces of metal shets **36** and **24** to the floor of the bag. Said sheet prevents golf clubs from entering the upper end portion of the golf ball compartment by deflecting them into the portion of the bag not occupied by that compartment, and protects the clubs from marring or scratching on the sharp metallic edges.

Minor changes of design and construction could be made without departing from the spirit of the invention, and it is therefore desired to be limited only by the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a golf bag of the class described having a rigid tubular body member and a rigid floor member, an angled planar member secured to said floor member and forming in conjunction with said floor and said body member a tee compartment, said body member having an opening formed in the wall thereof to provide access to said tee compartment, an outwardly opening channel member secured at its upper end to said body member and at its lower ends to said planar member to form in conjunction with said body member an essentially tubular golf ball compartment, said golf ball and tee compartments having a common dividing wall, said body member having openings formed therein, adjacent the opposite ends of said ball compartment for the insertion and removal of balls therefrom, and a spring detent partially obstructing each of said openings and normally preventing the passage of golf balls therethrough.

2. In a golf bag of the class described having

a rigid tubular body member and a rigid floor member, an angled planar member secured to said floor member and forming in conjunction with said floor and said body member a tee compartment, said body member having an opening formed in the wall thereof to provide access to said tee compartment, a hinged door normally covering said opening, an outwardly opening channel member secured at its upper end to said body member and at its lower end to said planar member to form in conjunction with said body member an essentially tubular golf ball compartment, said golf ball and tee compartments having a common dividing wall, said body member having openings formed therein adjacent the opposite ends of said ball compartment for the insertion and removal of balls therefrom, a spring detent partially obstructing each of said openings and normally preventing the passage of golf balls therethrough, and a sheet of pliable, resilient material fixed to the inner surface of said body member above said compartments and hanging downwardly adjacent the inner walls of said ball and tee compartments.

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