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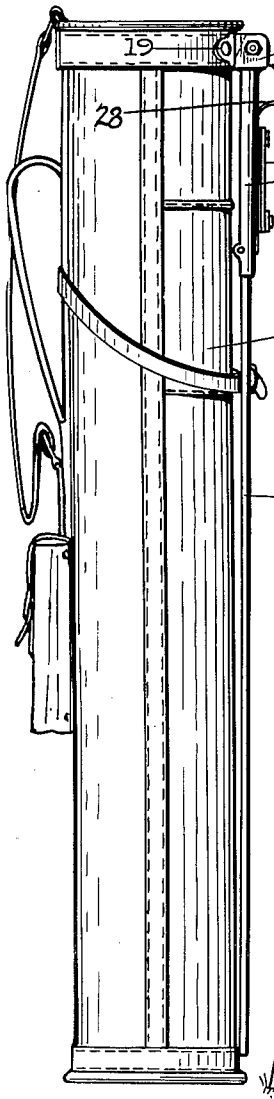


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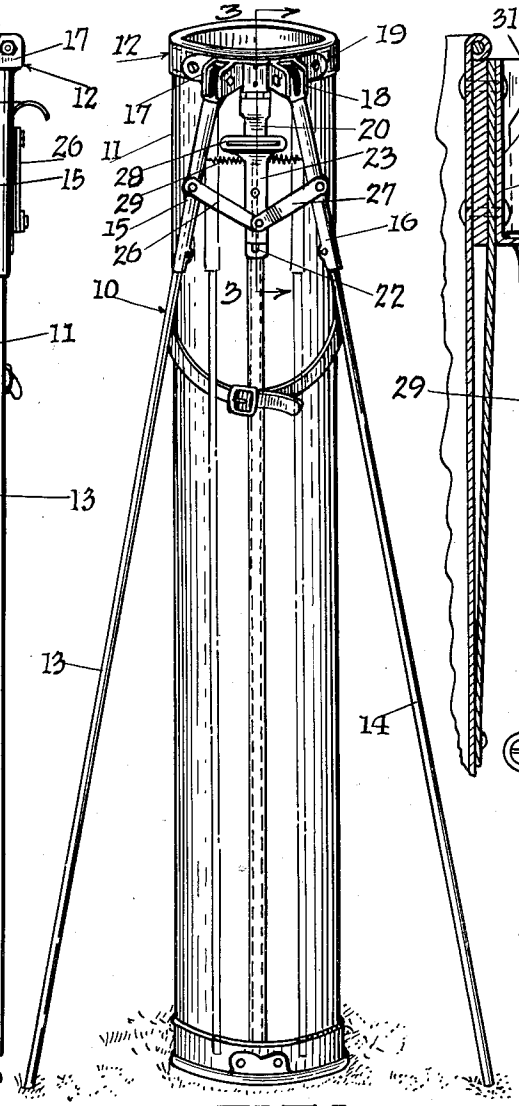


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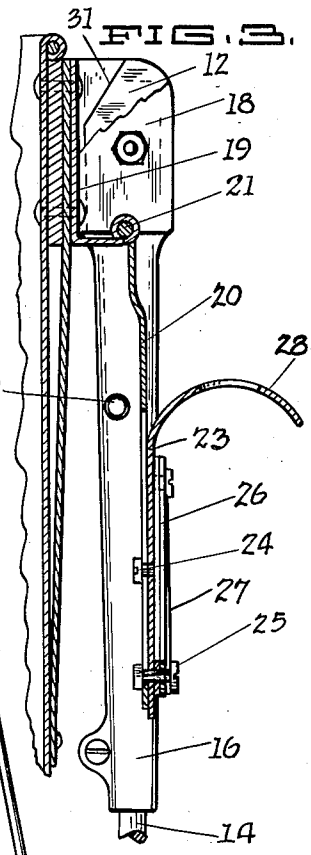


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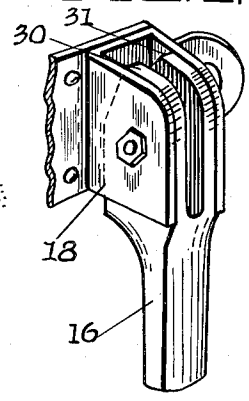


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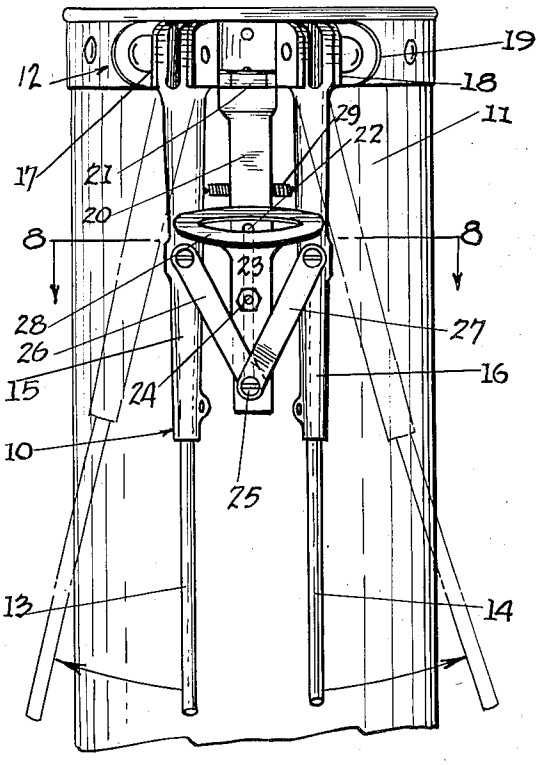
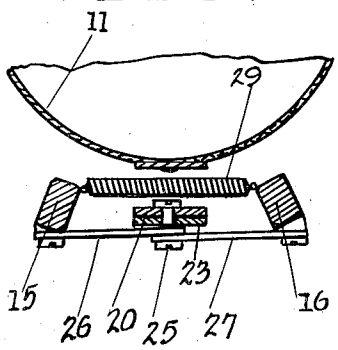


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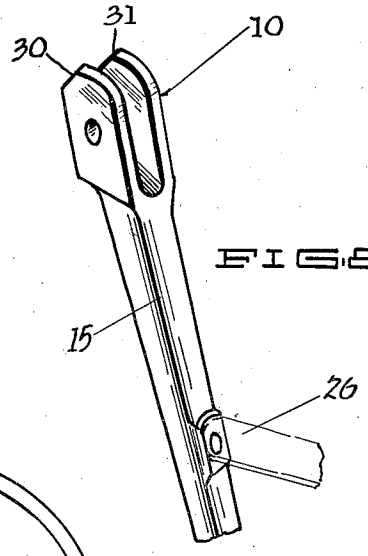


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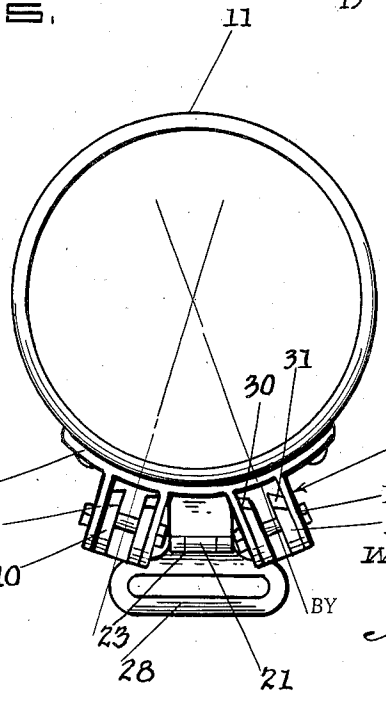


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The present invention relates generally to improvements in golf bag supports for supporting golf bags at a predetermined angle relative to the ground, and comprises, adjustable legs normally under spring tension and adapted to be folded against the bag when released and to hold the bag normally at a supporting angle of approximately sixty degrees relative to the horizontal or relative to the ground.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a simple and efficient supporting means for golf bags which means is adjustable and adapted to support the bag at a predetermined angle relative to the ground.

Another object of the invention is to provide a golf bag support of simple, durable and positive character.

Additional to that of the foregoing objects is that of providing a golf bag support of the class indicated which greatly facilitates the handling of the golf bag and the golf clubs by the player.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a support of the class described which may be constructed either as an attachment for golf bags or may be constructed as a built in fixture when the bag is manufactured.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent with reference to the subjoined specification and the accompanying two sheets of drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevation illustrating the mechanism in supporting position;

Figure 2 is a side elevation illustrating the device in retracted or folded position against the golf bag;

Figure 3 is an enlarged sectional detail illustrating one of the supporting legs and the mechanism for operating the same, the section being indicated by the line 3—3 in Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a perspective detail illustrating one supporting leg and the hinge member for the same;

Figure 5 is an enlarged front elevation illustrating the legs and actuating mechanism in folded position against the bag;

Figure 6 is a top plan view illustrating the mechanism as applied to the bag;

Figure 7 is a sectional detail of the operating parts and legs as indicated by the line 8—8 in Figure 5; and

Figure 8 is a perspective detail of one of the supporting legs.

The present invention is an improved form of construction but relates principally to a similar device shown and described in my copending application Serial No. 451,937, filed May 13th, 1930, which has matured into Patent No. 1,887,838, granted November 15th, 1932, in which construction the working parts are differently arranged relative to each other and function in a different manner.

Referring more particularly to the present construction the mechanism constituting the support comprises, in a general way, supporting legs 10 hingedly secured to the upper end 11 of the golf bag by means of a suitable mechanism 12, as clearly indicated in Figures 1, 2 and 5.

The legs consist of rods 13 and 14 telescopically arranged in members 15 and 16 mounted on their upper ends, said members 15 and 16 being hingedly mounted in the outwardly projecting sets of ears or lugs 17 and 18 carried by the arcuate member 19.

The mechanism for actuating the legs to cause their distention relative to the golf bag consists of a downwardly projecting tongue 20 which is hingedly secured by the hinge 21 to the member 19 by means of an offset hinge, as clearly indicated in Figures 3 and 6.

The tongue 20 is slotted vertically, as indicated by the numeral 22, and a plate 23 slidably operates thereon in a vertical direction and is held in cooperative relation with the tongue by means of small bolts 24 and 25, the bolt 25 being linked to the members 15 and 16 by means of links 26 and 27 so that as the plate 23 is moved upwardly by means of the handle 28 the legs are distended or spread and assume a supporting position for the bag 11 as indicated in Figure 1.

When the golf bag is raised from the ground the legs are automatically retracted by means of a cross connecting coil spring 29, which spring is arranged to normally urge the legs together and against the side of the golf bag, which position is clearly indicated in Figures 2 and 5.

The means for limiting the outward movement of the legs or the angular positions thereof relative to the bag consists of angularly disposed faces 30 and 31 formed on the inner edges of the members 15 and 16, which faces are adapted to abut against the outer face of the member 19 and limit the outward spread of the legs relative to the golf bag.

When the legs are in supporting position they hold the golf bag at an approximate angle of sixty degrees relative to the horizontal which angle is about the proper degree to hold the bag in solid position and facilitate the removal of the clubs by the player therefrom.

The mechanism above described is positive in action, is easily and quickly operated by means of a quick upward pull on the operating handle at the instant the golf bag is set upon the ground, and it is obvious that the bag will tilt over to the right degree of angularity and be supported in this position by the supporting legs, as hereinbefore described.

It is apparent from the foregoing description that I have provided a novel supporting means for golf bags which is semi-automatic in action, is very effective and easy to operate and eliminates the general practise of dropping the bag upon the course or of the caddy holding the bag for the player.

While the device has been shown and described as an attachment for golf bags it is obvious that the same may be applied to the bags during the manufacture of the same, or sold as a distinct unit, as described in my copending application and in my former Patent No. 1,738,242, dated December 3rd, 1929.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is the following:—

1. A golf bag support of the class described comprising a semi-rigid bag having a two leg support, a metallic collar surrounding the extreme upper edge of said bag and having angularly extending ears, said legs embodying upper casting elements extending between said ears, a spring connecting said casting elements, an expanding and contracting element arranged between the legs and comprising, a depending tongue having a slide plate mounted thereon, and toggle links connecting said castings and said slide plate, whereby when said slide plate is moved upwardly on said tongue said legs are expanded.

2. A golf bag support of the class described comprising a semi-rigid bag having a two-legged support, a metallic collar riveted to the extreme upper edge of the bag and having angularly extending ears, said legs embodying upper casting elements extending between and pivoted to said ears, a spring connecting said castings, an expanding and contracting element arranged between the legs and comprising, a depending tongue hinged to said collar and having a slot therein, a slide plate mounted on said tongue and having a rivet extending into said slot, and toggle links connecting said castings and said slide plate so that said legs are expanded when said slide plate is moved upwardly on said tongue.

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