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GOLF BALL TEE

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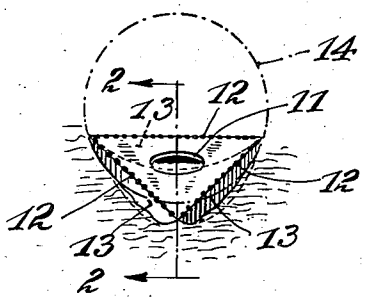


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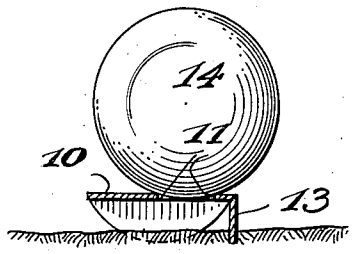


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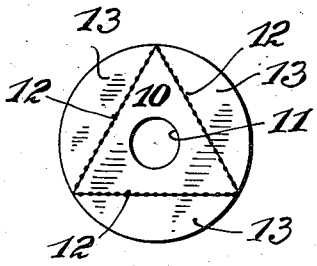


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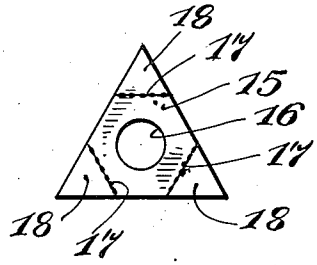


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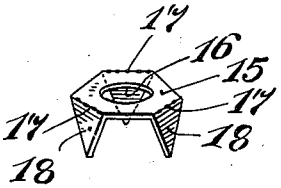


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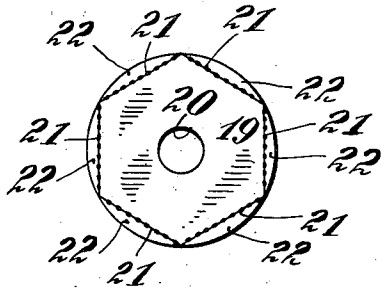


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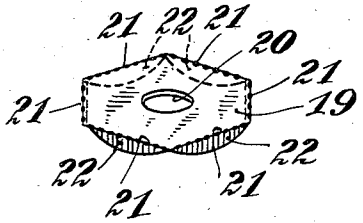


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GOLF-BALL TEE

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My invention relates to golf-ball tees and refers particularly to devices of this character formed of cardboard, heavy paper, thin metal or other suitable material capable of being bent along scored, or perforated lines, whereby supporting legs will be formed extending downwardly from the outer periphery, or sides, of the device.

A golf-tee must be of such construction that it can be adapted for use upon somewhat uneven ground and must possess stability of position irrespective of sand and gravel which may be present and must also retain the ball in such a position that it may be readily and freely hit with the golf club in order that its direction of flight will not be affected thereby.

It is evident, therefore, that the platform, or ball supporting surface, of the device should be in a horizontal plane and that it can be best positioned in this plane and retained therein when the ball is placed upon it, irrespective of the contour and condition of the ground, by having a plurality of supporting members extending downwardly from the periphery, or sides of the platform, thus positioning the platform and the weight of the ball between the supporting members.

Among the other objects of my invention is a tee which is economical in production, readily carried by the player and easily adapted for use.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating modified forms of the device of my invention, similar parts are designated by similar numerals.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of the device of my invention in position for use with a golf-ball shown in dot-and-dash lines.

Figure 2 is a section through the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a top view of the device of Figures 1 and 2, in its normal condition, before the supporting members are bent down for use.

Figure 4 is a top view of a modified form of my device in its normal condition.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the device of Figure 4 in condition for use.

Figure 6 is a top view of a modified form of my device in its normal condition.

Figure 7 is a perspective view of the device of Figure 6 in condition for use.

The particular form of the device of my invention illustrated in Figures 1, 2 and 3 is of an annular shape formed from cardboard or other suitable material having a central portion 10, having a central opening 11 and the three scored or perforated lines 12, 12, 12, extending completely across the device between two points in its periphery and forming the three sectors 13, 13, 13.

In order to prepare this form of my device, the three sectors 13, 13, 13, are bent downwardly along their respective score lines 12, 12, 12, to assume a position at practically right angles to the portion 10, which sectors will then retain this position and act as legs, or supports, for the device when placed upon the ground, as shown particularly in Figures 1 and 2, thus allowing the golf ball 14 to be placed upon and supported by the device, a portion of the ball 14 being positioned within the hole 11.

The modified form of my device shown in Figures 4 and 5 is of a triangular shape with a central portion 15 having a hole 16 in the central portion thereof and having three scored or perforated lines 17, 17, 17, extending completely across the device between points in the periphery of its adjacent sides and forming the triangular legs, or supports, 18, 18, 18. This form of my device is prepared for use, and used, as described for the device of Figures 1, 2 and 3.

The modified form of my device shown in Figures 6 and 7 consists of annular shape having a central portion 19 having a central opening 20 and the six scored, or perforated, lines 21, 21, 21, 21, 21, 21, extending completely across the device between two points in its periphery and forming the six segments 22, 22, 22, 22, 22, 22. This form of my device is prepared for use, and used, as described for the device shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3.

It will be noted from the above that my device when in condition for use is adapted to position the platform in a horizontal plane and that all of the weight of the device and of a ball thereon are between the supporting members, thus insuring permanency of position and freedom from accidental tilting.

For clarity of expression by the words "bending lines" in my claims, I mean scored or perforated lines and lines produced in any other manner to allow of the ready bending of the device.

I do not limit myself to the particular size, shape, number, arrangement of material or parts as specifically shown and described, as these are given simply as a means for clearly describing the device of my invention.

What I claim is:

1. In a golf-ball tee, a body portion formed of sheet material having a centrally positioned opening and a plurality of bending lines extending across the face of the body portion terminating in the edges thereof and forming a bendable

portion the terminal portions of which converge with respect to each other.

2. In a golf-ball tee, an annular-shaped body portion formed of sheet material having a centrally positioned opening and a plurality of bending lines extending across the face of the body portion terminating in the periphery thereof and forming a bendable portion the terminal portions of which converge with respect to each other.

3. In a golf-ball tee, a triangular-shaped body portion formed of sheet material having a centrally positioned opening and a plurality of bending lines extending across the face of the body portion terminating in the edges thereof and forming a bendable portion the terminal portions of which converge with respect to each other.

4. In a golf-ball tee, an annular shaped body portion formed of sheet material having a centrally positioned opening and a plurality of bending lines extending across the face of the body portion, adjacent bending lines meeting each other at the periphery thereof and forming a bendable portion the terminal portions of which converge with respect to each other.

5. In a golf-ball tee, an annular shaped body portion formed of sheet material having a centrally positioned opening, three bending lines extending across the face of the body portion, adjacent bending lines meeting each other at the periphery thereof and forming a bendable portion the terminal portions of which converge with respect to each other.

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