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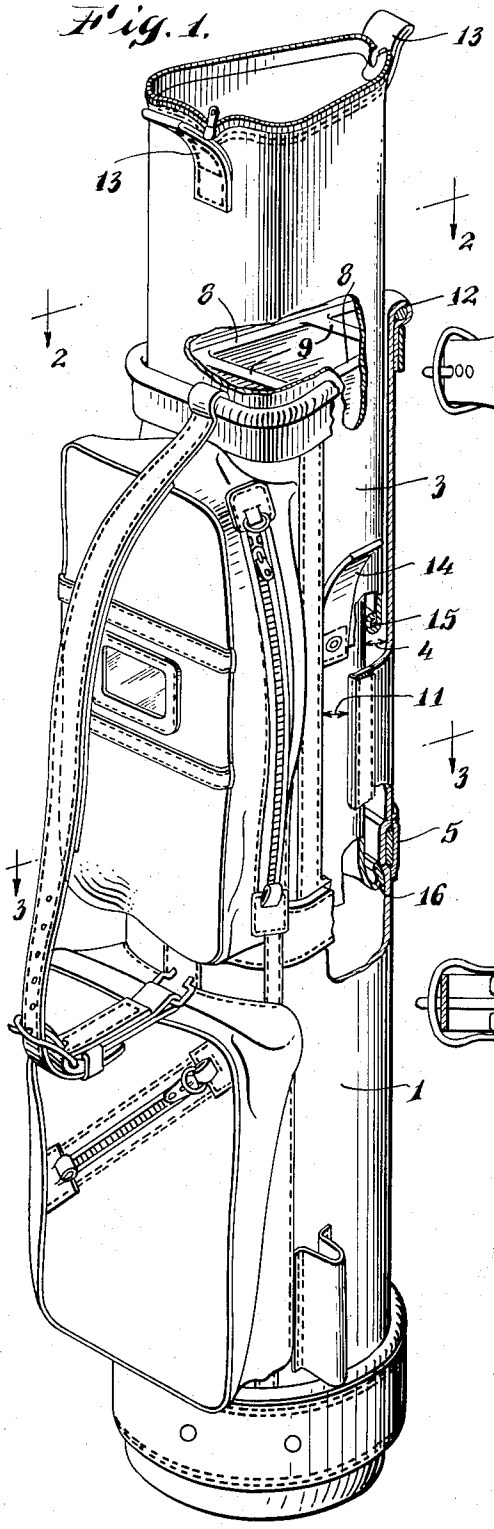


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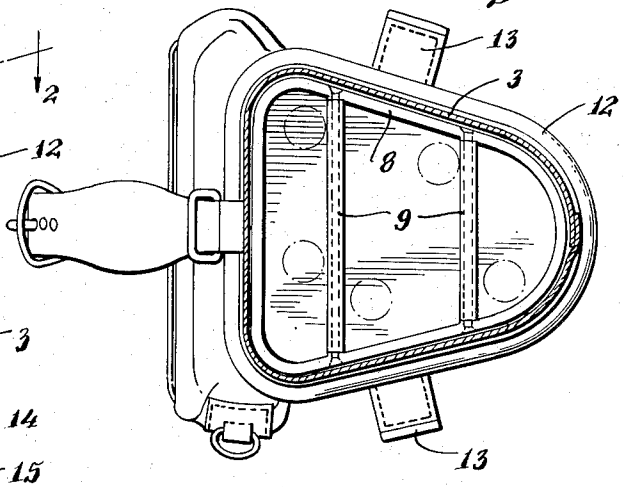
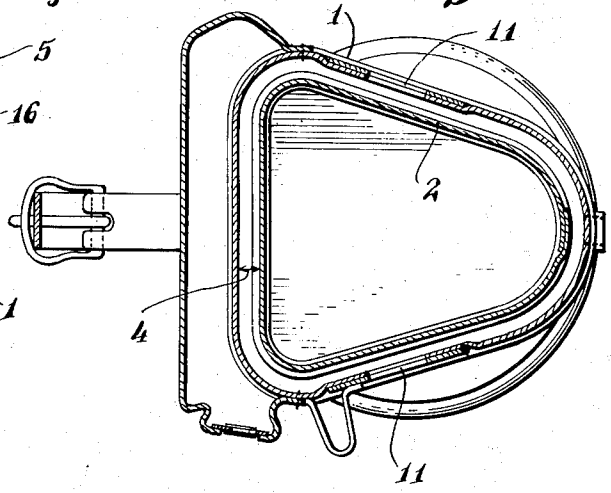


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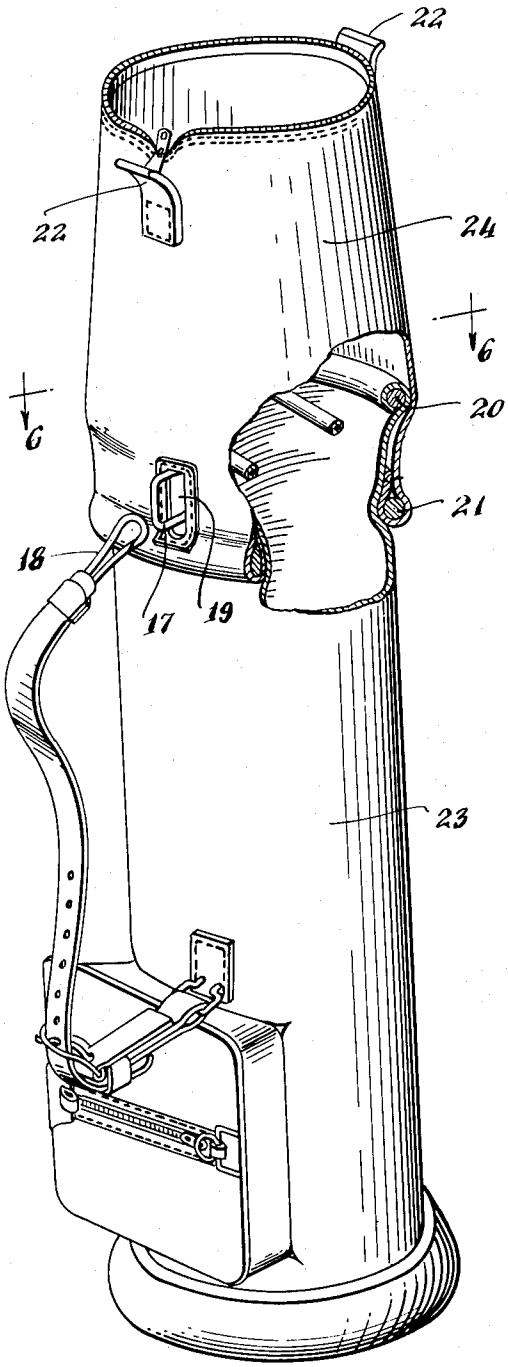


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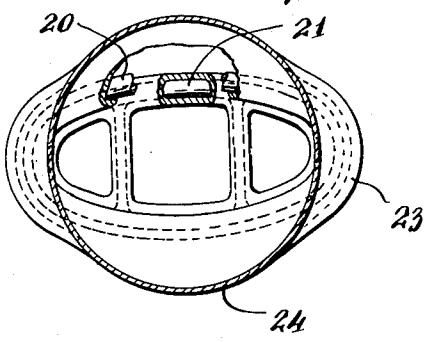
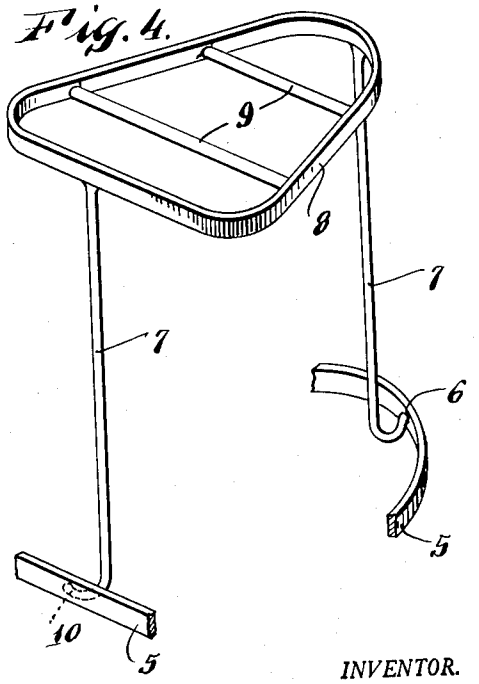


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to golf bags and in particular to a golf bag construction wherein there is provided a flexible slidable protective hood which can be telescopically disposed relative to the golf bag without disturbing the separator bars at the open end of the golf bag.

It has been the practice in the higher grade golf bags to provide a protective hood to cover the exposed ends of the golf clubs either while being transported from one location to another or while being stored at one location. The invention provides this protection and also a hood to protect the clubs from rain while the caddy or the player is carrying the bag during a game. The hood can be operated without having to stop the game by grasping the tabs on the hood and in one simple operation pulling the protective hood over the clubs. One of the chief difficulties in the construction of a hood lies in the fact that separator bars obstruct the open end of the golf bag. The separator bars are used to provide separate compartments within the bag for storage of various kinds and sizes of clubs and thus to make it easier for the player to find the type and size of club he desires. In the past various types of hoods have been devised to avoid this difficulty caused by the separator bars obstructing the open end of the golf bag. Heretofore no known means has been discovered to avoid either having to split the protective hood to get around the fixedly spaced separator bars, or having to disconnect one end of the separator bars to allow the hood to be pulled up from the inside, or having to attach the hood in some manner to the outside which would not be bulky or otherwise objectionable.

It is an object of the invention to provide a golf bag construction comprising a protective hood which is simple in construction and which will slide down into or onto the golf bag without being awkward or bulky and which will not disturb the fixedly attached separator bars or necessitate splitting the protective hood.

Another object is to provide a golf bag construction comprising a protective hood which is simple to use and efficient in operation.

A further object of the invention is to provide a golf bag construction wherein the previously known disadvantages of protective hoods have been overcome or minimized.

Other and further objects of the invention will be obvious upon an understanding of the illustrative embodiment about to be described or will be indicated in the appended claims, and various advantages not referred to herein will occur to one skilled in the art upon employment of the invention in practice.

A preferred embodiment of the invention has been chosen for purposes of illustration and description and is shown in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the specification, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view with portions broken away to show the inner golf club enclosing member and to show the flexible extensible hood disposed between the member and the bag;

Fig. 2 is a cross-section through the flexible extensible hood at line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a cross-section through the golf bag at line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the supports and frame members of the inner golf club enclosing member;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of another embodiment of a slidable protective hood with a portion cut away to show the top of the bag and a cross-section of the frame supports of the bag and the hood; and

Fig. 6 is a cross-section of the hood at line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

Referring again to the drawing and more particularly to Fig. 1, the embodiment of the invention there shown comprises a golf bag 1 with one end open and disposed within it a smaller tubular member 2 with both ends open and a flexible extensible protective hood 3 disposed in the unobstructed channel 4 between bag 1 and member 2. Member 2 is supported within bag 1 by means of the frame support as shown in Fig. 4 wherein bag 1 has a band of metal 5 enclosing its circumference and attached to band 5 and at points 6 and 10 a pair of upright supports 7 are joined to band 5. Supports 7 have the lower ends bent at an angle of about 180 degrees and in such a manner as shown to leave sufficient space between upright support 7 and frame 5 to enable hood 3 to be inserted therein. On the upper ends of upright supports 7 there is connected a frame encircling the upper opening of the tubular member 2 and of the same contour as the opening on the upper end of bag 1 except that it is of a smaller diameter than the frame on bag 1, thus leaving an unobstructed space between frame 8 of member 2 and frame 12 of bag 1.

In Fig. 1 the bottom edge of the tubular member 2 is fixedly attached to the inside wall of bag 1 at 16. Members 2 is held in position by the frame as shown in Fig. 4 and in such a manner that a space 4 occurs between the member and the bag.

The flexible extensible hood 3 is shown in Fig. 1 in a position halfway between being fully extended and being fully telescoped within the channel 4 between bag 1 and member 2. On the upper end of said hood 3 are a pair of diametrically opposed tabs 13 used to lift the hood 3 from its fully telescoped position in channel 4. On the upper end of hood 3 is a "zipper" or other means for closing the end after it has reached its fully extensible length. Both ends of hood 3 are open and the lower end of said hood 3 has enclosed about its outside rim a rigid ring 15. The material of hood 3 covers the ring 15 and makes it a part of said hood 3. The ring 15 is of such a diameter that it will not pass through the space of channel 4 at the point at the open ends of bag 1 and member 2 and where ring 8 of member 2 and ring 12 of bag 1 are adjacent to each other. This prevents hood 3 from being disconnected from bag 1 and member 2. Also attached to the bottom of hood 3 are a pair of diametrically opposed tabs 14 used to lower hood 3 into said channel 4. Tabs 14 protrude from slit 11 which is cut into the side of bag 1 and said slit 11 is of such width and length as to accommodate tabs 14 and to insure that the lower end of hood 3 will be able to be lowered completely into channel 4 between bag 1 and member 2. When hood 3 is completely telescoped into channel 4 the upper end of said hood 3 is at the same level as frame 12 of bag 1 and frame 8 of member 2. When hood 3 is fully extended to its maximum extensible length the upper end of said hood will close and encase the ends of the golf clubs stored in the bag and the ring attached to the lower end of said hood will be pressed against the lower surfaces of frames 8 and 12.

A further embodiment of the invention is shown in

Fig. 5 wherein there is a bag 23 and a hood 24. The hood is slidably placed into position on the outside of bag 23 and provided with means for allowing said hood to slide in a vertical direction to cover the clubs protruding from the open end of bag 23.

Bag 23 has an open end with said opening encircled with a rigid frame 20. Hood 24 has both ends open with the lower end encircled with a rigid frame 21 of a diameter slightly smaller than the diameter of frame 20, such difference in diameters being enough to prevent said hood 24 from being separated from bag 23.

When hood 24 is at its full extensible length, frame 21 will be compressed against the area of the frame 20, as shown in Fig. 5, and slit 19 will be in position to allow metal loop 17 to be exposed and to enable snap 18 to be connected to loop 17 which is fixedly attached to bag 23. Hood 24 has attached to its upper end a "zipper" or other means of closing said open end as well as a pair of diametrically opposed tabs 22 for pulling said hood to its fully extensible position.

When hood 24 is at its fully retracted position, the top of said hood will be lower than loop 17, thus leaving said loop free to receive snap 18.

The only rigid part of hood 24 is the circular frame 21, the rest of said hood being made from various flexible materials, thus enabling the hood to freely pass over loop 17.

It will be appreciated that in the embodiment of the invention shown in Figs. 1–4 the golf club enclosing member referred to in certain of the appended claims is the tubular member 2, while in the embodiment of the invention shown in Figs. 5 and 6 the tubular member 23 serves as the golf club enclosing member.

As various changes may be made in the form, construction and arrangement of the parts herein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention and without sacrificing any of its advantages, it is to be understood that all matter herein is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A golf bag having an open end, a tubular member enclosed within said bag, and a flexible extensible protective hood telescopically disposed between said bag and said tubular member.

2. A golf bag having an open end, a tubular member enclosed within said bag having its lower end fixedly attached to the inside surface of the bag and both the bag and the tubular member having upper openings at the same level and so disposed one to the other that a space occurs between the two, and a flexible extensible hood telescopically disposed between said bag and said tubular member.

3. A golf bag having an open end, a tubular member enclosed within said bag, said tubular member having upright rigid supports attached to it with the supports also attached to the frame of the bag to allow an unobstructed channel between the bag and the tubular member extending from the lower end of the tubular member to the upper ends of the bag and the member, and an extensible hood telescopically disposed in the unobstructed channel between the bag and the member.

4. A golf bag having an open end, a tubular member enclosed within said bag having both ends open, said member having upright rigid supports attached to it with the upright supports utilized to hold in position a frame at the top of the member which is of substantially the same contour as, but smaller than, the opening on the bag and having fixedly attached separator bars and also having the lower end of the metal supports attached to the frame of the bag to allow an unobstructed channel between the bag and the member, said channel extending from the lower end of the member to the upper ends of bag and the member, and a flexible extensible hood telescopically disposed in the unobstructed channel between the bag and the member.

5. A golf bag having an open end, a tubular member having both ends open disposed within the bag with the upper ends of said bag and member at the same level and with an unobstructed channel between said bag and member, said bag having a pair of diametrically opposed slits within which lowering tabs attached to the lower end of a flexible extensible hood may slide, and a flexible extensible hood telescopically disposed in the unobstructed channel between the bag and the member.

6. A golf bag having an open end, a tubular member having both ends open disposed within the bag with the upper ends of said bag and member at about the same level and providing an unobstructed channel between said bag and member extending the length of the member, and a flexible extensible hood having both ends open and a rigid ring enclosed at the lower end of said hood and having means attached for closing the upper end of said hood and having tabs fixedly attached to both the lower and upper ends to provide means for grasping said hood for lowering and raising.

7. A golf bag having an open end and a rigid frame encircling said open end, a tubular member having both ends open and the upper end encircled with a rigid frame of smaller diameter and of the same general contour as the frame encircling the upper end of the bag with the lower end fixedly attached to the inside surface of the bag and with the tubular member disposed to allow an unobstructed channel between the bag and the member extending from the lower end of the member and the upper ends of the bag and member, and an extensible hood with both ends open and telescopically disposed in said channel between bag and member and a rigid ring encircling the lower end of said extensible hood to prevent the complete withdrawal of said hood from the channel between the bag and member when said hood is extended to its maximum extensible position.

8. A golf bag construction comprising a golf club enclosing member having an open upper end for receiving a plurality of golf clubs, separator bars secured in the open end of said member to provide separate compartments for said clubs, and a hood surrounding said member and separator bars and being slidable bodily relative to said bars and member to provide an enclosure for the ends of the golf clubs extending out of the enclosing member.

9. A golf bag construction as claimed in claim 8, wherein the open end of said enclosing member is encircled by a rigid frame having the separator bars permanently disposed across said frame, and wherein the lower end of said hood is encircled by a rigid frame having a diameter slightly smaller than the frame encircling the open end of the enclosing member to thereby prevent the hood from being separated from the enclosing member.

10. A golf bag construction as claimed in claim 8, wherein closure means are provided at the upper end of the hood for closing the exposed end of the hood.

11. A golf bag construction as claimed in claim 8, wherein said hood has a slit in its surface to permit the exposure of a loop carried by the enclosing member when said hood is extended to its maximum.

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