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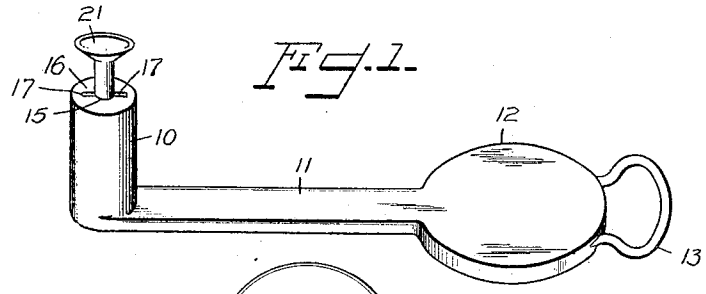
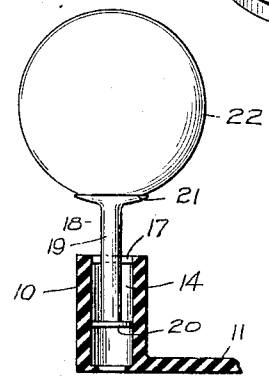


Fig. 2.



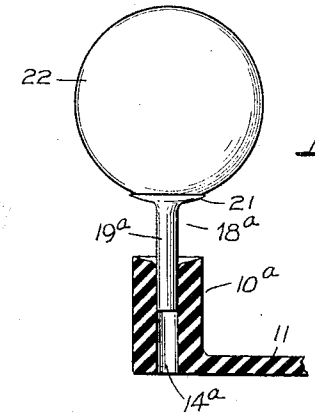


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to improvements in golf tees of the type which are weighted to the ground and has reference particularly to a tee of this character which is adjustable to support the ball at any desired height from the ground.

The invention has for its object to provide an adjustable golf tee at one end of a weighted member which is constructed preferably of hard rubber or other suitable material adapted to readily hold its position on the ground.

A further object of my invention is to provide a tee, of the character described, with an expansible rubber loop attached to the weighted end for the purpose of hanging the tee about the head end of a golf club when the latter is being carried about the course.

I accomplish these objects by means of the tee hereinafter described in the specification, set forth in the appended claims and illustratively exemplified in the accompanying drawings, in which, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device; Figure 2 is a substantially longitudinal sectional view of the tee end of the device; and Figure 3 is a sectional view of the tee end showing a slight modification thereof.

Referring to the drawings, 10 denotes an upright cylindrical member integrally attached to one end of a bar 11, the other end thereof being enlarged to form the weight 12. The device is constructed preferably of semihard rubber or other similar substance and permanently attached at its ends to the outer periphery of the weight 12 is an expansible rubber loop 13, which is capable of being stretched over the head of a club to support the tee in depending position from the club head when not in use.

The cylindrical member 10 is provided with a bore 14 opening out at the bottom of the member 10 and terminating at its upper end in a restricted opening 15 formed in a closure 16 of flexible rubber at the upper end of the cylindrical member. Oppositely disposed cuts 17 project radially of the restricted opening 15.

Adjustably mounted in the bore 14 is a tee 18, which comprises a straight stem portion 19 of the diameter of the restricted opening 15 and a disc shaped lower end 20 which is adapted to fit more or less tightly anywhere throughout the length of the bore 14. The end 20 of the tee is introduced into the bore 14 through the cuts 17 and restricted opening 15 and by axial adjustment the stem may be brought to any desired elevation and held steady by the wall of the restricted opening 15 embracing the stem 19 at an elevation above the disc end 20. The upper end of the stem 19 is flared outwardly and provided with a cup 21 in which the golf ball 22 is placed and supported in position to make a drive.

In the modification shown in Figure 3, the cylindrical portion 10*a* is provided with a uniform axial bore 14*a* and a cupped upper end. The tee 18*a* in this instance has a stem 19*a* which fits snugly in the bore 14*a* for support and which is provided with the flared cup 21*a* at its upper end.

The purpose of the weighted golf tee is already well known and needs no further explanation here. It will suffice to state then that according to this invention it is merely necessary in order to change the elevation of the tee proper to adjust the stem of the tee longitudinally in the cylindrical member 10 or 10*a*.

Having now described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An anchoring device for a golf tee, comprising an integral weight, a connecting bar and an upright cylindrical member having an axial bore and a flexible closed end provided with an orifice and radial cuts to receive and embrace a portion of a tee above the bottom surface of the said member.

2. An anchoring device for a golf tee, comprising an integral connecting bar, an upright cylindrical member having an axial bore, and a tee adjustably mounted in said bore, the upper end of the cylinder being closed by a flexible piece having a restricted opening and oppositely disposed cuts, said tee having an enlarged portion for the end within the bore of the cylindrical member to frictionally engage the wall of the bore to support the tee at different elevations.

3. An anchoring device, as claimed in claim 2, in which the weight is provided with an integral expansible loop to engage over the head of a golf club, whereby the device is supported in depending position therefrom.

4. A golf tee for adjustable support in an anchoring device, comprising a stem, a disc shaped portion at its lower end and a flared upper end with a cupped out upper surface to form a seat for the golf ball.

In testimony whereof he has affixed his signature.

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