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GOLF BAG HOLDER

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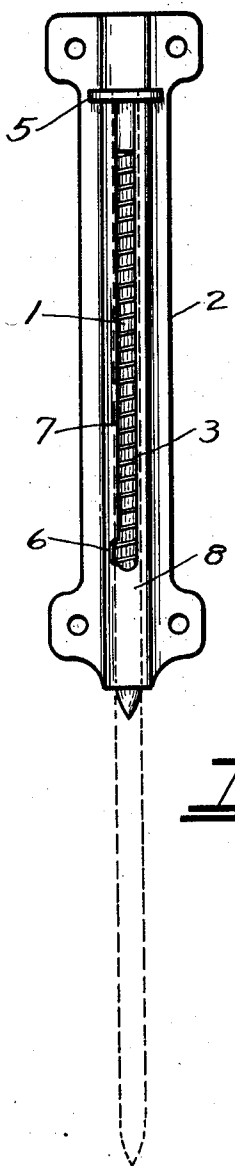
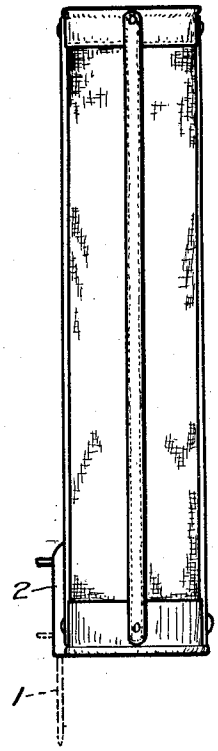
FIG. 1

FIG. 2





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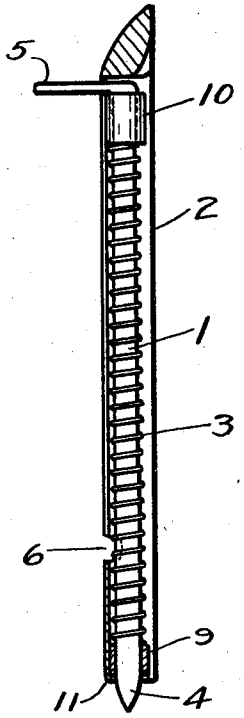

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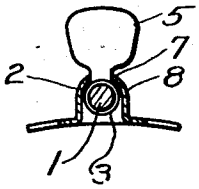

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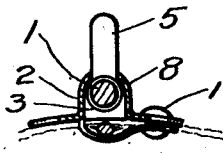

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GOLF-BAG HOLDER

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The invention is a device that may readily be attached to the lower end of a golf bag or the like which may be used to hold the golf bag in an upright position.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and efficient device for readily holding a golf bag in the upright position.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device for holding a golf bag in an upright position when standing upon the ground which may readily be attached to any bag.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device for holding a golf bag in an upright position which may readily be forced into the ground by the foot and which may readily be released by an upward pull on the bag.

And a still further object of the invention is to provide a readily detachable device for holding golf bags or the like which is simple and inexpensive.

With these ends in view the invention embodies a pointed pin slidably held in a small casing with a projection by which it may readily be pushed downward, and a spring by which it will automatically be drawn upward as soon as it is released.

Other features and advantages of the invention, will appear from the following description, taken in connection with the drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a golf bag showing the device as it would be attached to the bag.

Figure 2 is a front view of the device.

Figure 3 is a vertical cross section through the device.

Figure 4 is a transverse section through the device.

Figure 5 is a similar view showing an alternate construction.

In the drawings we have shown our device as it would be made wherein numeral 1 indicates the pin, numeral 2 the casing, and numeral 3 the spring.

It will be observed that the pin 1 may be made with a straight round bar having its lower end 4 pointed and the projection 5 at its upper end by which it may be forced downward. The projection 5 may be made as shown in Figure 4 in which the upper end of the pin is bent outward and flattened or as shown in Figure 5 in which the end of the pin is bent outward without flattening, so that it may readily be installed in the casing. It is also understood that the projection 5 may be of any suitable shape or arranged in any suitable manner. In the design shown in Figures 2 and 4 it is necessary to provide a notch 6 in the casing 2 so that the pin may be twisted to the position shown after the projection has been placed through the slot 7 when installing, whereas with the projection made as shown in Figure 5 it may readily be placed through the slot 7 so that the notch 6 may be omitted.

The casing 2 may be made of a thin piece of material with outwardly extending flanges adjacent the ends, and may be bent as shown with a partially tubular shaped portion 8 in the center in which the slot 7 is formed. The pin 1 is placed in the portion 8 with a collar 9 around its lower end and another collar 10 around its upper end between which the spring 3 is placed. It will be noted that the lower end of the casing 2 is crimped as shown at the point 11 to hold the collar 9 in place, and it will be seen that as the projection 5 is pushed downward from the upper to the lower end of the slot 7 the collar 9 will remain stationary and the collar 10 will move downward thereby compressing the spring, and when the golf bag is setting upon the ground the pointed end of the pin will pass into the ground. It will be observed that when the pin is forced into the ground it will form a stabilizer for the bag and thereby hold the bag in an upright position.

The device may readily be attached to the bag by holding the outwardly extending projections at the ends of the casing 1 to the bag through the small holes in the projections, and it will also be observed that one of the projections may be bent around one of the steel ribs of the bag as shown in Figure 5, and then attached to the projection at the opposite side by a pin or rivet 12 as shown in Figure 5. It will also be noted that Figure 5 shows a combination of the two types of projections

so that the projections at one end may be attached to the bands around the bottom of the bag while the projections at the opposite end may be attached to the steel rib.

It will be understood that changes may be made in the construction without departing from the spirit of the invention. One of which changes may be in the design of the pin as it is understood that this may be of any suitable size or shape; another may be in the design of the casing; another may be in the use of any other means for forcing the pin 1 downward; and still another may be in the use of other means for automatically returning the pin to the normal position.

The construction will be readily understood from the foregoing description. To use the device it may readily be attached to a golf bag or other similar object as shown in Figure 1 and it will be observed that when the bag is placed upon the ground the pin may readily be forced downward by placing the foot upon the projection 5, and when in the ground the friction between the pin and the ground will hold the pin downward and also hold the bag in an upright position.

Having thus fully described the invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

In a latch for holding golf bags, a round bar with the lower end pointed and the upper end flattened and extended at right angles, a casing in which the said bar is slidably mounted, said casing having a semi-circular section surrounding the bar with outwardly extending flanges by which the casing may be attached to the stay of a golf bag, a stationary collar on the rod forming a bearing in the lower end of the casing, a slidable collar on the upper end of the rod also forming a bearing in the casing, a spring on the rod for resiliently holding it upward, and a lug at the upper end of the casing positioned above the outwardly extending flattened upper end of the round bar, said lug having an inclined surface to prevent objects resting thereon, said casing having a slot through which the flattened end of the round bar extends and in which it will move upward and downward and said slot having a notch adjacent the lower end to permit the passage of the flattened end of the round rod when the rod is being inserted in the casing when assembling the device.

In testimony whereof we hereby affix our signatures.

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