

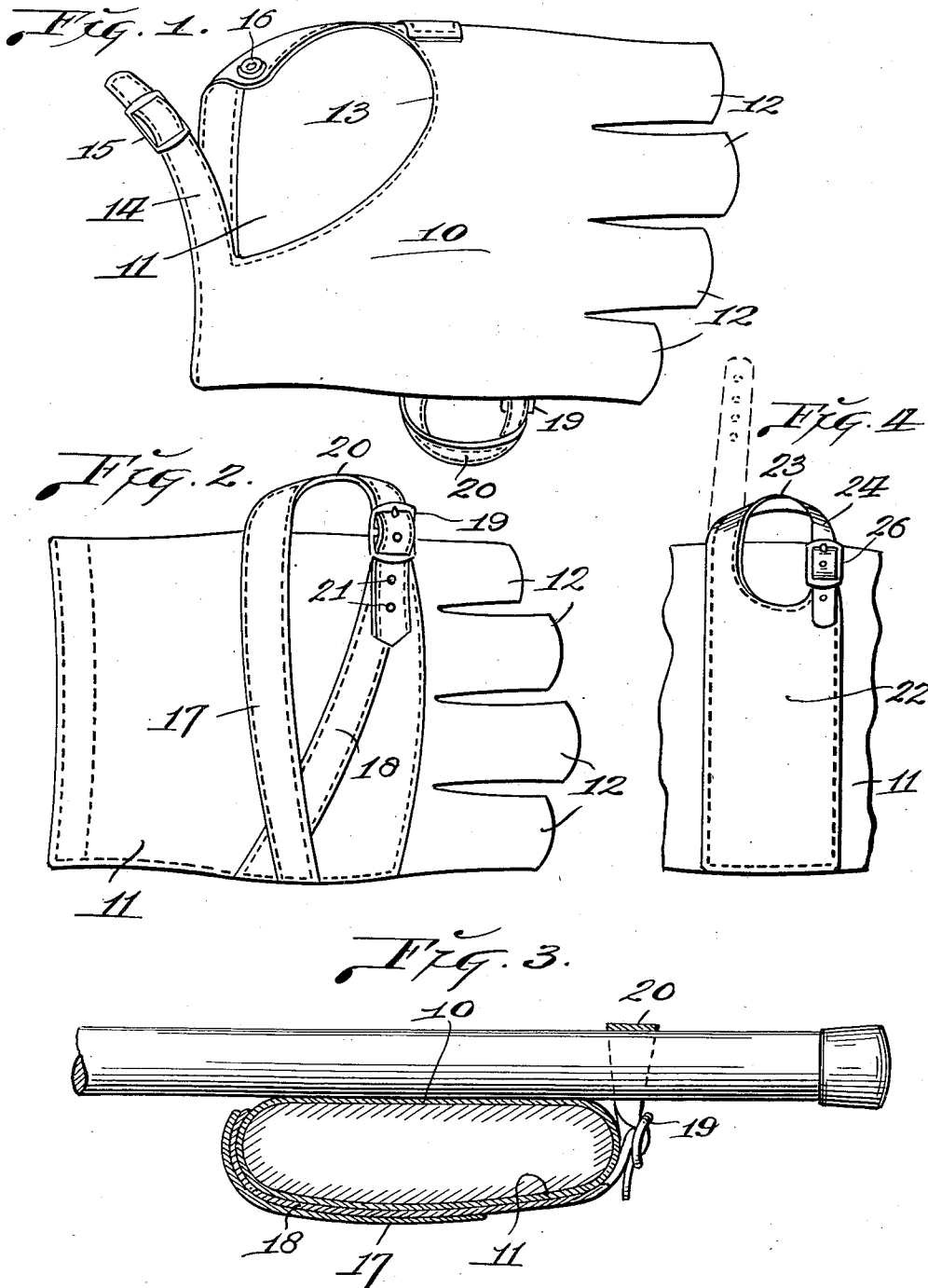
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My invention relates to a glove especially adapted to be worn by golf players and the principal object of my invention is, to provide a relatively simple, practical, and inexpensive glove, to be worn on the player's left hand for the purpose of correctly positioning the shafts or handles of those clubs particularly used for imparting driving strokes to the ball, for instance, drivers, brassies, and irons, across the palm of the player's hand, and to enable the club shafts to be more firmly gripped by the hand in natural position and maintained against relative movement with respect to the hand, particularly while the club head is being swung toward and against the ball and during the follow through.

Further objects of my invention are, to provide a golf glove having means in the form of a loop on the side of the glove opposite from the thumb side for receiving the shaft of the club to maintain the same in proper position in the player's hand and enabling the shaft to be firmly gripped while being swung, which club engaging and retaining means in nowise interferes with the gripping of the shafts of those clubs used in making approach shots, for instance, niblicks, spoons, putters, and the like, and further, to provide a glove of the character referred to wherein the club shaft engaging means on the side of the glove is associated with flexible reinforcing means that extends transversely across the back of the glove and which reinforcing means is of material advantage in supporting that portion of the palm of the hand that directly engages the shaft of the club.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts that will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the palm side of the glove.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the back of the glove.

Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken across the intermediate portion of the glove and showing the position of the club shaft thereon.

Fig. 4 is a detail view showing a modified form of the club shaft engaging loop and the reinforcing means that extends across the back of the glove.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawing which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, 10 designates the palm portion of the glove, 11 the back of the glove, and 12 the short tubular finger receiving members. A

substantial portion of the palm 10 of the glove is cut away to provide an opening 13 for the accommodation of the thumb of the wearer's hand, and in order to maintain the glove in proper position upon the wearer's hand a strap 14 extends from one side of the wrist portion of the glove across the rear portion of opening 13 and adjustably mounted upon this strap is a plate 15 that carries a conventional socket for engaging a stud 16 that is seated on the back 11 of the glove on the wrist portion thereof opposite the wrist portion to which the strap 14 is connected.

The means utilized for providing a club shaft engaging loop on the side of the glove opposite from the thumb side and for reinforcing the back of the glove and particularly that portion overlying the knuckles, comprises a pair of straps 17 and 18, preferably formed of leather, and which are firmly secured by stitching or otherwise to the back 11 of the glove a short distance rearwardly from the inner ends of the finger receiving members 12.

The end of strap 18 that terminates immediately to the rear of the member 12 that receives the little finger of the player's hand carries a buckle 19 and the corresponding end of the strap 17 is extended a sufficient distance so that when rebent toward the side of the glove it forms a loop 20 for the reception of the club shaft or handle. This loop extension of strap 17 is provided with perforations 21 for the reception of the tongue of buckle 19, thus enabling the size of the shaft receiving loop to be increased or decreased as desired.

The end portions of the straps 17 and 18 adjacent the thumb receiving opening 13 may cross each other as illustrated in Fig. 2.

In the modified construction illustrated in Fig. 4, a single reinforcing member 22, preferably of leather, is secured on the back of the glove a short distance rearwardly from the finger receiving members and on the side of the glove opposite the thumb side, said reinforcing member terminates in a loop forming strap 23 provided with perforations 24 and with a shorter strap 25 that carries a buckle 26 for the reception of the perforated end portion of strap 23.

When applied to the player's hand, the glove is maintained in such position by engaging the socket carried by the plate 15 upon the stud 16. Thus the loop 20 projects outwardly from the side of the player's hand opposite from the thumb side and when a club such as a driver or brassie is used for driving the ball, the end of the club shaft or handle is inserted through the loop and

the shaft or handle is then swung downwardly into engagement with the palm portion of the glove immediately to the rear of the finger receiving members 12.

Such action imparts pulling strains to the loop and consequently draws the back of the glove and particularly that portion that carries the straps 17 and 18, into contact with the back of the hand so as to provide an effective reinforcement across the knuckles and that portion of the back immediately to the rear of the knuckles.

The thumb and fingers are now brought together so as to firmly grasp the shaft and the latter, as a result of its engagement in the loop on the side of the glove, is firmly connected thereto so as to minimize possibility of relative movement between the hand and the shaft during the down swing of the club head and the follow through.

While not engaged on the shafts of drivers, brassies, and the like, the shaft engaging loop extends outwardly from the side of the player's hand opposite the thumb side and in such position it in nowise interferes with the free movement of the hand and fingers in gripping the shafts of clubs utilized for making approach shots and for putting.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a golfer's glove that is relatively simple in construction, inexpensive of manufacture and very effective in performing the functions for which it is intended.

It will be understood that minor changes in the size, form and construction of the various parts of my improved golfer's glove, may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described, without departing from the spirit of my invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. The combination with a golfer's glove having a palm portion, a back and finger receiving portions, of a flexible loop secured to and projecting

from the back of the glove on the side opposite the thumb side.

2. The combination with a golfer's glove having a palm portion, a back and finger receiving portions, of an adjustable loop secured to and projecting from the back of the glove on the side opposite the thumb side.

3. The combination with a golfer's glove having a palm portion, a back and finger receiving portions, of a reinforcing member secured to and extending across the back of the glove adjacent that portion that overlies the knuckles of the wearer's hand and a flexible loop projecting from the end of said reinforcing member on the side of the glove opposite from the thumb side.

4. The combination with a golfer's glove having a palm portion, a back and finger receiving portions, of a reinforcing member secured to and extending across the back of the glove adjacent that portion that overlies the knuckles of the wearer's hand and an adjustable loop projecting from the end of said reinforcing member on the side of the glove opposite from the thumb side.

5. The combination with a golfer's glove having a palm portion, a back and finger receiving portions, straps secured on the back of the glove and projecting from the side of said glove opposite the thumb side and means for connecting the projecting ends of said straps to form a club shaft receiving loop.

6. The combination with a golfer's glove, of reinforcing means secured to and disposed transversely on the back of the glove and a flexible loop extending outwardly from one end of said reinforcing means.

7. The combination with a golfer's glove, of reinforcing means secured to and disposed transversely on the back of the glove, a flexible loop extending outwardly from one end of said reinforcing means and means for adjusting the size of said loop.

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