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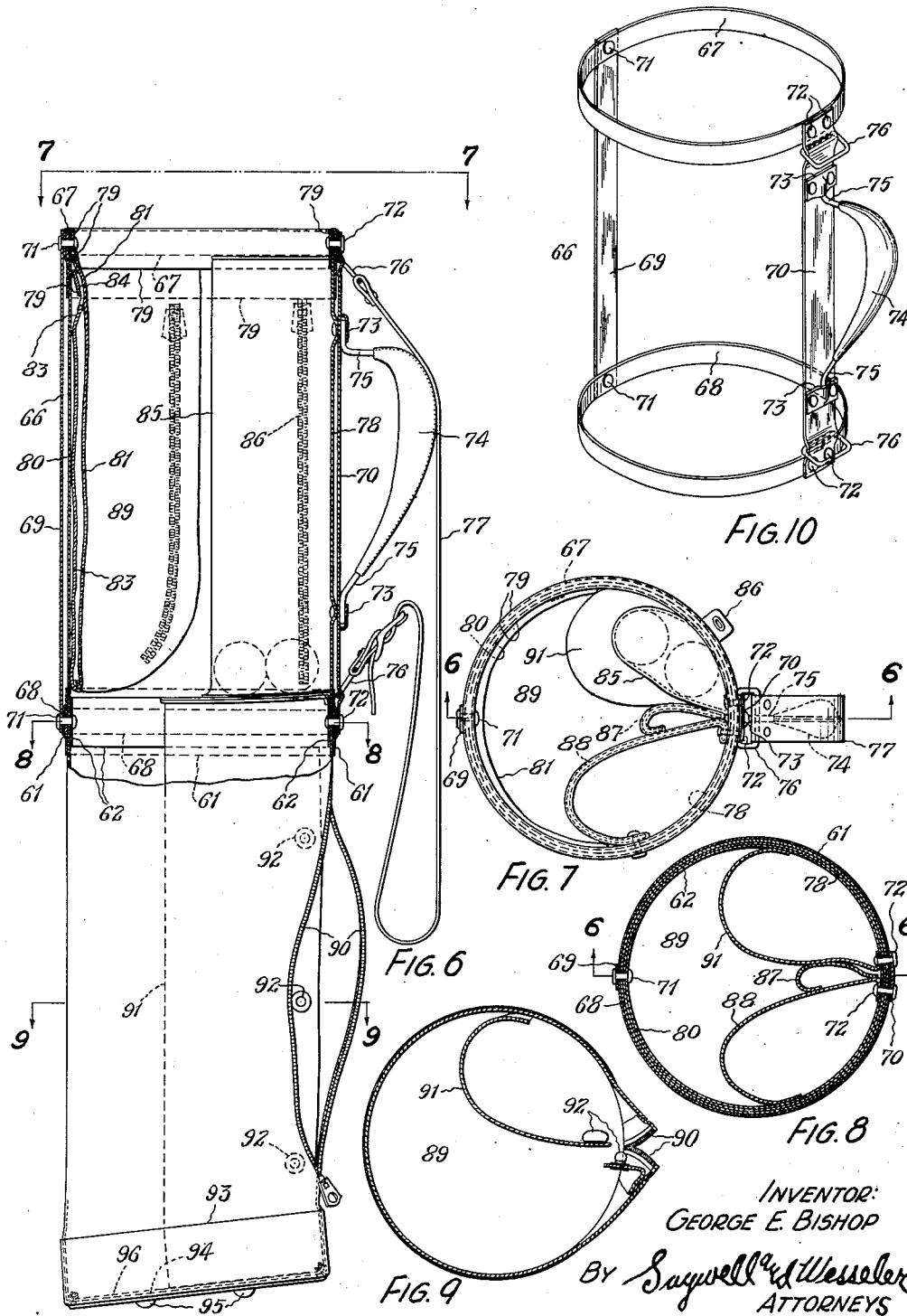
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The invention particularly relates to golf bags which provide the utmost convenience in use and are of extremely rugged character. This convenience relates to the provision of different compartments in a unitary structure for the different golf clubs, golf balls, articles of apparel, such as sweaters, shoes, etc., and weather protection articles, such as an umbrella, raincoat, etc. This convenience also relates to the symmetrical weighting of the different parts of the bag whereby it is easily carried in a balanced condition. The rugged character of the bag relates to a metal skeleton foundation structure combined with fabric and leather covering and trim.

The annexed drawings and the following description set forth in detail certain means embodying my invention, such disclosed means constituting, however, but two of the various forms in which the principle of the invention may be embodied.

In said annexed drawings:

Figure 1 is a central longitudinal section of one form of my improved golf bag, taken in the planes indicated by the line 1—1, Figures 2, 3 and 4;

Figure 2 is a plan view, taken from the plane indicated by the line 2—2, Figure 1;

Figures 3 and 4 are transverse sections, taken in the planes indicated by the lines 3—3 and 4—4, respectively, Figure 1;

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the metal skeleton foundation for the bag shown in Figure 1;

Figure 6 is a partial central longitudinal section and a partial elevation of a second form of my improved golf bag, the section part thereof being taken in the plane indicated by the line 6—6, Figures 7 and 8;

Figure 7 is a plan view, taken from the plane indicated by the line 7—7, Figure 6;

Figures 8 and 9 are transverse sections, taken in the planes indicated by the lines 8—8 and 9—9, respectively, Figure 6; and

Figure 10 is a perspective of the metal skeleton foundation for the form of golf bag shown in Figure 6.

Referring to the annexed drawings in which the same parts are indicated by the same respective numbers in the several views, Figure 5 shows the metal skeleton foundation for the form of golf bag shown in Figures 1 to 4, and this foundation comprises a frame 11 consisting of upper and lower circular metal bands 12 and 13, respectively, of which band 12 defines the upper mouth portion of the bag and band 13 defines about the mid-portion of the bag; a chord web 14 connected to the lower band 13 by means of tapered flanges

15 and rivets 16, this web 14 being secured at the top to a wood segment 17 by nails 18, which wood segment 17 is secured at its circular edge to the upper band 12 by means of screws 19 having outer enlarged head portions 19' by which a bag cover may be secured if desired. The metal skeleton foundation 11 is completed by a connecting plate 20 secured by rivets 21 to the bands 12 and 13 upon the side opposite the wood segment 17 and forming a base for a bag handle 24 which is formed with journal end portions 25 adapted to co-operate with bearing clamps 22 secured by rivets 23 to the plate 20. Journalled in bearing grooves formed in the plate 20 are metal loops 46 and 47 by means of which a shoulder strap 45 can be secured to the plate 20, as clearly seen in Figure 1.

It is evident that the web 14 of the skeleton frame 11 will define two main compartments in the bag for which the skeleton frame is intended, as clearly seen in Figures 2, 3, and 4; in fact, one compartment is in effect a D-shaped bag. Within this compartment provision is made for carrying the wood and metal clubs and certain apparel accessories, as hereinafter fully described.

The metal frame 11 is incorporated with certain canvas and leather material to complete the bag in a manner now to be described. The cover for the wood segment 17 consists of canvas material 26 which is secured at one end adjacently within the lower edge of the segment 17 and extends upwardly along the outer edge of the segment and thence extends inwardly across the same and downwardly across the top face of the metal web 14 to the bottom of the bag, as clearly seen in Figure 1. This material 26 is stitched to the outer bag casing, hereinafter described, and constitutes a fabric partition in the lower half of the bag, dividing the latter into two compartments 57 and 60, and affording protection to an outside fastener 59, hereinafter described, from injury through contact with the clubs 51. This partition 26 in the upper portion of the bag forms, with the metal web 14, a support for the iron clubs 51, these clubs 51, when the bag is being carried by the handle 24, being horizontally aligned upon the web 14 and fabric 26, as clearly shown in Figure 3. The bottom of the wood segment 17 is covered by a fabric lining 32 which extends downwardly of the metal web 14, upon the side opposite the fabric member 26, to a point substantially midway of the length of the bag, as clearly shown in Figure 1. Part of the member 32 forms the inside wall of a pocket 48 for carrying the golf balls 53, access

to the pocket 48 being obtained through the opening 58 of a slide-actuated interlocking fastener of well-known construction, said opening being formed in the outer bag material 33. This bag material 33 serves as an outer casing for the left hand side of the bag, as shown in Figure 1, and extends from top to bottom of the bag, being secured at the top by the screws 19 immediately interiorly of the metal band 12 and being formed at the bottom with a fold portion 34 which is secured to other bottom members in a manner hereinafter fully described.

In the upper right hand side of the bag, as it appears in the sectional view, Figure 1, is a fabric tube 29 extending downwardly substantially one-half the length of the bag and forming a pocket for an umbrella 54. At the top this umbrella pocket material 29 is enclosed in an inverted U-shaped annular fabric enclosure 30. The outer fold of this enclosure 30 lies adjacent the inner fold of an upper leather trim member 27 which is also of an inverted U-shaped annular formation and which extends completely around the upper part of the bag and whose outer leg is longer than the inner leg thereof and is disposed immediately exteriorly of the metal band 12, being bent outwardly at the top around said band. The underlying bottom part of the leather trim member 27 is disposed immediately exteriorly of a right hand side main bag casing member 28 which extends to the bottom of the bag and is formed at the bottom with a fold portion 28' secured to other bottom members in the manner hereinafter fully described. Upon the right hand side of the bag, the extreme outer member is the strengthening plate 20 of the skeleton frame. At the top of the bag and upon the right hand side, as it appears in Figure 1, the outer member is the long leg of the said leather trim member 27. The umbrella tube member 29 lies immediately interiorly of the right hand side bag casing member 28. Secured to the casing members 28 and 33 at the top by one of the rivets 21 and at its central portion by another rivet 21 and stitched to the casing sides is a fabric partition 50 forming the wall of a pocket for the wood clubs 52, clearly indicated in Figures 3 and 4.

The central portion of the bag which is secured around the band 13 as a foundation comprises, in addition to the members hereinbefore described, an outer leather trim member 35 which lies adjacently exteriorly of the metal band 13, being bent outwardly around said band and secured top and bottom to the casing member 33 upon the left hand side of the bag, and is secured top and bottom to the casing member 28, upon the right hand side of the bag. The extreme outer member upon the right hand side of the bag in this central portion thereof is the bottom of the metal strengthening member 20 of the skeleton frame, the entire assembly being secured by the lower rivets 21. The inner member on the left hand side of the central assembly is a fabric band 36 which extends around the central portion of the bag and upon the right hand side is disposed immediately exteriorly of the bottom of the umbrella tube 29 and immediately interiorly of the casing member 28.

At the bottom of the bag there is leather trim consisting of an outer band 37 having a lower inner fold member 44 secured to the fold 28' and fold 34 and also secured to the fold 43 of a bottom leather cover member 41 and the fold 40 of an inner canvas lining member 38. Between the inner canvas liner 38 and the bottom leather

trim 41 is a steel base plate 39 having bottom supporting beads 42 extended through the bottom leather trim member 41.

It is evident that the described construction provides compartments laterally of the ball pocket 43 in the upper portion of the bag and below said pocket in the lower portion of the bag. The upper compartment is indicated by "56" and access thereto for storage of clothing, etc., and removal of such stored materials therefrom, is made possible from the bottom of the opening 58 below the ball pocket 48. The lower storage compartment is indicated by the number "57" and access thereto is obtained by means of the opening 59 of a slide-actuated interlocking fastener, the opening being formed in the casing section 33.

In the form of device shown in Figures 6 to 10, inclusive, a skeleton frame 66 consists of upper and lower bands 67 and 68 connected by metal tie bars 69 and 70 which are secured by rivets 71 and 72, respectively, to said bands, the bar 70 forming a support for a handle 74 having extended journal terminal portions 75 adapted to co-operate with bearing brackets 73 riveted to the plate 70. The bar is formed with bearing grooves for metal loops 76 to which is attached a shoulder strap 77, Figure 6.

When incorporating skeleton frame 66 of Figure 10 with canvas and leather material to complete the bag, bars 69 and 70 are left uncovered, as indicated in Figure 6, and the right hand bag material 78 and the left hand bag material 80 are disposed immediately interiorly of these bars, respectively. These bars 69 and 70 at the top are disposed immediately exteriorly of an inverted U-shaped leather trim member 79, of annular formation and having an inner leg shorter than the outer leg of the U-shaped section, this inner leg being the extreme inner member of the top section of the bag. The metal band 67 is disposed immediately interiorly of the outer longer leg of the leather trim 79. Secured to the casing member 78 is a fabric member 85 forming a ball pocket having an opening 86 provided with a slide-actuated interlocking fastener. Also secured to the casing member 78 is a fabric member 88 forming a pocket for the wood clubs. These pockets formed by fabric members 85 and 88 extend only substantially one-half the length of the bag. Also extending substantially one-half the length of the bag and between the pockets 85 and 88 is a fabric member 87 forming a pocket or guide for an umbrella. These three pockets formed by members 85, 87, and 88 comprise substantially one-half of the cross-sectional area of the bag, as indicated in Figures 7 and 8, and the opposite side of the bag forms a compartment 89 for the iron clubs.

Secured to the inner depending leg of the leather trim 79 at the left hand side of the casing member 80 adjacent the top thereof is a double fold of material, of which the inner fold is designated "81", which forms a cover for the bag and its contents and is double folded along the inside wall of the casing member 80, as indicated in Figures 6 and 7. This double fold material forming this cover is secured around substantially only one-half of the top of the bag so that when it is withdrawn from the compartment 89, the outer fold 83 thereof, Figure 6, can be pulled away from the inner fold 81 so as to complete the cover for the entire bag, this fold member 83 being secured by a tab 84 through the upper

of the metal loops 76 for the shoulder strap 77. It will be noted in Figure 6 that when the cover member is folded within the compartment 89, the edge thereof is not fastened but is contained loosely between the member 81 and the casing member 80, as clearly indicated at the upper left hand side of Figure 6.

The several bag members are secured at the central portion of the bag by means of a leather trim member 61 which upon the left hand side is bent exteriorly around the metal band 68, being secured top and bottom to the casing member 80, and which upon the right hand side is also bent around the metal band 68 and secured top and bottom to the casing member 78. This leather trim member 61 is covered at the top by the bottom of the metal bars 69 and 70. Also contained within the casing members 78 and 80, in the central part of the bag, is a fabric liner 62, of somewhat less depth than the leather trim 61, and which, upon both sides of the bag, is the innermost member and is disposed immediately interiorly of the casing members 78 and 80. To the top edge of this band 62 is secured the bottom of the material which forms the ball pocket 85, as also a member 91 which extends from the center of the bag to the bottom thereof and forms a package compartment provided with an opening controlled by buttons 92 and to which buttons for opening said compartment access may be had from the exterior of the casing member 78 by means of the opening 90 of a slide-actuated interlocking fastener, said opening being formed in the casing member 78. This member 91 forming the package compartment is attached only at the bottom of the bag, in addition to its attachment at the top to the inner fabric band 62. The casing members 78 and 80 and the container compartment material 91 are secured at the bottom to an inner fabric lining 96 and to an outer leather trim member 93 of cup formation, there being provided between the lining 96 and leather trim 93 a metal base plate 94 having outer bottom supporting beads 95.

What I claim is:

1. A golf bag comprising a skeleton rigid frame for the upper part of the bag, said frame having an open-ended compartment of D cross-section, and a closed-end compartment of D cross-section, fabric material covering the sides of the frame and extending downwardly below the latter and having a closed bottom, and fabric partitions

within the fabric material forming a plurality of compartments, a part of the skeleton frame consisting of a web member defining the two D-sections, said web member being disposed adjacently beneath a part of one of said fabric partitions and forming a support for horizontally aligned clubs.

2. A golf bag comprising a skeleton metal frame for the upper part of the bag, fabric material covering the sides of the frame and extending downwardly below the latter and having a closed bottom, leather trim for the frame, leather trim for the lower portion of the fabric material, fabric partitions within the fabric material forming a plurality of compartments, double fold material adaptable for storage in the upper part of the bag having the metal frame and forming a cover for the entire top of the bag, said cover being permanently secured to the interior side of the upper leather trim around substantially only one half of the bag top, and means for detachably securing the free portion of the cover to the top of the skeleton frame.

3. A frame for a golf bag comprising a metal band adapted to define an end portion of the golf bag, a second metal band similar to and spaced from the first-mentioned band, a metal plate secured to said bands, means for carrying the bag disposed on said plate, and a metal chord web plate secured to said bands and extending interiorly across each of them.

4. A frame for a golf bag comprising two spaced metal bands which are adapted to define the upper portion of the golf bag, a metal plate rigidly secured to said bands and having means for carrying the bag, a metal chord web member spaced from said plate and secured to said bands, said web member extending interiorly across said bands, and a segment secured within one of said bands and between one end of said web member and the band part remote from said plate.

5. A golf bag comprising a skeleton metal frame restricted to substantially the upper half portion of the golf bag, means for carrying the bag secured to said frame, and fabric material secured to and covering the sides of said frame and extending downwardly therefrom to form a lower unframed bag portion, said lower bag portion having a closed bottom.

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