June 8, 1937. J. J. O'BRIEN 2,083,238

GOLF TEE PACKAGE

Filed April 26, 1935

Fig. 1.

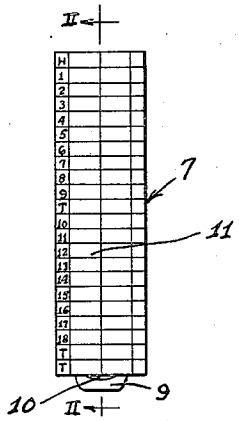


Fig. 2.

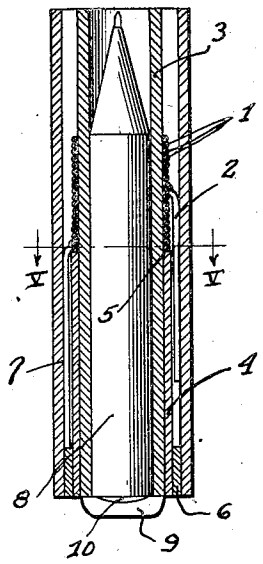


Fig. 3.

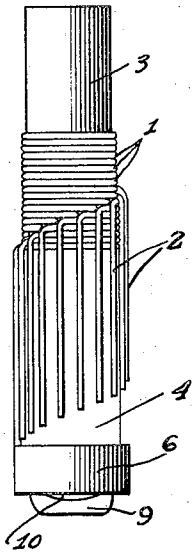


Fig. 4.

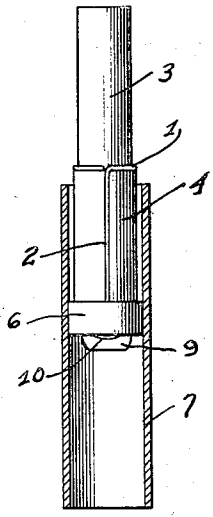


Fig. 5.

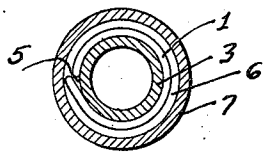


Fig. 6.

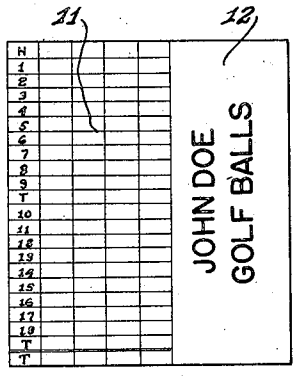
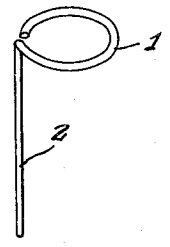


Fig. 7.



Inventor

James J. OBrien.

by Charles O'Neill Attys.

Patented June 8, 1937

2,083,238

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

2,083,238

GOLF TEE PACKAGE

James J. O'Brien, Chicago, Ill.

Application April 26, 1935, Serial No. 18,323

12 Claims. (Cl. 206—65)

This invention relates to improvements in golf tees and a package therefor, the package being designed to contain a plurality of tees in a convenient manner with the tees easily accessible for use.

In the past, many and various types of golf tees as well as means to hold them have been developed, but in most instances, these formerly known devices have proven objectionable. One of the main objections to them has been the relatively high cost of the tee or holder. Tees carried loosely in the pockets of a player are objectionable in that they are difficult of access and impair the clothing of a user. Further, with tees in one pocket, a pencil in another, and a score card in the same or still another pocket, undue and objectionable difficulty is experienced by a golfer in locating the score card, pencil, marking the score and selecting a tee for the play of the next hole. Such difficulties are only enhanced in the case of feminine golfers, since only one or no pockets may be available. I am also aware that various types of holders for tees have been provided, but in nearly every instance these holders held only a limited number of tees. In other instances, tee holders having a score card associated therewith have been provided, but the pencil or score marking implement was missing. Further, all such items made heretofore of which I am aware were objectionably costly, impractical, or both.

With the foregoing in mind, it is an object of the present invention to provide a simple golf tee package capable of not only holding a plurality of tees in a manner to render each of them readily accessible to the user, but also carrying a marking implement as well as a score card.

It is also an object of this invention to provide the aforesaid package with such an economical arrangement of parts and formed of such economical material that the entire package might be freely distributed or given away as a souvenir for advertising or other purposes.

Another object of this invention is the provision of a tee package, including a carrying member supporting a plurality of tees, and a covering member telescopically associated with the carrying member and movable relatively thereto to overlie the same.

The invention also contemplates the provision of a tee package including a carrying member for frictionally supporting a plurality of golf tees in stacked relationship.

Still another object of the invention is the provision of a tee package including a carrying member supporting a plurality of golf tees, a covering member telescopically associated with the carrying member and supporting a score card, one of the members carrying a pencil, the arrangement being such that pressure exerted on the pencil in one direction will move one of the members relatively to the other so as to expose a golf tee for usage.

Still a further object of this invention is the provision of a golf tee package including a carrying member for a plurality of tees in stacked relationship, a covering member frictionally associated with the carrying member, and a pencil or marking implement frictionally associated with one of the members, the outer or covering member carrying a score card thereupon and the members being movable relatively to each other to release a tee.

While some of the more salient features, characteristics and advantages of the present invention have been above pointed out, others will become apparent from the following disclosures.

The invention includes these and other features of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter described, and shown in a preferred form in the drawing, as more particularly indicated by the claims.

On the drawing:

Figure 1 is an elevational view of a golf tee package embodying principles of the present invention.

Figure 2 is an enlarged central vertical sectional view, with parts shown in elevation, of the structure shown in Figure 1, taken substantially as indicated by the line II—II of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 3 is an elevational view of the structure with the outer or covering element removed.

Figure 4 is a part sectional part elevational view illustrating the operation of the device, the outer cover being in section, the interior structure being in elevation, and the pencil or marking implement removed.

Figure 5 is a transverse plan sectional view of the structure taken substantially as indicated by the line V—V of Figure 2, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 6 is a development of the covering member or of a score card attachable thereto.

Figure 7 is a cabinet projection view of one of my improved tees.

As shown on the drawing:

With reference to Figure 7, it will be seen that my improved golf tee preferably comprises a single piece of material formed into a ball-sup-

porting loop 1 and a shank or leg 2 disposed substantially at right angles to the loop. Of course, the shank 2 is pressed a suitable or desirable distance into the ground and a golf ball is laid upon the loop 1, when the tee is in actual use.

The tee may be made of any desirable or suitable material. If it is made of metallic wire, it is a simple expedient to bend a portion of the wire into the loop 1 and then bend the loop to substantially right angles to the shank 2. The tee, however, may be molded or otherwise formed from an alcoholic or phenolic condensation product, celluloid or some equivalent or suitable material. Whatever its material, the tee may be made relatively thin and still have sufficient rigidity for impaling even very hard ground. The loop 1 may be open as illustrated or it may be entirely closed with the free end thereof joined to the shank 2 adjacent the apex of the angle between the loop and shank.

The main parts of the holder or package are each preferably formed of a light cardboard or fibrous material, relatively stiff paper or equivalent material for the purpose of economy, although they may be formed of any desirable or suitable material.

The package itself includes a carrying member preferably made up of three separate pieces all of cardboard of some similar light material, although the element may be formed more expensively from a single piece. This carrying member includes a central tube 3 of such external diameter as to fit within the loop 1 of a tee, the fit being sufficiently snug to frictionally maintain the tee in position upon the tube until manually removed. Around the tube 3 is a second tube 4 of less length and integrally attached to the tube 3. The lower ends of both tubes 3 and 4 are even, so that the tube 4 terminates substantially midway along the inner tube 3 to provide an external shoulder 5 (Figures 2 and 5). The member 4 is of substantially the same thickness as that of the loop portion 1 of a tee. As seen best in Figure 4, a tee may be slid over the tube 3 until the loop portion of the tee rests upon the shoulder 5, the shank 2 of the tee extending downwardly along the outer surface of the member 4. Other tees may be stacked upon the first tee, each tee being turned relatively to the one beneath sufficiently for its respective shank 2 to clear the shanks of the tees beneath. Thus, any desired number of tees may be placed upon the carrying member with the shanks of the tees in spirally stepped relationship around the carrying member as indicated clearly in Figure 3.

The lowermost of the tees on the carrying member has its shank in contact with an annular spacing band 6 secured integrally to the member 4 and of a thickness slightly in excess of the thickness of a tee shank. The spacing band 6 provides frictional contact with a tubular covering member 7 which is telescopically associated with the carrying member and of substantially the same length as the central tubular portion 3 of the carrying member. The covering member 7 is maintained over the carrying member and tees by reason of its frictional engagement with the spacing band 6.

A pencil or other marking implement 8 is inserted within the tube 3 and maintained therein by frictional contact. The pencil is provided at its lower end with a head 9 of sufficient size to overlie at least a portion of the carrying member. It is therefore apparent that by holding the covering tube 7 tightly in a hand, and pressing upon the head 9 of the pencil with a finger, the carrying member together with the tees may be telescopically moved relatively to the covering member 7, as indicated in Figure 4. The relative movement may be sufficient to expose the uppermost of the tees stacked upon the carrying member, and it is a simple expedient to remove this tee from the carrying member or from the tube 3 by means of a thumbnail. After the removal of a tee, it is a simple expedient to press upon the top of the tube 3 and thus force the carrying member back into position within the tube 7.

To remove the pencil from the interior of the carrying member, the sharpened end of the pencil may be pressed, or preferably the thumbnail of a user inserted in a groove or notch 10 in the head 9 upon the pencil to aid in withdrawing the pencil. The pencil may be withdrawn after a hole has been played, and the scores of the respective members of the foursome or party may be written upon a scoring surface 11 carried by the covering tube 7.

With reference to Figure 6, it will be noted that ample space 12 is provided upon the outer surface of the covering member 7 for the purpose of advertising matter, in the event it is desired to distribute or give away tee packages of the character described herein as a medium of advertising.

The score marking portion 11 may be provided directly upon the outer surface of the member 7, or a piece of paper or the like carrying the score marking indicia and advertising may be pasted around the tube 7 in a well-known manner.

It will, of course, be understood that the score marking surface may be covered with celluloid or some equivalent substance so that after a game has been completed, the entire score may be easily removed with an eraser or damp cloth, and the scoring surface utilized for a subsequent game.

From the foregoing, it will be apparent that I have provided a simple and economical package embodying a plurality of golf tees, a score marking surface, and a marking implement, all arranged in convenient and readily accessible form. Further, it will be noted that there is room upon the device for advertising media or the like and that the device may be constructed sufficient economically to warrant the distribution of the invention as an advertising medium. It will further be apparent that the device is practical and easily carried by a user.

It will be understood that the upper portion of the tube 3 above the shoulder 5 may be eliminated and the tees stacked around the pencil directly. When the pencil is removed, the tees will remain in stacked relationship and the pencil may easily be reinserted.

I am aware that many changes may be made and numerous details of construction may be varied through a wide range without departing from the principles of this invention and I, therefore, do not purpose limiting the patent granted hereon otherwise than is necessitated by the prior art.

I claim as my invention:

1. A packaged element of the character described, including a carrying member, golf tees stacked on said member, and a self-sustaining covering member telescopically associated with said carrying member to conceal both the carrying member and the tees.

2. As an article of manufacture, a golf tee package, including a carrying member, a plurality of tees stacked on said member, and a covering member frictionally held on said carry-

ing member to conceal said tees and slidable relatively to said carrying member to selectively expose said tees for use.

3. As an article of manufacture, a golf tee package, including a tubular carrying member having an external intermediate shoulder, tees stacked around said member on said shoulder, and a covering tube slidable over said member and tees.

4. As an article of manufacture, a golf tee package, including a tubular carrying member having an external intermediate shoulder, tees stacked around said member on said shoulder, and a covering tube slidable over said member and tees, said covering tube being frictionally maintained on said carrying member.

5. In a golf tee package, a carrying member, open-topped tees embracing said member, a spacing band carried by said member and of a thickness slightly in excess of the thickness of the shanks of said tees, and a covering member in frictional engagement with said spacing band and movable relatively thereto.

6. In a golf tee package, a carrying member, a plurality of tees in stacked relationship frictionally associated with said carrying member, and a self-sustaining covering member slidable over said carrying member.

7. In a golf tee package, a carrying element, and a plurality of golf tees each having a looped top embracing said element in stacked relationship and held on said element by frictional contact with the shanks of said tees in staggered relationship around said element.

8. In a golf tee package, a carrying member having a shoulder therearound, and a plurality of tees frictionally engaged on said member in stacked relationship resting on said shoulder.

9. In a golf tee package, a carrying member having an external shoulder, centrally apertured tees stacked on said member with the stack resting on said shoulder, and a covering member telescopically associated with said carrying member over said tees, said members being arranged for relative movement therebetween.

10. In a golf tee package, a carrying member having an external shoulder at an intermediate point, open-topped golf tees in stacked relationship on said shoulder with their shanks depending in staggered relationship below said shoulder, a spacing band on said member below said shanks and of a thickness slightly greater than that of a shank, and a covering member frictionally engageable over said band to conceal said carrying member and said tees.

11. In a package, a central carrying member, a plurality of apertured articles threaded over said member in stacked relationship and frictionally held thereon, and a self-sustaining cover member telescopically engageable over said carrying member and said articles.

12. In a package, a central carrying member, a plurality of apertured articles threaded over said member in stacked relationship and frictionally held thereon, a self-sustaining cover member telescopically engageable over said carrying member and said articles, and means associated with one of said members in a manner to cause relative motion between said members when said means is actuated.

JAMES J. O'BRIEN.