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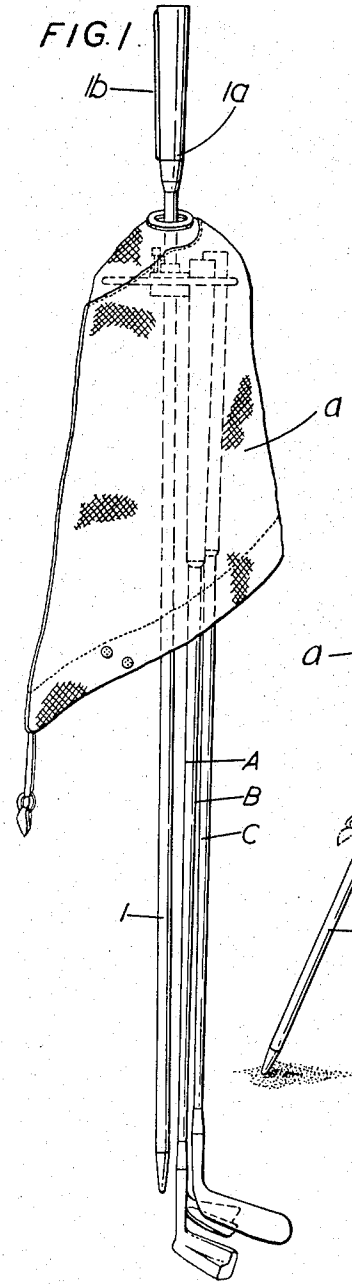
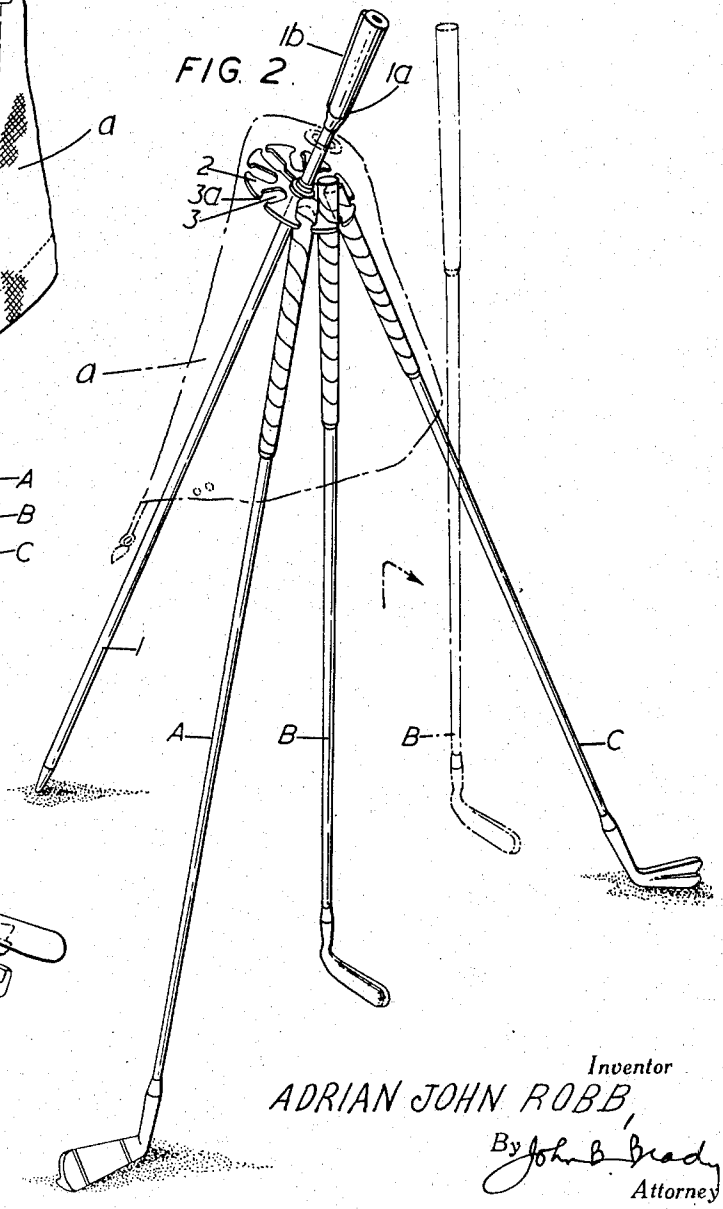


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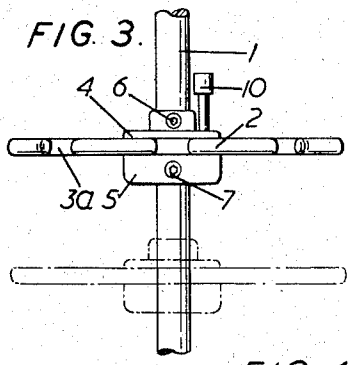


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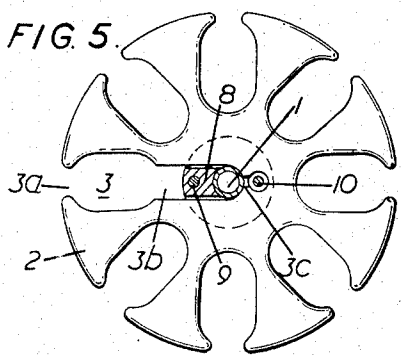


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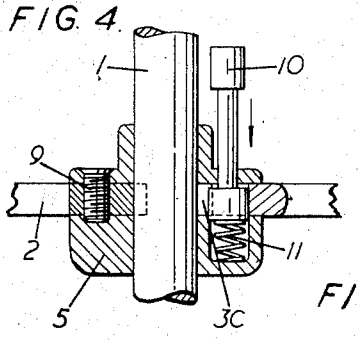


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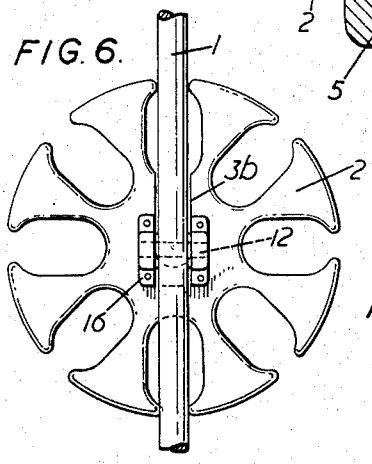


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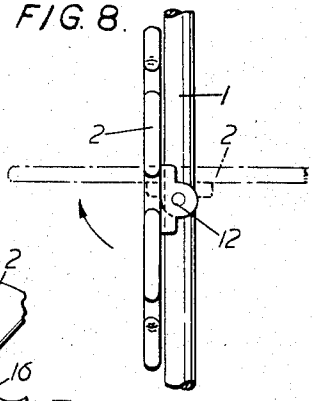


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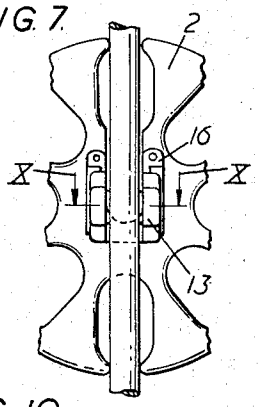


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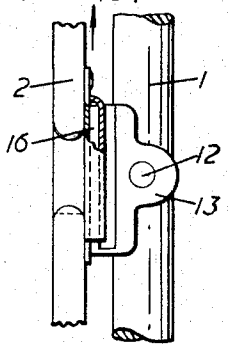
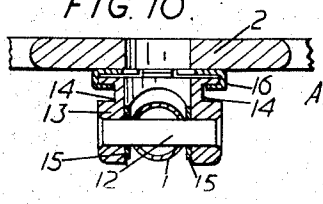


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This invention provides a new and improved device for use in carrying golf clubs, which enables the clubs to be removably supported at will in a nearly upright position thereby to prevent the player having to bend or stoop when selecting any one of the clubs for playing a shot or returning it to the device afterwards.

Essentially the device of the invention comprises a stick, and on the stick a disc (or equivalent) having a number of open slots, with restricted mouths, each adapted to embrace the tapered grip of a golf club suspended therein.

The arrangement is such that when the end of the stick remote from the disc is brought into contact with the ground any two of the clubs engaged in the slots of the disc can be splayed outwardly to form a tripod along with the stick, the remaining clubs then being suspended in a nearly upright position so that any one of them can be selected for playing a shot and removed by slightly lifting it and then withdrawing it through the open restricted mouth of the pertaining slot—this without the necessity for the player having to bend or stoop. After replacing the selected club in the slot of the disc from which it was taken, again without bending or stooping, the stick can be picked up by its upper end whereby the shafts of all of the now suspended clubs swing automatically into substantial parallelism with the stick and can be gripped in the hand as a bundle for easy carrying to the locus for the next shot to be played.

Preferably means are provided for removably supporting the disc on the stick so that it can be adjusted lengthwise of the stick to suit different sets of clubs.

Removability of the disc is desirable to enable the device, or at least the stick thereof, to be accommodated in the usual golf bag when not required for use.

Alternatively the disc may be hinged in any suitable manner on the stick so that it can be folded parallel to the stick in order that the device may be packed for transport in the usual golf bag.

The stick may be made of wood or metal, preferably tubular for lightness; the disc may be of metal or plastic or any other material coloured as desired.

The device of the invention provides a light-weight carrier complete in itself for any number of clubs from three to six or even more, and it will be found particularly suitable when it is desired to practice with only a few clubs or to play a round of golf using only an average number of clubs, in that it eliminates the carrying of a heavier bag or the wheeling of a trolly under these conditions.

The invention will be fully understood from the foregoing, and the further description that follows with reference to the accompanying drawings whereon some embodiments are shown merely by way of non-limiting example.

Fig. 1 is an elevation of the device with three suspended clubs ready for carrying as a bundle.

Fig. 2 is a corresponding elevation showing two of the clubs splayed outwardly and resting on the ground, to form along with the device a self-supporting tripod.

Fig. 3, 4 and 5 show, in detail, one means of attaching the open-slotting disc to the stick of the device, Fig. 3 being an elevation, Fig. 4 a cross-section, and Fig. 5 a plan partly in section.

Figs. 6 to 10 show a hinged means of attachment of the disc, Fig. 6 being an elevation with the disc folded parallel to the stick, Fig. 7 a corresponding fragmentary view, Fig. 8 a view at right angles to Fig. 6, Fig. 9 a fragmentary view on a larger scale corresponding to Fig. 8 and partly in section, and Fig. 10 a section on line X—X of Fig. 7.

As appears clearly from Figs. 1 and 2 the device comprises a stick **1**, and on the stick a disc **2** having a number of open slots **3**, with restricted mouths **3***a*, each adapted to embrace the tapered grip of a golf club suspended therein. For the purpose of illustration three golf clubs marked A, B, C are shown supported by the disc, but any additional number up to the total number of open slots **3** may be so supported. For the sake of lightness the stick **1** is preferably made of tubular metal and is equipped at its upper end with a grip or handle **1***a* having a longitudinal ridge **1***b* for a purpose to be explained later. The disc **2** is also preferably of metal.

The manner of inserting the clubs A, B, C in the disc **2** of the device is as follows: while holding the stick **1** upright with one hand, preferably with the ridge **1***b* of the grip **1***a* away from the body, the club shafts are inserted through the restricted mouths 3a of three of the slots **3**, preferably those on the side of the stick opposite to said ridge, and are then allowed to drop by gravity until their tapered grips are embraced by the side walls of the engaged slots when the clubs are suspended close to the stick as shown by Fig. 1.

The assembly can then be grasped as a bundle, about midway of its length, by the other hand and easily carried from place to place.

In order to play a shot the stick **1** is held by its upper grip **1***a* and its lower end is brought into engagement with the ground, whereafter the shafts of two of the suspended clubs, for instance the clubs A and C, are splayed outwardly to make a supporting tripod as shown in Fig. 2. The particular club viz., the club B, required for the shot is now lifted and removed from the disc **2**; after the shot has been played, the club is replaced, whereupon the device together with the clubs can be lifted by the grip **1***a* of the stick and the assembly can be carried in the manner stated above. At no time is the player required to stoop or bend to lay down or pick up the clubs.

Obviously if for playing a shot either of the clubs A, C was required the tripod would be made with the other two clubs.

The illustrated disc **2** permits up to eight different clubs to be supported by the device. Should such a large number be carried a useful adjunct will be found to be a sling supported from the user's shoulder or from his waist to assist in taking the weight of the assembly of stick and clubs.

Another useful adjunct is the removable rainproof hood *a* shown in Figs. 1 and 2 for use in wet weather. This has a hole enabling it to be slipped over the grip **1***a* of the stick in order to keep the grips of the clubs dry. The applied hood can be wrapped round the assembly, when required, and fastened after the fashion of a rolled umbrella.

The means by which the disc **2** seen in Figs. 1 and 2 is removably attached to the stick **1** is more clearly illustrated by Figs. 3, 4 and 5 from which can be seen that there are two collars **4**, **5** adjustable lengthwise of the stick (to suit ladies' or gentlemen's clubs) and locked

in the required positions by pinching screws **6**, **7** so as to leave between them a gap for the insertion of the disc in which one of the slots has an inward radial portion *3b* to be engaged by a locating block **8** screwed to one of the collars by a screw **9**. A plunger **10** slidably mounted in the collar **4** is adapted to engage a keyhole extension *3c* of said slot portion *3b*. This plunger is urged to locking engagement with the extension *3c* when the disc is in place by a spring **11** located in a hole in the collar **5**, but can be depressed to free the disc for removal whenever required.

In the modification illustrated by Figs. 6 to 10 the disc is removably attached to the stick **1** and is also capable of being folded parallel to the stick. The stick has a cross pin **12** whereon are hinged the bifurcated limbs of a member **13** presenting channel-shaped guides **14**, **14**, friction washers **15**, **15** being inserted between this member and the stick (Fig. 10). As before, one of the slots **3** of the disc **2** has an inward extension *3b*, but the under-side of the disc is equipped with a channel shaped slide **16** to co-act, with a slight wedging action, with the guides **14**, **14** of the member **13**. The disc can readily be slid into or from engagement with the member **13**, and when engaged therewith it can be turned with the member either to an inoperative position shown in full lines or to the operative position normal to the stick shown in dotted lines in Fig. 8.

I claim:

1. A device for use in carrying golf clubs with tapered grips and for supporting such golf clubs tripod-fashion while playing a shot, said device comprising a stick, and a disc-like member on the stick proximate one end thereof, said member having a plurality of open slots for embracing the tapered grips of golf clubs suspended therein, each of said slots being made less in width than the maximum cross-dimension of the tapered grip of a club and each of said slots presenting a fixedly restricted open mouth, whereby a club suspended in any of said slots is positively retained therein during swinging movement away from the stick.

2. A device for use in carrying golf clubs with tapered grips and for supporting such golf clubs tripod-fashion while playing a shot, said device comprising a stick, a disc-like member, and means removably securing said member on the stick proximate one end thereof, said member having a plurality of open slots for embracing the tapered grips of golf clubs suspended therein, each of said slots being made less in width than the maximum cross-dimension of the tapered grip of a club and each of said slots presenting a fixedly restricted open mouth, whereby a club suspended in any of said slots is positively retained therein during swinging movement away from the stick.

3. A device for use in carrying golf clubs with tapered grips and for supporting such golf clubs tripod-fashion while playing a shot, said device comprising a stick, a disc-like member, and means securing said member on the stick in various positions lengthwise thereof, said member having a plurality of open slots for embracing the tapered grips of golf clubs suspended therein, each of said slots being made less in width than the maximum cross-dimension of the tapered grip of a club and each of said slots presenting a fixedly restricted open mouth, whereby a club suspended in any of said slots is positively retained therein during swinging movement away from the stick.

4. A device for use in carrying golf clubs with tapered grips and for supporting such golf clubs tripod-fashion while playing a shot, said device comprising a stick, a disc-like member, and means hinging said member on the stick permitting it to be positioned parallel to the stick or normal thereto, said member having a plurality of open slots for embracing the tapered grips of golf clubs suspended therein, each of said slots being made less in width than the maximum cross-dimension of the tapered grip of a club and each of said slots presenting a fixedly restricted open mouth, whereby a club suspended in any of said slots is positively retained therein during swinging movement away from the stick.

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