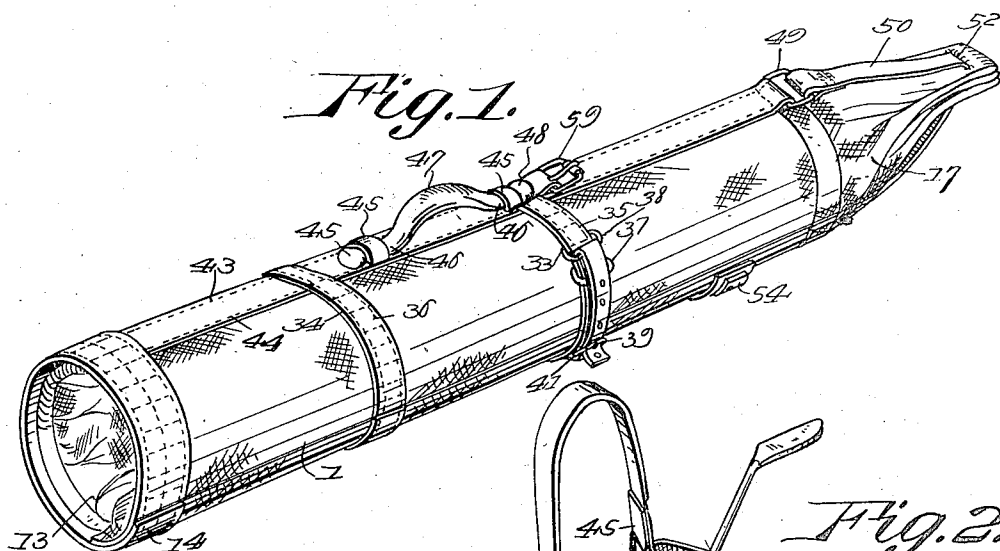
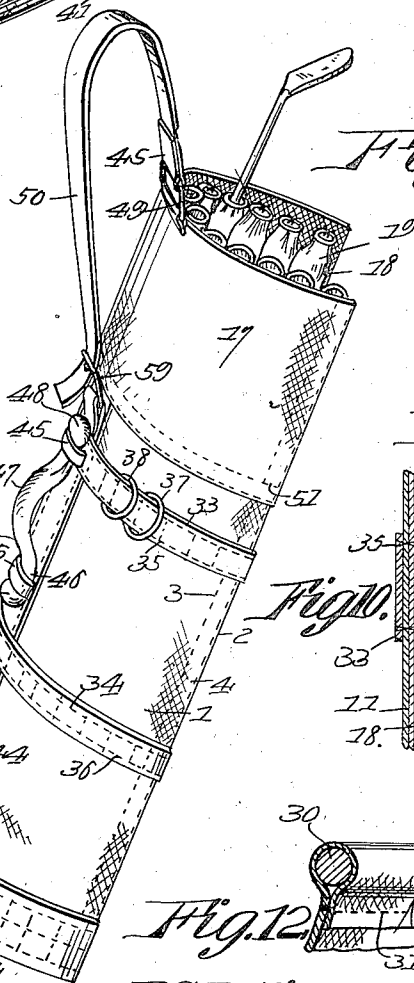
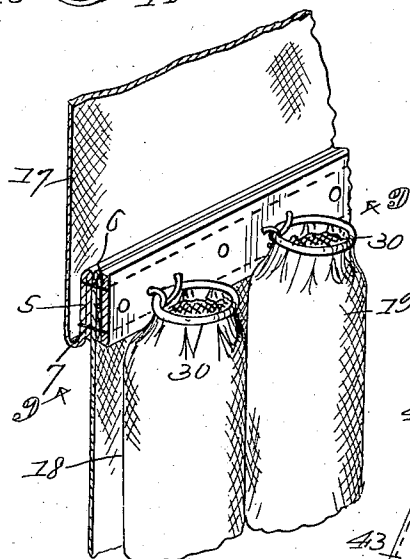
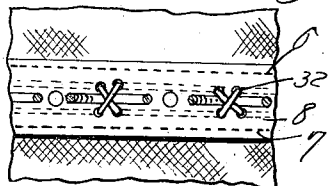
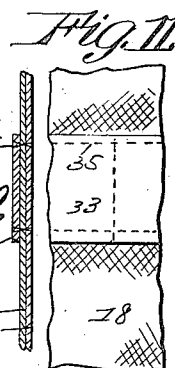


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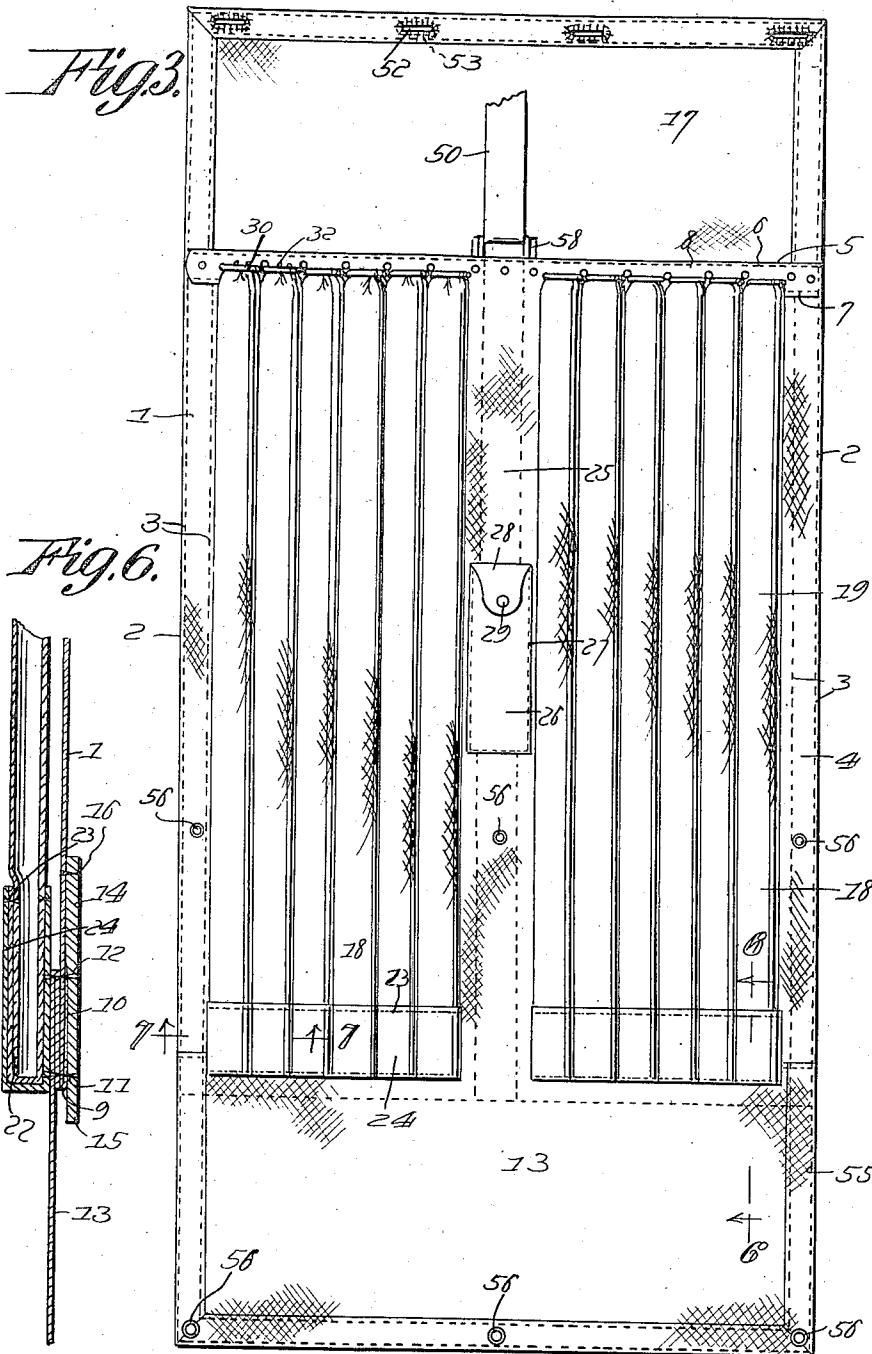
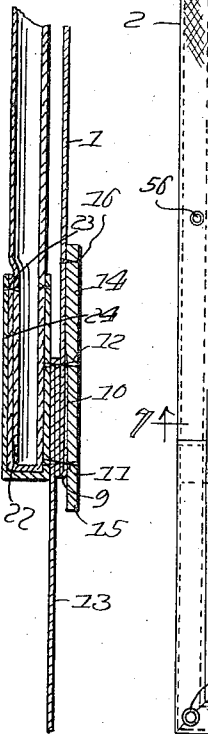
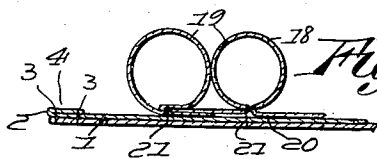


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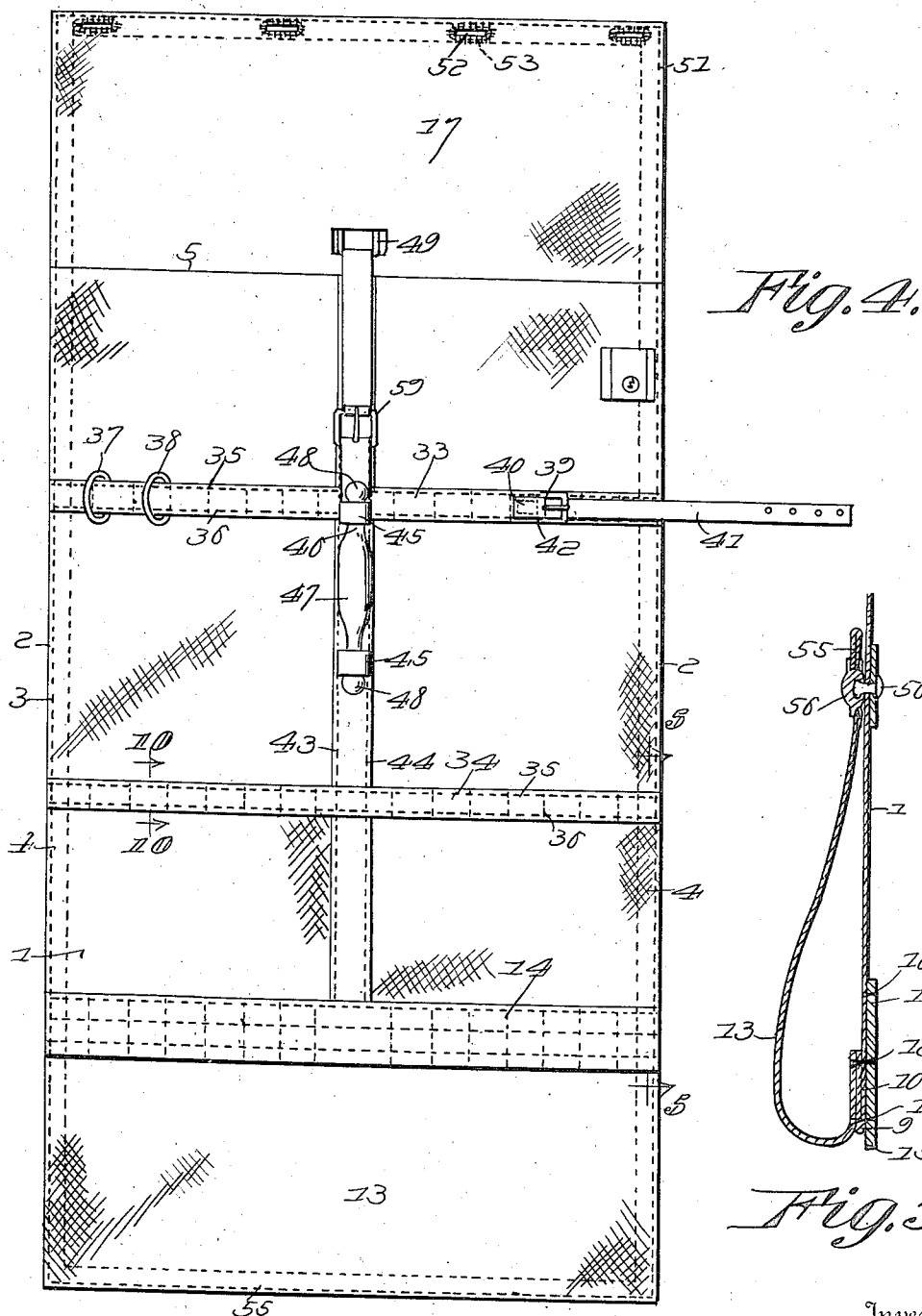
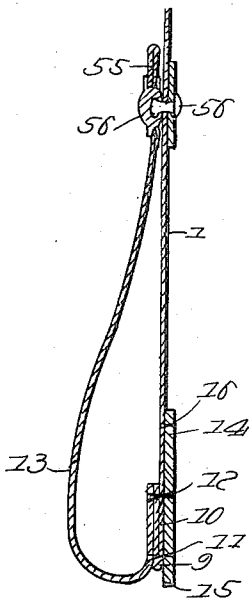
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Be it known that we, HERBERT S. RAWLINGS, BENJAMIN H. GRAY, DOUGLAS CALL, and MELVILLE PECK, citizens of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf Bags, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Golf bags heretofore used are designed primarily for carrying golf sticks and balls, in which case the golf player either has to carry the golf coat or similar paraphernalia on the arm or on the back, or the golf suit in a dress suit case, and in the latter case the golf player has two articles of luggage to carry, and in case the coat is carried on the arm, the golf bag must be carried in the other hand, if not by the caddie. In fact heretofore a golf bag was not devised as a container for the golf player's wearing apparel, such as a suit, coat, or the like.

It is, therefore, the purpose of the present invention, to provide a golf bag, though appearing as consisting of more parts than usual, it is simple, efficient and practical in construction, when it is taken into consideration the golf player's wearing apparel may be carried in the bag, together with the golf sticks and balls, thereby obviating the necessity of the golfer carrying the coat on the arm, or in an additional container such as a dress suit case, and thereby carrying all the necessary parts in one container.

Another purpose is the provision of a golf bag of the present kind, which may be rolled up, similar to an army blanket, with the golf player's wearing apparel on the interior, together with means closing the upper and lower ends of the bag when the bag is rolled, thereby protecting the golf sticks, balls and wearing apparel from the weather.

Still another purpose is the provision of a golf bag to be made of any suitable material, preferably leather and canvas of any grade, and which comprises a body, to which any suitable pliable material such as canvas or leather may be stitched to provide elongated pockets in parallelism, for the reception of golf sticks, so that when it is desired, the golf player's suit may be placed adjacent the pockets, and the bag rolled.

A further purpose is the provision of an extension flap or apron at the lower end of the bag and designed to be folded over the garments and fastened, so as to not only hold the garments in place, but also to protect the garments at the lower end of the bag from the weather. When the garments are not rolled within the bag, the extension flap or apron may be folded over said pockets, so as not to assume a suspended position when the bag is ordinarily carried by the caddie.

A still further purpose is the provision of an extension flap or apron at the upper end of the bag, adopted to fold over the golf sticks, and provided with a plurality of registering metallic lined slots, to receive a strap, whereby the upper apron or extension may be held closed, and the golf sticks protected from the weather.

Additionally, the invention aims to provide a golf bag of this character, wherein the lower portion is provided with a heavy reinforcing strip, preferably of relatively stiff leather, such as sole leather, though not necessarily, is fastened to the exterior of the bag, whereby one of its longitudinal edge portions may project beyond the lower edge of the bag, to protect the bag against wear, especially when the bag is stood up on its lower end, or in case the caddie may drag the same on the surface of the ground.

Also the invention aims to provide a strap for not only holding the upper extension or apron of the bag closed, but also constituting means to be grasped by the hand of the caddie, whose other hand engages the handle of the bag, so as to carry the bag in a position, whereby the golf player may remove any one of the desired golf sticks.

It is to be understood that the particulars herein given are in no way limitative and that while still keeping within the scope of the invention, any desired modifications of detail and desired proportions may be made in the apparatus according to circumstances.

The invention comprises further features and combination of parts, as will be hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawings and claimed.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the improved golf bag constructed in accord-

ance with the invention rolled similar to an army blanket, with both ends of the bag closed;

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing the position the bag assumes when being carried by the caddie;

Figure 3 is a plan view of the bag open, showing the interior thereof, with the extension flaps or aprons open;

Figure 4 is a plan view of the bag opened showing the exterior face thereof;

Figure 5 is a sectional view on line 5—5 of Figure 4, but showing the extension flap or apron folded;

Figure 6 is a sectional view on line 6—6 of Figure 3;

Figure 7 is a sectional view on line 7—7 of Figure 3;

Figure 8 is an enlarged detail view of the upper end of a portion of the bag showing two of the pockets in position for receiving golf sticks;

Figure 9 is an enlarged detail view showing the manner of fastening the rings of the upper part of the pockets to the bag;

Figure 10 is a sectional view on line 10—10 of Figure 4;

Figure 11 is a detail view in elevation of Figure 10;

Figure 12 is an enlarged detail sectional view of a portion of the upper part of one of the golf stick pockets, showing the material of the pocket stitched around the reinforcing ring.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the main body of the bag, which may be any suitable length and width, and constructed of any pliable material. The longitudinal edge portions thereof are folded at 2 and stitched at 3 to form a hem 4. The upper transverse edge of the body is folded at 5 to form a hem, and adjacent where the hem is folded, it is stitched as at 6 and 7. At the same time that the hem at the upper transverse edge of the body is made, a suitable strap 8 is fastened to the hem by the stitches 6 and 7, thereby reinforcing the upper part of the body of the bag. An extension flap or apron 17 is also fastened to the upper part of the body by the stitches 6 and 7. This apron or extension flap 17 is fastened on the exterior surface of the body of the bag, and is designed to be folded and fastened as shown in Figure 1, to protect the golf sticks from the weather.

The lower transverse edge of the body of the bag is folded at 9 to form a hem 10, which is stitched at 11 and 12.

An extension flap or apron 13 overlies the hem 10 and is fastened thereto by the stitches 11 and 12, which also pass through a relatively heavy and wide reinforcing wear piece 14. This wear piece may be constructed of any suitable material, preferably relatively heavy sole leather, though not

necessarily, and it has its lower longitudinal edge projecting beyond the body of the bag as shown at 15, thereby acting as a guard, to relieve the wear on the bag. In other words the bag when rolled as illustrated in Figure 1 may be disposed perpendicularly, the lower edge of the extension 15 resting upon the floor or other surface, particularly when the golf sticks and the like are in the bag. This extension 15 also protects the bag from wear, in case it happens to drag upon the ground or floor when being carried. Additional stitches 16 fasten the upper longitudinal edge of this reinforcing leather 14 to the body of the bag.

In order to carry the golf sticks a piece of suitable pliable material 18 is provided. This piece of material 18 is of sufficient size, so that it may be folded upon itself a number of times to form a plurality of tubular pockets 19, and where the folds 20 of this material 18 are made, suitable stitches 21 are used to hold the pockets in shape. After the material 18 is constructed to form the pockets 19, it is of a size substantially corresponding to the body of the bag. The folds 20 forming the pockets 19 are spaced apart, so that the pockets will lie substantially immediately adjacent each other. The stitches 21, which hold the pockets 19 in shape, also pass through the body of the bag, and through the reinforcing leather 14 at the bottom of the bag.

However before constructing the material 18 to form the pockets 19, the material is folded to form a hem 22, there being stitches 23 for holding the same in position. Reinforcing leathers 24 made substantially in cylindrical form envelop or enclose the lower ends of the pockets, the upper ends of the cylindrical leathers 24 also receive the stitches 23, so as to hold the parts together, and at the same time reinforce the lower ends of the pockets, to withstand the wear thereon. A plurality of pockets, for instance six in number, though not necessarily, is arranged on each side of the center of the body of the bag, there being an intervening space 25, in the center of which a suitable pocket 26 is fastened by any suitable means, preferably by stitches 27. This pocket 26 has a flap 28 including a fastener 29, whereby golf balls and the like may be retained in the pocket and not become lost.

The upper ends of the pockets are folded around the reinforcing metal rings 30, and stitched at 31, thereby reinforcing the upper ends of the pockets, to guide and permit the golf sticks to be easily inserted. A suitable lacing 32 is used in overlapping positions to fasten the rings 30 and the upper ends of the pockets to the body of the bag, particularly to the reinforcing leather strap 8. This lacing 32 where it engages the reinforcing rings 30 is arranged so that the lacing parts

for holding the rings in position are crossed, said lace extending from one side of the bag to the other.

Fastened to the exterior of the body and transversely thereof is a pair of reinforcing straps 33 and 34, the latter of which is adjacent the reinforcing leathers 14, while the former is adjacent the top of the bag. These reinforcing straps are stitched at 35 and 36 to the body of the bag, in order to secure them in place. These straps act to reinforce the bag, and at the same time preventing it from sagging in the middle, especially when the bag is in use and containing a number of golf sticks.

A pair of rings 37 and 38 are carried by the strap 33, there being a buckle 39 fastened to the strap 33 as at 40, by means of the strap 41, which is folded to form a loop 42 for the buckle 39. The end portion of the strap 41 is extended, and is designed to pass about the bag when rolled like a blanket and engage through one or the other of the rings 37 and 38, and again connected to the buckle 39 to hold the bag in a rolled shape. It is obvious that when the bag is rolled, as in Figure 1 it may be rolled tight or loose, as the strap 41 may engage either one of the rings 37 and 38.

Secured to the back of the body of the bag by means of stitches 44, is a suitable strap 43, to reinforce the bag longitudinally. Carried by the exterior of this strap 43 is a pair of loops 45, to receive the reduced ends 46 of the handle 47. The heads 48 of the handle strap beyond the reduced portions 46 act to engage the loops 45, and prevent the ends of the handle from pulling through. Connected to the upper end of the strap 43 by means of a metal loop or ring 49 is an additional extension strap 50. The extension flap or apron 17 is provided with a marginal stitched hem 51, and adjacent the transverse edge of this flap or apron is a plurality of metal lined and reinforced slots 52. For instance there are four in number, with the rings 53 stitched or otherwise secured to the material of the extension flap or apron, to receive the strap 50. In order to do this the bag is rolled as in Figure 1, then the flap or apron 17 is folded several times upon itself as in Figure 1, in such wise that the ring lined slots may register, and through which the strap 50 engages, thereby holding the apron or flap folded in order to protect the golf sticks from the weather. The strap 50 after passing through the slots or opening 52 engage a suitable fastening or buckle 54, to hold the strap 50 in position and the upper extension flap or apron folded.

The lower apron or extension flap 13 also has a marginal stitched hem 55, which folds over the lower ends of the pockets, and is connected thereto detachably by means of the fasteners 56, especially when the bag is

being carried by a caddie. However when the golf player's wearing apparel is disposed on the interior of the bag, and the bag rolled as stated before, the flap 13 is also folded, so that the fasteners 56 at the corners may engage the female members of the fasteners to hold the lower end closed.

In the use of the golf bag, the various sticks are inserted in the pockets, the balls in the pockets 26, then the golf player's wearing apparel is laid out smoothly on the pockets 19. The flap or apron 13 is then folded, and the fasteners 56 at the corners of the flap 13 are engaged with their mates adjacent the longitudinal edges of the bag. After the apron or flap 13 is so folded, the bag is rolled like an army blanket, the wearing apparel being rolled therewith. After the bag has been rolled in this form the extension flap 17 is folded several times, until the slots register, then the strap 50 is inserted in the flap, and is fastened. The bag is then ready to be carried by the caddie in the usual manner.

When the bag is not used it is unrolled, the wearing apparel removed, the lower flap or apron 13 is fastened with the central fasteners 56, as well as at its corners. The strap 50 is then inserted in the bag through the slot 59 of the flap or apron 17, so that the flap 17 may fold down on the exterior of the bag, as shown in Figure 2. While the bag is in this condition, the caddie may grasp the handle 47, and the strap 50.

A suitable buckle 59 is connected to the strap 43 adjacent the handle, to be engaged by the strap 50 when withdrawn from the slots 52 of the apron or extension flap 17, so that the strap 50 may be arranged as in Figure 2.

All parts of the bag may be made of any suitable pliable material, where the bag necessitates being pliable, and where the bag needs to be reinforced heavier material is used. Preferably leather or canvas or the like is designed to be used for constructing the pockets, the flaps or aprons 13 and 17 and the body, and similar parts. It will be noted, as shown in Figure 3 that the cylindrical golf stick receiving pockets are relatively close, in fact almost contacting, and obviously when the body of the golf bag is rolled, these pockets will act to contact with each other. This is especially true when the golf stick receiving pockets are filled with golf sticks. In other words the walls of the pockets will contact, and assist in holding the bag distended, so that the interior of the bag when rolled will act as a storage container for wearing apparel.

The invention having been set forth, what is claimed as being useful is:

1. In a golf bag, a body adapted to be rolled to form a compartment on the interior thereof, a plurality of golf stick receiv-

ing pockets connected to the inner surface of the compartment, an extension or apron secured to the lower portion of the body and adapted to fold over the pockets and secured to the body, and a pliable closure carried by the upper part of the body to overlie the golf sticks.

2. In a golf bag, a body having a plurality of elongated pockets for the reception of golf sticks secured to the body and adapted to roll upon the interior as the body is rolled, a pliable closure to overlie the pockets prior to rolling the body, a pliable closure connected to the upper end of the body and provided with a plurality of slots, adapted to register when the pliable closure at the top is folded, a strap connected to the exterior of the body and adapted to pass through the registering slots and connected to the body on its opposite side, thereby holding the pliable closure at the top closed.

3. In a golf bag, a body having a plurality of elongated pockets for the reception of golf sticks, adapted to assume positions on the interior of the body, when rolled, a closure for the lower end of the bag, a closure for the upper end of the bag, a strap connected to one side of the bag and passing through the upper edge portions of the last named closure and connected to the bag at its opposite side.

4. In a golf bag, a body having a plurality of elongated pockets for the reception of golf sticks, adapted to assume positions on the interior of the body, when rolled, a closure for the lower end of the bag, a closure for the upper end of the bag, a strap connected to one side of the bag and passing through the upper edge portions of the last named closure and connected to the bag at its opposite side, a handle on the exterior of the bag, a fastener adjacent the handle, said strap adapted to be removed from the last closure and connected at one end to the fastener, thereby constituting a second handle, which together with the first handle may be grasped by the hands of the caddie, for holding the bag in position, whereby the golfer may remove the desired stick.

5. In a golf bag, a body provided with a plurality of elongated parallel pockets for the reception of golf sticks and adapted to roll on the interior of the bag when rolled, whereby the golf player's wearing apparel may lie adjacent the pockets, said pockets being arranged in series, the ball receiving pocket being connected to the body between the series of stick receiving pockets, a closure connected to the lower end of the body and foldable over the wearing apparel and said pockets and fastened to the body, means for holding the body rolled, and a closure for the upper end of the bag.

6. In a golf bag, a body provided on one

side with a plurality of elongated pockets for the reception of golf sticks, reinforcements for the lower ends of the pockets, reinforcing rings for the upper ends of the pockets, said pockets adapted to roll on the interior of the bag when the body is rolled, a closure adapted to fold over the pockets and roll on the interior of the body when the body is rolled, a pliable closure for the upper end of the bag to cover the sticks.

7. In a golf bag, a pliable rolled body having on the interior a plurality of pockets for the reception of golf sticks, a pliable closure to roll within the body when rolled, a relatively heavy reinforcing leather on the exterior of the body and having its lower edge projecting beyond the lower end of the body, to protect the body against wear, means for holding the body rolled, a closure for the upper end of the bag.

8. In a golf bag, a pliable rolled body having on the interior a plurality of pockets for the reception of golf sticks, a pliable closure to roll within the body when rolled, a relatively heavy reinforcing leather on the exterior of the body and having its lower edge projecting beyond the lower end of the body, to protect the body against wear, means for holding the body rolled, a closure for the upper end of the bag, means connected to one side of the bag and passing through the last named closure and detachably connected to the opposite side of the bag for holding the closure closed.

9. In a golf bag, a body rolled to form a container and provided upon its inner surface with a plurality of golf stick receiving pockets, an apron at the lower part of the body to overlie said pockets, a pliable closure for the opposite end, a handle carrying strap extending longitudinally of the exterior of the rolled body, and passing through folded parts of the closure and connected to the opposite side of the body.

10. In a golf bag adapted to be rolled to form a container provided with golf stick receiving pockets on its inner surface, a foldable closure for one end of the bag, and a handle carrying strap extending longitudinally of the exterior of the bag and passing through the folded parts of the closure and connected to the diametrically opposite portion thereof.

11. In a golf bag, provided on its interior surface with golf stick receiving pockets, a foldable closure at one end of the bag, a handle carrying strap extending longitudinally of the exterior of the bag and extending through the folded parts of the closure and having its end connected to the bag diametrically opposite the location of the strap, thereby holding the closure folded over the sticks.

12. In a golf bag, a rolled golf bag body provided with a plurality of golf stick re-

ceiving pockets on its interior surface, an extension apron foldable over the lower ends of said pockets, a closure at the opposite end of said pockets, a relatively heavy reinforcing leather on the exterior of the body adjacent to and projecting beyond the lower end of the body, a strap extending from the relatively heavy leather to the closure and passing through folded parts of the closure and having its end secured to the body at a point diametrically opposite the strap.

13. In a golf bag, a body adapted to be rolled and provided with a plurality of golf stick receiving pockets on its inner surface,

the arrangement and construction of said pockets being such as to hold the body distended in its rolled form, to form a compartment on the interior of the body for the reception of articles of apparel, and means passing through the closure and connected to diametrically opposite portions of the body to hold the closure over the golf sticks.

In testimony whereof we hereunto affix our signatures.

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