

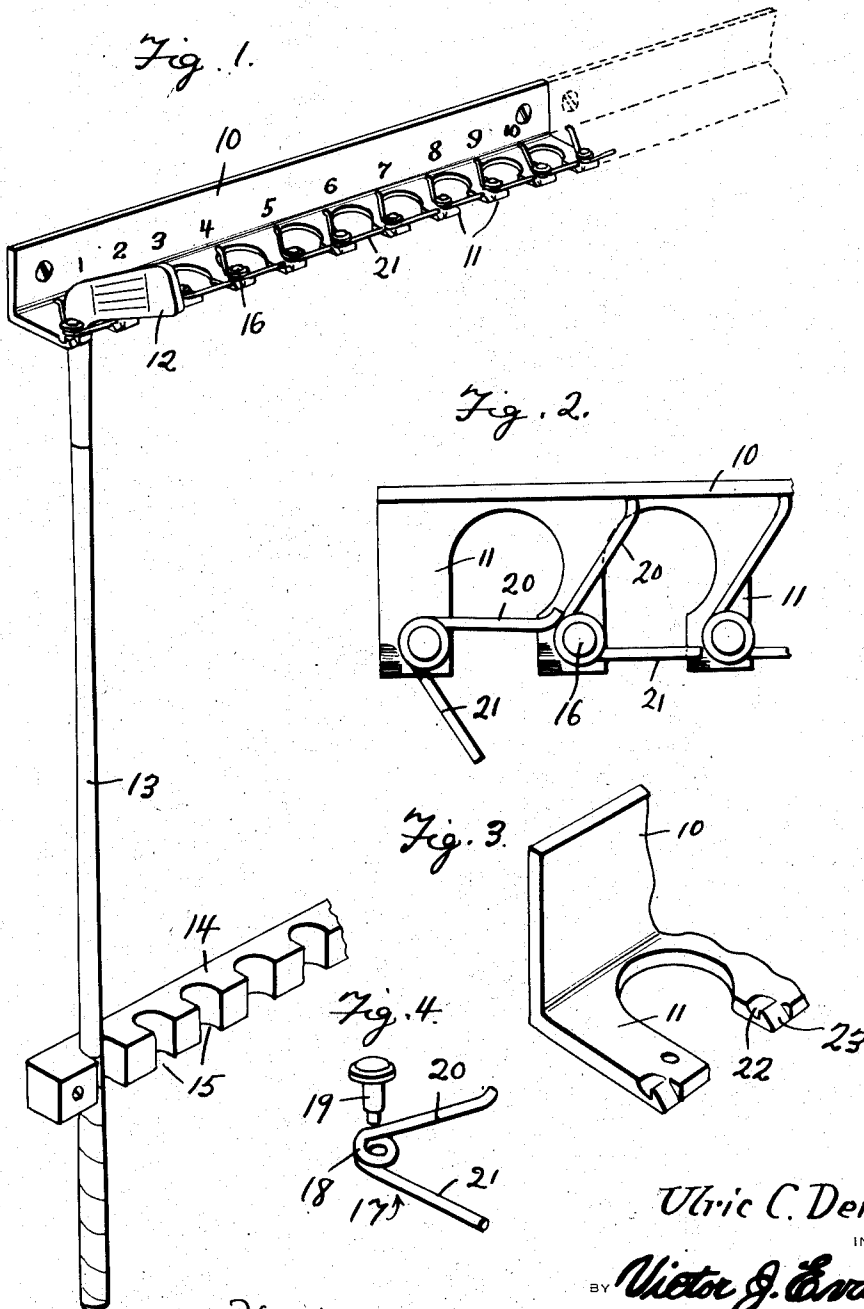
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This invention relates to racks especially designed for holding golf clubs, an object being to provide a rack which will accommodate a number of clubs in a relatively small space and will thus provide convenient means for displaying clubs in stores, keeping them in proper place in club houses, as well as private dwellings, and will further support them in a manner to prevent warping of their shafts.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a rack which is also useful in connection with a starting system at golf courses, the players placing their clubs in the rack in the order of their arrival, so that the starter may determine the proper player and start him in his proper turn.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention further includes the following novel features and details of construction, to be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the invention.

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary plan view.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary perspective view showing a portion of the supporting member.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the locking member and its pivot.

Referring to the drawings in detail wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts, the invention comprises a support which is substantially L-shaped in cross section and includes a vertically disposed attaching portion 10 from which extend spaced horizontally disposed supporting arms 11, the space between the arms being designed to receive golf clubs. The support which is in the form of an angle bar may be of any desired length so as to accommodate a desired number of clubs, or it may be constructed of a standard length and arranged end to end so as to accommodate the number of clubs desired. This is illustrated by the dotted lines in Figure 1 of the drawings.

The space between the arms 11 provides an entrance mouth and a club receiving space, the heads 12 of the clubs being designed to rest upon the supporting arms with the shafts 13 of the clubs extending downward. If desired, a bar 14 which is provided with spaced notches 15 may be positioned beneath the supporting member to receive the shafts of

the clubs and hold them in perpendicular position.

Pivotaly mounted at the outer end of each of the arms 11 as indicated at 16 is a locking member 17 illustrated in Figure 4 of the drawings. This member is preferably formed of a single length of wire and is bent intermediate its ends as indicated at 18 to provide for the reception of a pivot 19, while an actuating arm 20 and a locking arm 21 extend from the coil.

The upper end of the locking arm is designed to be received within a depression or seat 22, one of which is provided in each of the arms 11, while the outer edge of each of the arms 11 is beveled or inclined as shown at 23 to facilitate the entrance of the arm 21 within the seat. The arm 20 is of such length that when the locking arm is moved outward as shown in Figure 1 of the drawings for the removal of the club, the extremity of the said arm 20 will engage the coil 18 and prevent said arm from riding beyond the outer end of the arm 11. When the club is inserted between the arms 20 and 21, it will engage the arm 20 and move the latter inward until the inner end of the said arm 20 engages the plate 10 so as to limit movement of the arm in this direction. In this position, the extremity of the arm 21 will occupy the seat 22.

It will be apparent from the foregoing description and accompanying drawings that the invention provides a convenient display rack and space saving device for the use of golf club manufacturers, club houses and golf club professionals as well as for home use. It acts to open and close by the removal or insertion of a club and each empty space will be arranged for the insertion of a club by the removal of a preceding club.

In addition, the rack is capable of use in connection with a starting system for golf club players, the rack being numbered as shown in Figure 1 of the drawings, so that the players may place their clubs within the rack in the order of their arrival. The starter can by this means determine the player whose next turn it is to start and arguments and annoyances due to the mistake of starting the wrong player, can be thus avoided.

The invention is susceptible to various changes in its form, proportions and minor details of construction and the right is herein reserved to make such changes as properly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention what is claimed is:—

5 A golf club rack comprising a transversely L-shaped support including a vertically disposed attaching plate and spaced horizontally disposed supporting arms extending therefrom, a locking member pivotally mounted at the outer end of each arm, said member including an inner actuating arm and an outer
10 locking arm, said inner arm being arranged

to engage the attaching plate to limit inward movement, and to engage an adjacent locking member to limit outward movement and means provided at the outer ends of the supporting arms for engagement with the free ends of the locking arms to yieldingly hold the latter in locked position. 15

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