Jan. 24, 1928.

A. F. McLAREN

1,657,170

GOLF BAG

Filed Aug. 23, 1926

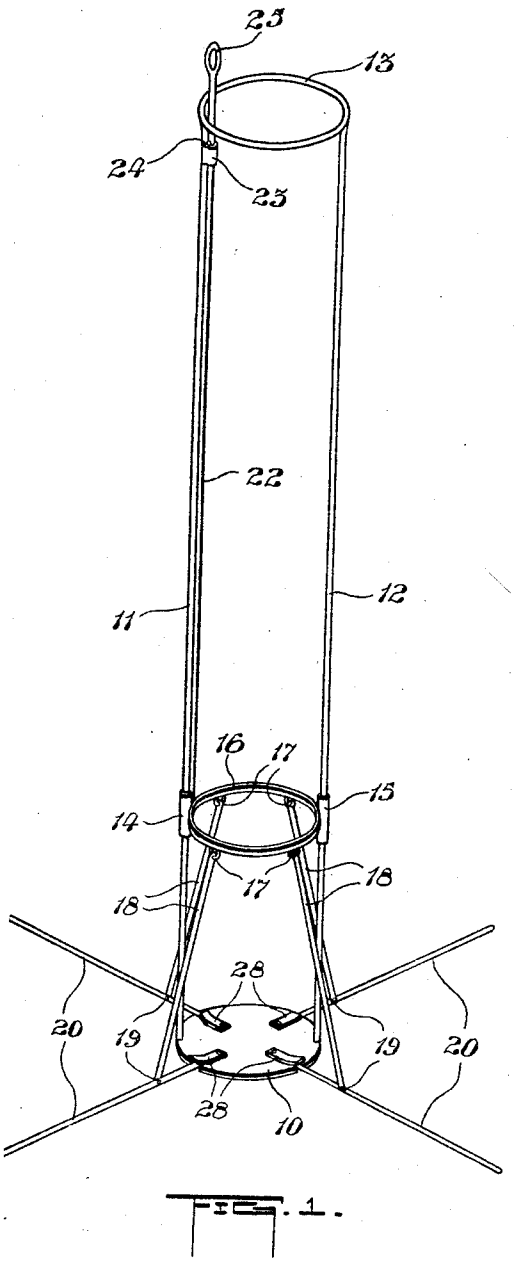


FIG. 1.

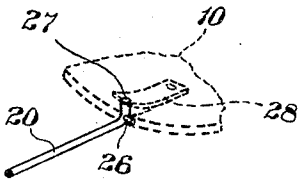


FIG. 3.

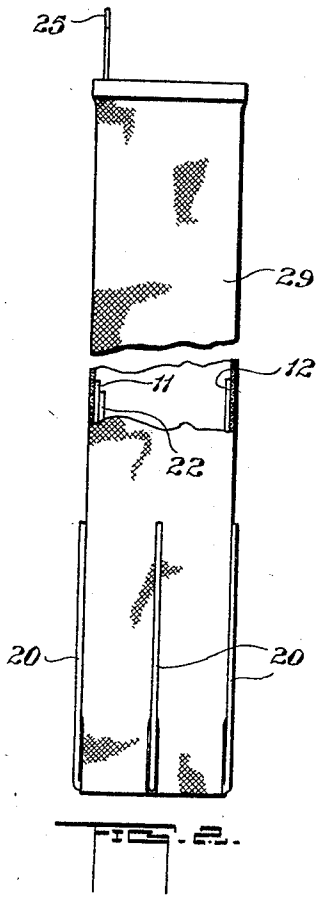


FIG. 2.

INVENTOR.
ARTHUR F. McLAREN.

BY Fetherstonhaugh & Co.
ATT'YS.

Patented Jan. 24, 1928. 1,657,170

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

ARTHUR FRANCIS McLAREN, OF OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA, ASSIGNOR OF FIFTY PER CENT TO OMAR MATTHEW WILSON, OF OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

GOLF BAG.

Application filed August 23, 1926. Serial No. 131,074.

This invention relates to improvements in golf bags and the objects of the invention are to provide a light, durable bag, compact and of neat appearance, adapted to support itself solidly in a vertical position, and provided with foldable supports to permit convenient transportation thereof.

Further objects are the provision of a self-supporting and conveniently transportable golf bag which can be manufactured and placed on the market at comparatively low cost, and in which the foldable self-supporting means operable from the top of the bag is so constructed as to be readily attachable to existing golf bags without materially interfering with their construction.

With this and other objects in view, hereinafter more fully referred to, the invention comprises a frame with a suitable base, having slidably mounted therein and operable from the outside thereof, a plate, or the like, provided with a plurality of arms pivotally connected to a plurality of spring-actuated hinged supporting braces on the base, adapted to spread to cause the bag to stand up and to collapse to permit transportation and to reinforce the bag.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating my improved device,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of golf bag frame with the supporting braces in spread position.

Figure 2 is an elevation of the golf bag with the supporting braces folded against the sides of the bag to permit it to be readily carried.

Figure 3 is perspective detail of a supporting brace and its connection with the base.

In the drawings 10 designates the base in the form of a metal disc, altho it can be constructed of any suitable material. Rigidly attached to this disc are standards or rods 11 and 12, connected at the top by a loop or ring member 13, thus forming a frame which can be covered by any suitable material well known in the art of golf bag manufacture, which is disclosed in Figure 2. The standards 11 and 12 are slidably mounted by means of sleeves 14 and 15 to a second loop or ring 16 on which are pivotally mounted as at 17 a plurality of rods or arms 18, the opposite ends of which are pivotally connected as at 19 to a plurality of supporting braces 20, in turn connected at 21 to the sleeve 14. For operating the loop 16, I provide a vertically extending operating rod 22 engaging with a sleeve 23 and provided with a pin or stop 24 to contact with said sleeve to limit the downward movement of the rod, which protrudes beyond and is operable from the top of the bag by means of an eye 25 formed therein.

The supporting braces 20 as particularly illustrated in Figure 3 are designed to be pivotally connected as at 26, to the base or disc 10, while adjacent this pivotal point is an upturned portion 27. The resilient members 28, made of spring steel or the like and riveted to the base, are adapted to exert a pressure on the upturned portion 27, so that when the braces are in a vertical or horizontal position they are firmly held by the pressure of the members 28.

The golf bag in ordinary position for carrying, as illustrated in Figure 2, will have the hinged braces in vertical position on the outside of the bag casing 29, and will tend, in snug contact therewith, to act as a reinforcement. When a player deposits the bag and wishes it to stand in vertical self-contained position, he exerts pressure on the rod 22 to move it downwardly, thus moving the loop 16 downwardly causing the arms 18 pivotally connected to the braces 20 to spread as indicated in Figure 1 and form a solid support for the bag. The advantage of the hereindescribed construction not only is a reinforced, durable and light golf bag provided, but also one operable from the top that can be quickly converted into a self-standing bag, and as quickly returned to a collapsible or carrying position.

Another feature of my improved bag is the frame, which is so constructed as to be readily fitted to existing casings for golf bags by simply slitting the sides thereon to permit the passing of the supporting braces.

As many changes could be made in the above construction, and many apparently widely different embodiments of my invention, within the scope of the claims, constructed without departing from the spirit or scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the accompanying specification and drawings shall be interpreted as illustrative, and not in a limiting sense.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A device of the character described comprising a bag equipped with pivotally mounted supporting braces arranged to fold

against and to reenforce the body of the bag or to be swung outwardly from the bag to sustain the bag in an upright position, a ring slidable longitudinally of the bag, arms pivotally connecting the ring to said braces to swing the braces inwardly or outwardly with reference to the bag dependent upon the direction in which the ring is moved and means protruding beyond the top of the bag for operating said ring.

2. A device as recited in claim 1 including sleeves serving to retain the braces in either folded or outwardly swung position.

3. A device of the character described comprising a bag including a frame and equipped with pivotally mounted supporting braces arranged to fold against and to reenforce the body of the bag or to be swung outwardly with reference to the bag to sustain the latter in upright position, a ring member slidably mounted on the frame of the bag, arms pivotally connecting said ring to said braces so as to swing the braces inwardly or outwardly with reference to the bag dependent upon the direction in which the ring is moved, an operating rod rigidly secured to said ring and protruding above the top of the bag and means associated with the frame and the rod for limiting the travel of the rod.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

ARTHUR FRANCIS McLAREN.