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RUBBER SHIELD TEE

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Fig. 1.

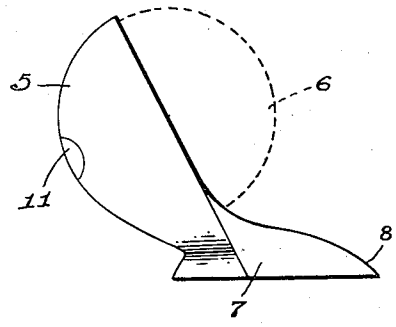


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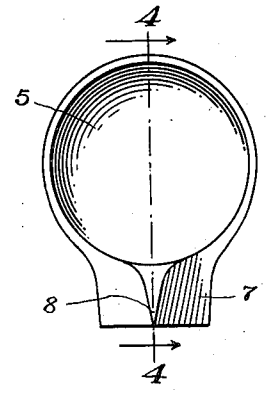


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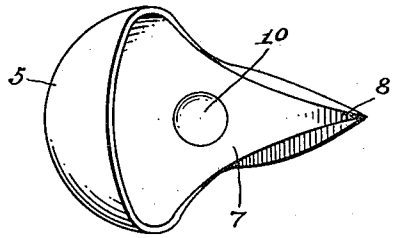


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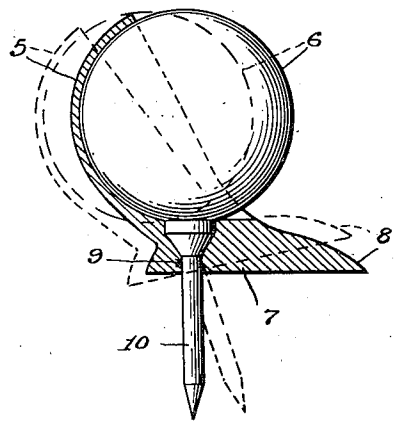
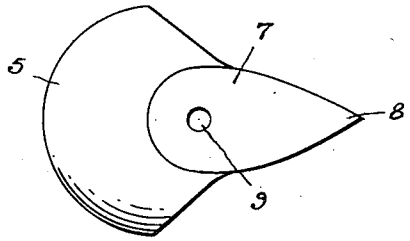


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My invention relates to rubber shield tees and certain objects of the invention are to provide an indestructible tee, preferably made of rubber and having an upstanding cup-like shield which partly covers a golf ball and against which the head of a golf club strikes in making a shot thus protecting the ball from cuts, protecting wooden clubs from checks and bruises, preventing slices and hooks, and absorbing the shock and eliminating the sting of the club handle when making forceful drives. Further objects are to provide a tee comprising an upstanding shield joined to a base portion and which base portion is secured to the ground or mat by the ordinary wooden peg whereby the device may be tilted backward at different angles for the purpose of regulating the height of the ball in its flight. Still further objects are to make the base in the form of a pointer projecting outwardly in a direction that is concentric with and opposite to the concavity of the shield portion which pointer assists in driving a golf ball in the desired direction.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of the novel form, construction, adaptation and combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed. These objects are accomplished by the device shown in the accompanying drawing; wherein: Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of the device; Fig. 2 is a view in front elevation; Fig. 3 is a top plan view; Fig. 4 is a view in vertical section taken on a broken line 4—4 of Fig. 2; and Fig. 5 is a bottom plan view.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numeral 5 designates a cup-like upstanding shield that is adapted to receive and retain a golf ball 6. Said upstanding shield is integral with a base portion 7. Said base may be extended outwardly in the form of a pointer 8 disposed in a direction concentric with and away from the concavity of the shield portion. A hole 9 is provided through the base and said hole receives the ordinary wooden peg 10 which may be used for fastening the device to the ground or mat. The device may be used with or without the wooden peg and when the peg is not used the base portion 7 rests on the ground or mat as positioned and supports the ball 6 as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1.

In using the device it is placed on the ground with the pointer 8 disposed in a direction in which the ball is to be driven and with the ball resting in the upstanding shield portion 5 as shown in Figs. 1 and 4. The drive is then made by striking the shield portion with a golf club. Said shield protects the ball and club from damage and the ball is projected in a direction that is concentric with the shield or, in other words, in the direction indicated by the pointer. Said shield not only serves as a cushion but also prevents slicing and hooking the ball upon impact of the club, and only an over-spin of the ball results from the stroke. Either wooden or iron clubs may be used, and short mashie shots may be accurately made.

In case a raised shot is to be made the device is tilted backward to the desired angle as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 4. Upon making the stroke the device drops out in front of the mat a little further than the ordinary wooden peg tee and when said wooden pegs are used as shown in Fig. 4 they are protected from breaking and prevented from loss. The device is substantially indestructible and it is my purpose to make them in bright red colors so they will not be readily lost. A round black or white target spot may be provided centrally on the back of the shield as shown at 11 in Fig. 1.

It will be understood that I do not limit myself to the exact form of construction shown herein. The shield may be smaller so as to cover less of the ball, and may be so formed that the head of the peg 10 will project upwardly therein and support the ball 6 in a raised position slightly above the base 7 so that said ball will be more readily ejected as will be understood. Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A rubber shield tee comprising a base, a cup-like shield portion open on its side and extending upwardly from the base and said shield arranged to shield a side of a golf ball positioned therein from impact of a golf club.

2. A resilient tee comprising an upstanding cup-like shield portion that is open on its side and adapted to receive and shield a side portion of a golf ball, and a base portion joined to the bottom of the shield and adapted to rest on the ground.

3. In a rubber shield tee, the combination of an upstanding concave shield portion adapted to receive and shield a side portion of a golf ball, a base portion joined to the bottom of the shield, and said base extended in the form of a pointer and in a direction concentric with and opposite to the concavity of the shield.

4. A rubber shield tee comprising an upstanding concave shield portion that is open on its side and arranged to receive and shield a side portion of a golf ball positioned therein, a base portion joined to the bottom of the shield, said base having a vertical hole therethrough, and said base extended outwardly and away from the concave shield portion.

5. A rubber shield tee consisting of an upstanding cup-like shield that is open on its side and adapted to receive and shield a side portion of a golf ball.

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