

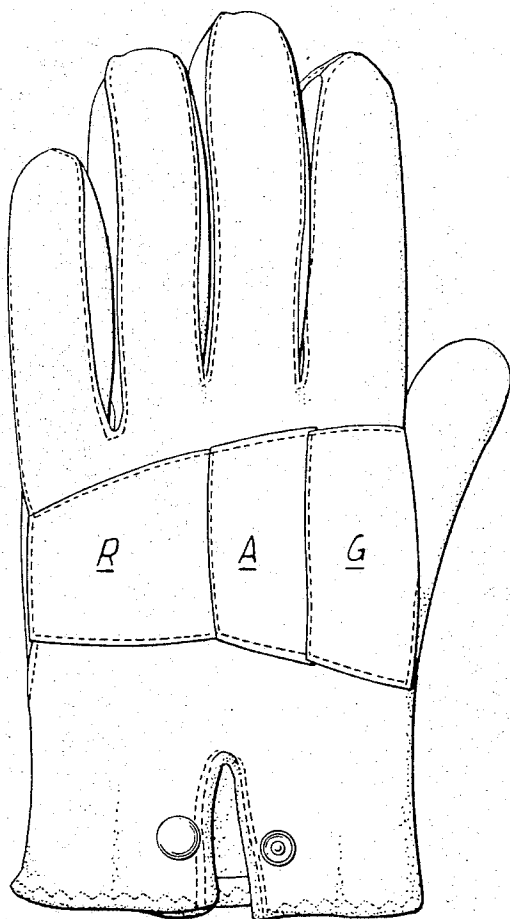
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This invention concerns a glove for use exclusively in the teaching of golf, wherein a golf club to strike a ball is held by the player. As is well known, in the game of golf the way in which a club is held by a player is of great importance. The club must be gripped correctly. The correct position for the left hand of a right-handed player, using either of the so-called "Vardon" interlocking or overlapping grips, is such that the knuckles of the index and second fingers should be visible to the player when he is addressing the ball. If only the index finger knuckle is visible, the left hand is positioned too far under the shaft, and the club face will tend to "open" (incline rearwardly) on the down swing, resulting in a "slice," i.e., the ball will tend to curve to the right. Conversely, if the knuckle of the third finger or knuckles of the third and fourth fingers, as well as those of the index and second fingers can be seen, then the left hand is positioned too far over the shaft, and the club face will tend to "shut" (incline forwardly) and a "hook" will result, i.e. the ball will tend to curve to the left. Similar remarks apply to the right hand of a left-handed player, except that a "sliced" ball will curve to the left, and a "hooked" ball to the right.

In the case of a beginner, it is difficult for an instructor to ensure that the fingers curl around and the hand position on the club is correct, and, moreover, in view of the relative position of the eyes to the hands, the player sometimes is unable to appreciate whether or not the grip is correct. It is therefore the object of the invention to provide a means whereby a player or teacher can observe whether or not the club is held correctly.

According to the present invention there is provided a hand glove for use exclusively in the teaching of golf and to be worn on that hand of the player which is uppermost on the golf club shaft when the player holds the club to address a golf ball, said glove comprising, a glove body having three contiguous strips each of a different and distinctive color secured to the back of the glove and extending longitudinally from above the wrist band to adjacent the knuckle area of the glove body, one strip being substantially in alignment with the index finger, another strip being substantially in alignment with the second finger, and the third remaining strip being substantially in alignment with the third and the little finger, whereby visual observation of the back of the glove body indicates the grip adopted by the player.

The glove is the left hand glove for a right-handed player, and the right hand glove for a left-handed player. Both gloves may have distinctive areas, but the essential is the glove for the upper hand holding the club shaft.

It will be seen that the areas can be located so that a player looking down at the ball can position the upper hand to expose to his view more or less of the areas. These are at locations such that only one or a selected number of areas are visible when the club is correctly held.

A convenient way of carrying the invention into effect is to color code, and/or letter and number each strip. Conventional route-signal light coloring (green, amber, red) can be used, in which case the areas are so located that if the red area or only the amber area is visible to the player or the teacher, the hand in question is incorrectly positioned, the correct position being achieved when the

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player or the teacher can see the green and amber area without seeing the red area.

The areas may be applied by colored material such as paint, by patches or strips affixed to the glove, or woven or knitted with the glove.

A glove constructed according to the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing showing the back of same flat, the glove being the upper left hand glove for a right-handed player.

As shown, across the back of the glove are three strips, referenced R (red), A (amber) and G (green). The strips are secured by stitching, although they can be applied in any suitable way. The strip R extends from the little finger side of the glove to align with the little and third fingers; the middle strip A extends the width of the second finger, and the strip G the width of the index finger to the other side of the glove. The strips extend longitudinally from above the wrist band up substantially to the knuckle line, and widen from the strip R to the strip G.

It will be appreciated that when the player grips his club shaft, and addresses the ball, he will see the back of his upper left hand. He can position same in relation to the grip adopted, so that the area G or areas G and A or G and a part of A are visible. The exact position correct for the individual can be selected by experience; for example, if the player is continually "slicing" then more of the area A can be brought into his vision.

It is generally accepted that what is known as the "two knuckle" left hand grip enables a player to swing the club down squarely on to the ball. When wearing a left hand glove as above set forth, areas G and A should normally be in view. If too little of the areas R, G, A, is visible, the head will open on impact with the ball, resulting in a "slice"; if too much, i.e., if R is visible, the head will be closed, resulting in a "hook."

If both gloves of a pair are constructed as described above, then the pair of gloves will be suitable for a left-handed or right-handed player, but if it is desired to dispense with the colored areas on one glove of a pair, or supply single gloves, then the upper left-handed glove will be so constructed in the case of a right-handed player, and the upper right-handed glove in the case of a left-handed player.

I claim:

A hand glove for use exclusively in the teaching of golf and to be worn on that hand of the player which is uppermost on the golf club shaft when the player holds the club to address a golf ball, said glove, comprising, a glove body including fingers and having three contiguous strips each of a different and distinctive color secured to the back of the glove and extending longitudinally from above the wrist band to adjacent the knuckle area of the glove body, one strip being substantially in alignment with the index finger, another strip being substantially in alignment with the second finger, and the third strip being substantially in alignment with the third and the little finger, whereby visual observation of the back of the glove body indicates the grip adopted by the player.

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