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Fig. 1

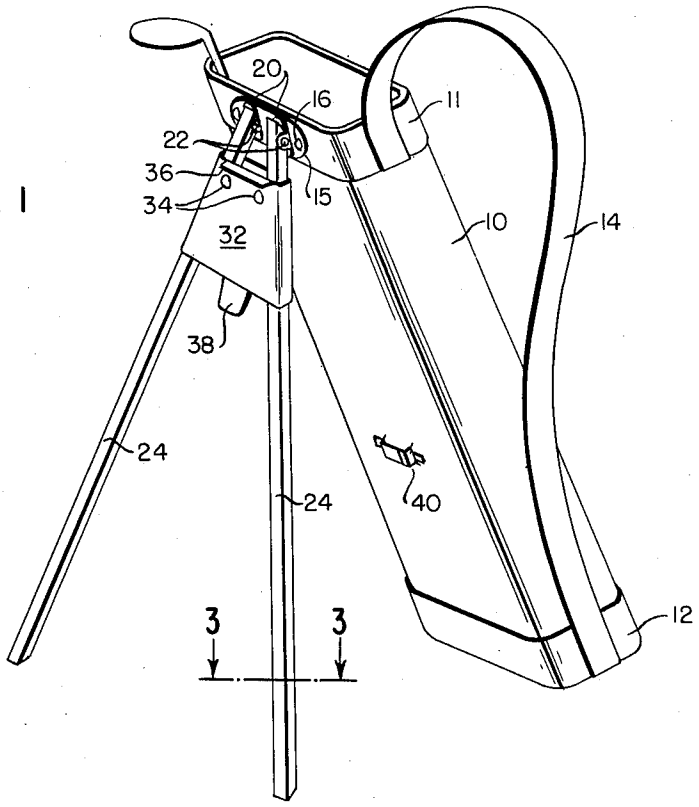
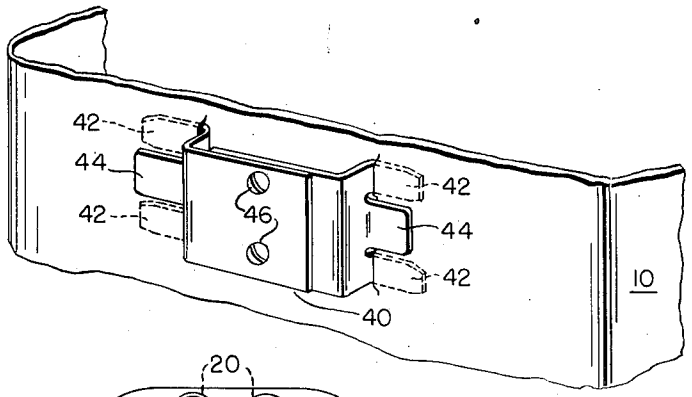


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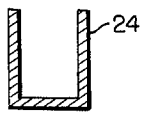


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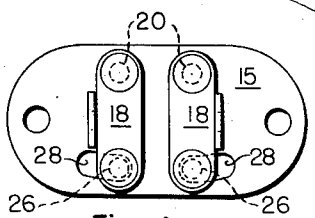


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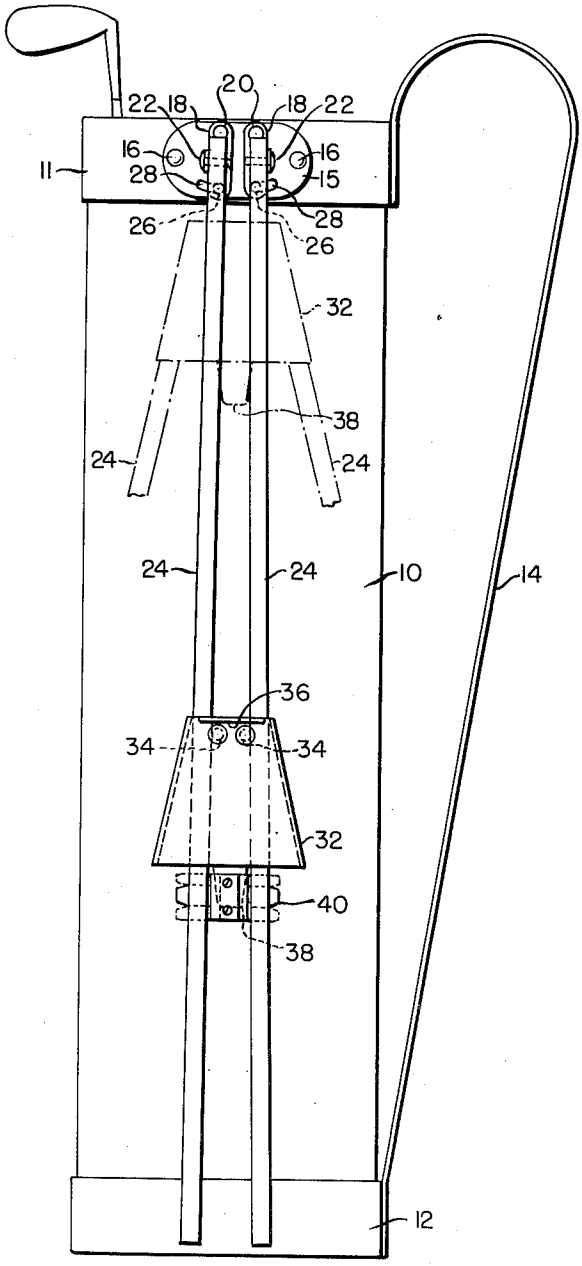
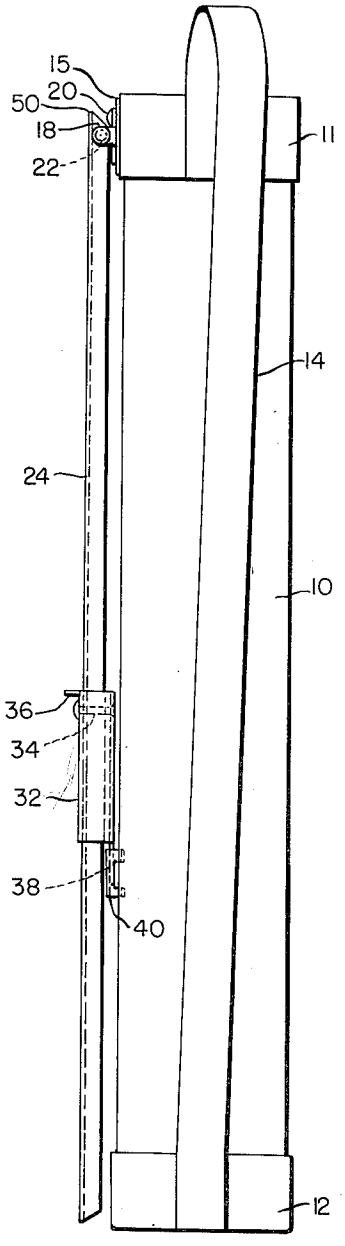


Fig. 6



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This invention relates to golf bags with supports for holding the bag in inclined upstanding position while the play is being made. I am aware that such supports are not broadly new and my invention relates to an improved support combined with the bag to provide various improved features of advantage and convenience.

The invention more particularly embodies two light weight legs pivoted to the top of the bag and carrying a spreader slidable on and along the legs from one end thereof to the other. When the bag is being carried the legs are folded to parallel relation against the bag and means carried by the spreader cooperates with means attached to the bag for securing the legs in this position. Raising of the spreader along the legs is adapted to spread the legs from each other and from the bag into a tripod arrangement supporting the bag in upright position. The production of a novel combination of this nature for the purpose described comprises the primary object of the invention.

These and other features of the invention will be best understood and appreciated from the following description of a preferred embodiment thereof selected for purposes of illustration and shown in the accompanying drawings in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a golf bag embodying the invention and supported in upright position,

Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary view of a detail near the bottom of the bag,

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 4 is an enlarged elevation of an attaching plate carried by the bag,

Fig. 5 is an elevation of the bag and support in carrying position, and

Fig. 6 is a like view right angular to Fig. 5.

In the drawing 10 indicates a golf bag reinforced at its top 11 and at its bottom 12 and having a shoulder carrying strap 14 at one margin of the bag. A plate 15 is secured by rivets 16 to the top portion 11 and carries two leg-carrying bails 18 pivoted to the plate at 20. Each bail carries a pivot pin 22 for pivotally attaching a leg 24 thereto. Each bail also carries a stud 26 extended into an arcuate slot 28 in the plate.

The two legs 24 are mounted on the pins 22 and are disposed to pivot outwardly thereon to the position indicated in Fig. 1, the top ends of the legs being adapted to engage against the plate and serve as a stop for limiting such pivotal movement. Each leg is preferably made of light weight sheet material such as aluminum or plastic and is U-shaped in cross section as illustrated in Fig. 3. Thus the legs are light weight and provide sufficient strength to support the bag. The legs and bails are pivotally movable about the pivots 20 and the stud 26 in the slots 28 guide and limit such movement.

Slidably mounted on the legs is a tubular member 32 carrying two pins 34 extending therthrough, a leg being disposed outwardly of each pin within the member. Movement of the member downwardly, as by gravity, from the position of Fig. 1 to the position of Fig. 5 pivots the legs to substantially parallel relation and movement of the member upwardly spreads the legs to bag-supporting relation. A lifter grip hold 36 is provided on the member. As will be apparent from Fig. 5, the pins 34 are so spaced that they spread the

legs to the broken line position upon upward movement of the member 32 and the small end of the member surrounding the legs serves to move them together upon downward movement of the member.

The member 32 also carries a locking tab 38 for engaging within a member 40 attached near the bottom end 12 of the bag. The member 40 is illustrated as comprising two like and overlapping units each having two fingers 42 for engaging beneath the bag fabric and a finger 44 therebetween for engaging over the fabric. The overlapped members are secured together by two screws 46. When the member 32 is in downward position the tab 38 engages within the member 40 and holds the legs against the bag.

When the player is carrying the bag on his shoulder the legs 24 are held in folded relation against the outer face of the bag as illustrated in Fig. 6. When the play is to be made the player grips the piece 36 and lifts the member 32 which thereupon spreads the legs apart on the pivots 20, the studs 26 in the slots 28 serving to limit this spreading movement. Simultaneously therewith the legs are pivoted outwardly from the bag on the pins 22 to the position of Fig. 1 as permitted by the engagement of the top ends 50 of the legs with the plate 15. In this position the legs provide a bipod support for the bag as illustrated in Fig. 1. The U-shaped legs are of light weight, adding little weight to the bag, and provide ample support for the bag.

Having thus disclosed my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In combination, a golf bag, two legs of a length substantially coextensive with the bag and pivoted to the top end of the bag for movement from a substantially parallel position adjacent to the bag outwardly to a position diverging from the bag and from each other downward of said end, and a tubular member surrounding and slidable on and along both legs and carrying abutment means between and in contact with the opposed faces of the legs for spreading the legs apart as the member is moved toward the top of the bag, and means confining the legs outwardly thereof and adapted to move them together as the member is moved toward the bottom of the bag.

2. The combination defined in claim 1 plus cooperating latch means carried by the member and bag for holding the legs disposed against the bag when the member is in its downmost position.

3. The combination defined is claim 1 in which said abutment means comprises two pins extending transversely through said member between the legs and anchored at their ends to the member.

4. The combination defined in claim 1 plus two independent members pivoted to the bag on parallel axes permitting said spreading of the legs, and means pivoting the legs respectively to the two members on axes relatively right angular to the first-named axes to permit movement of the legs away from the bag.

5. The combination defined in claim 4 plus stops carried by said independent members for limiting pivotal movement thereof on the bag.

6. The combination defined in claim 1 in which said tubular member is carried solely by the legs and is free to drop therealong by gravity.

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