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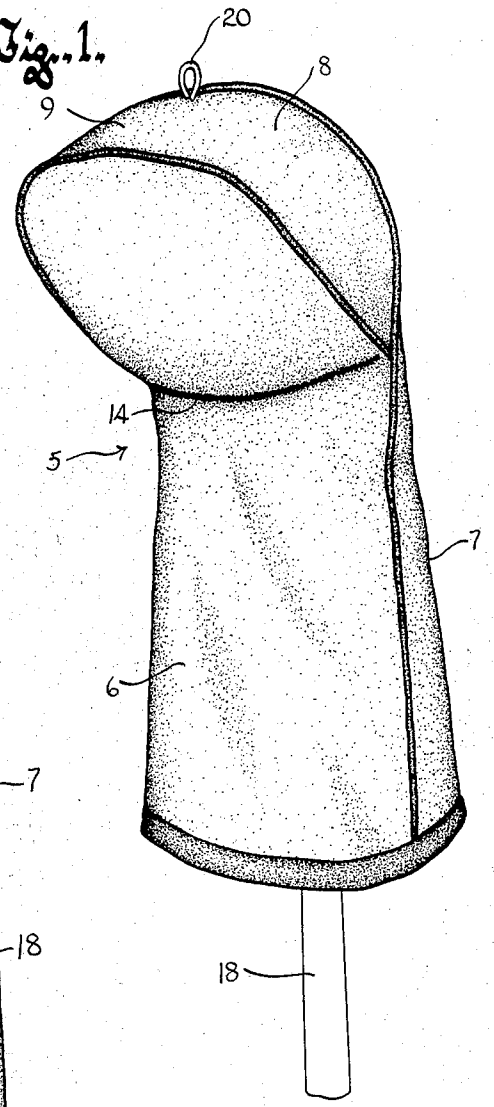
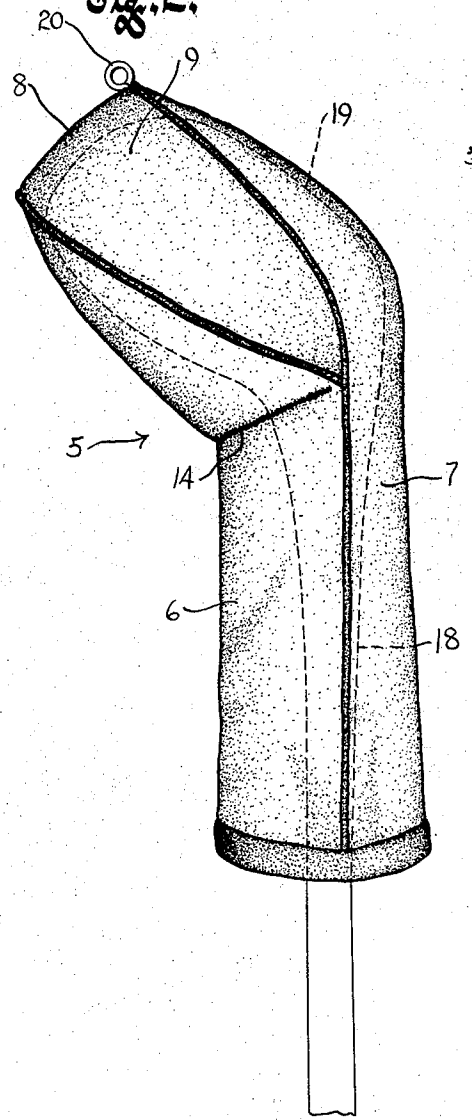


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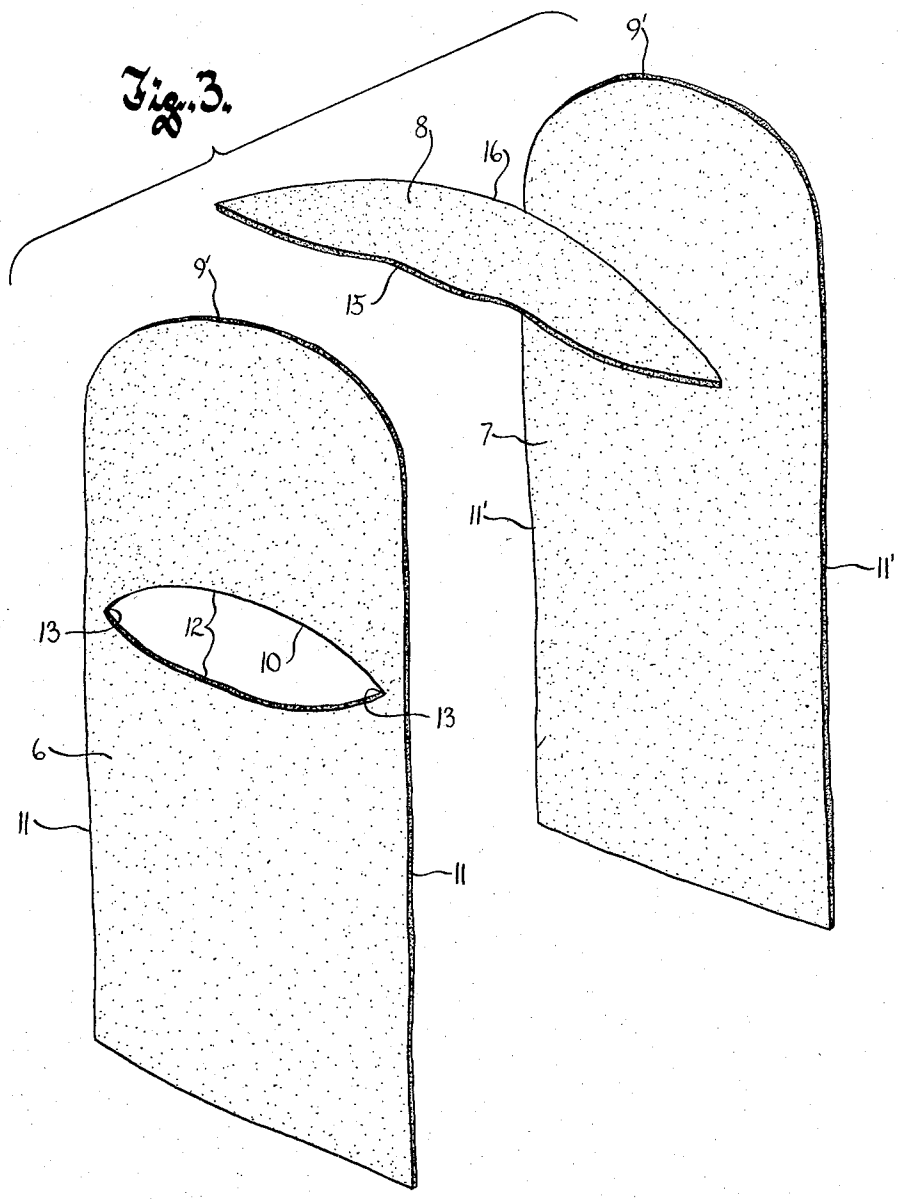
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Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to covers for golf club heads, and has for its principal object the provision of a golf club head cover that will have a substantially conforming fit over the head end portion of a golf club.

Golf club covers are used over the heads of golf clubs, especially the woods, to protect the clubs from the elements and from scuffing against one another in the bag in which the clubs are carried. Heretofore such golf club covers have been little more than leather or fabric bags, somewhat rounded at their closed ends, which fitted rather loosely over the head and shank portion of the golf club with little pretense of conforming to its shape. To prevent the cover from slipping easily off the end of the club, and to give it some semblance of conformity to the shape of the club head, it was sometimes provided with an elastic band around its middle which tended to clinch it around the shank of the shaft, adjacent to the club head. Other expedients have also been attempted in an effort to provide such covers with a better fit, but most of these have substantially increased the cost of the cover, or complicated its installation on and removal from the club, or both.

By contrast, it is an object of the present invention to provide a golf club head cover which conforms substantially closely to the head and adjacent shank portions of a golf club on which it is installed, so that the cover of this invention is compact and attractive in appearance and tends to remain in place on a club.

It is also an object of this invention to provide such a conformingly shaped golf club cover which is simple and inexpensive to manufacture and which is easy to install on a golf club head and to remove therefrom.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, this invention resides in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts substantially as hereinafter described and more particularly defined by the appended claims, it being understood that such changes in the precise embodiment of the hereindisclosed invention may be made as come within the scope of the claims.

The accompanying drawings illustrate one complete example of the physical embodiment of the invention constructed according to the best mode so far devised for the practical application of the principles thereof, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the golf club cover of this invention essentially from the back thereof and showing the same installed on the head of a golf club;

Figure 2 is a side elevational view showing the golf club cover in place on a golf club; and

Figure 3 is a group perspective view of the principal components of the golf club cover of this invention, shown in disassembled relation.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawings, the numeral 5 designates generally a golf club head cover embodying the principles of this invention and which comprises generally a back body member 6, a

front body member 7 and a gusset 8, the body members and gusset being so joined to one another by seams or the like as to form an elongated bag which is rounded at its closed end 9.

The two body members and the gusset are each made of supple material such as cloth, leather or the like. The front and back body members are preferably substantially identical in shape and size, each being substantially an elongated rectangle but with one end 9' rounded.

The back body member differs from the front body member in that the former has a substantially elliptical or lenticular cutout 10 extending across it, intermediate its ends. The edges 12 which define the cutout curve away from one another across the width of the front body member, so that the widest part of the cutout is intermediate the side edges 11 of the body member, and come together at an acute angle, as at 13, adjacent to the side edges 11 of the body member.

In the finished cover the opposing edges 12 of the cutout are drawn together and secured to one another, as by means of a seam 14, to dispose the rounded end portion of the front body member at an obtuse angle to the remainder thereof, the degree of the angle depending upon the width of the cutout 10 at its widest point. Also, because of the lenticular curvature of the edges of the cutout, the seam 14 holds the back body member in a curve across its width, so as to better conform the same to the shape of the head end portion of a golf club.

The front and back body members are secured together in a conventional manner, with the straight, lengthwise extending side edge portions 11' of the front body member sewed or otherwise joined to the corresponding edges 11 of the back body member. The edges of the gusset 8 are substantially biconvex in shape when the gusset is lying flat. One of the curved edges 15 of the gusset is joined by a stitched seam or the like to the curved edge portion 9' of the front body member, and its other curved edge 16 is similarly joined to the corresponding curved edge of the back body member. The gusset thus spaces the back body member at the closed end of the cover from the front body member, thereby providing sufficient room in the closed end of the cover to accommodate the head of a driver or the like.

The cover of this invention may be readily installed on a golf club by merely slipping it over the head thereof. The seam 14 which joins the edges of the cutout 10 not only disposes the front and back body members in angled relationship to conform the overall shape of the cover to that of a golf club on which it is to be installed, but also narrows the cross sectional area of the cover in the vicinity of the junction of the shaft 18 with the head 19 of the club, thus providing a more compact fit and better assurance that the cover will remain in place on the club head.

As will no doubt be understood by those skilled in the art, the problem solved by this invention was to achieve the shortening of the back cover member needed to give the finished cover the desired angular shape while still leaving its perimeter identical to that of the front cover member so that the two can be sewed together, with or without the gusset therebetween, without incurring the need for shirring. Also, it should be understood that while for best results, both sides of the lenticular cutout 10 have the same, though opposite, curvature as shown, this need not be so.

If desired, a lining (not shown) of flannel or other soft material may be provided on the inside of the cover, and a swivel eye 20 may be secured at the closed end of the cover, in accordance with the disclosure of Patent No.

2,532,195, to accommodate a thong (not shown) by which several covers may be connected to one another.

From the foregoing description taken together with the accompanying drawings it will be apparent that this invention provides a golf club cover which is simple and inexpensive to manufacture and which conforms substantially to the shape of a golf club head, so that the cover of this invention is compact and attractive in appearance and tends to remain in place on a club without requiring special securement means.

What is claimed as our invention is:

A golf club head cover comprising: a front body member of supple material having an elongated substantially rectangular outline when lying flat but rounded at one end; a back body member of supple material having substantially the same shape and size as the front body member and having a substantially lenticular cutout extending thereacross intermediate its ends when lying flat and before the opposite edges of the cut out are secured together; a gusset of supple material, the edges of which are substantially biconvex when the gusset is lying flat; means joining the rounded end edge of each of said body members with one of the rounded edges of the gusset; means joining the longitudinal straight side edges of each body member to those of the other so that said body members and the gusset cooperate to define a bag-like enclosure, closed at its rounded end and open at its straight end; and means joining the opposite curved edges of the lenticular cutout in the back body member, whereby the closed end portion of the cover is held at an obtuse angle to the open end portion thereof so that the closed end of the cover can conformingly fit over the head of a golf club while its open end portion covers the shank of the golf club shaft.

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